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Krogh Gets Six Months For Ellsberg Break-In

WASHINGTON (UPI) — U.S. District Judge Gerhard A. Gesell today sentenced Egil (Bud) Krogh, former head of the White House Plumbers, to a minimum of six months in jail for his part in the 1971 break-in at the office of Daniel Ellsberg's psychiatrist.

Krogh, saying he was "deeply sorrowful" for his acts but now faced imprisonment with "a sense of peace, a sense of calm," was emotionless as he read a lengthy statement prior to his sentencing.

Krogh had pleaded guilty Nov. 30 to one count of violating

the civil rights of Dr. Lewis J. Fielding, the Beverly Hills, Calif., psychiatrist whose office was burglarized in an attempt to get information about Ellsberg's involvement in the Pentagon Papers case. Krogh had acknowledged authorizing the break-in.

The violation carried a maximum penalty of 10 years in prison and a \$10,000 fine.

Gesell said he took into consideration Krogh's deep sense of remorse and the fact that his "wholly improper, illegal task was assigned...by higher authority." But he said the fact that Krogh was a lawyer, held high official responsibility, and had committed perjury made any punishment less than a jail term "inadequate."

He sentenced Krogh to a term of two years to six years in prison, but suspended all but six months of the term and ordered Krogh be placed on unsupervised probation for two years following his release. He gave Krogh 10 days to arrange his personal affairs before surrendering to U.S. marshals.

Krogh, son of a former vice president of Marshall Field and Co. in Chicago, was a deputy presidential assistant for domestic affairs at the time of the Ellsberg break-in.

At one time, he practiced law in Seattle, Wash., with John D. Ehrlichman, President Nixon's former chief domestic adviser.

Ehrlichman and former White House aides David R. Young and G. Gordon Liddy are under indictment by the Los Angeles County grand jury in connection with the break-in. County charges against Krogh were dropped.

The break-in took place during the Labor Day weekend following the June, 1971 leak and publication of the Pentagon Papers on the origins of the Vietnam War.