

'Plumber' Krogh Goes to Prison

Washington

Egil Krogh Jr. went to prison yesterday for the Watergate-related burglary at the office of Daniel Ellsberg's psychiatrist.

As he went, the former White House aide said again he knew of nothing that would implicate President Nixon in the crime.

Krogh, 34, was smiling but his wife, Suzanne, fought back tears as he surrendered to federal marshals to begin a six-month term for conspiring to violate the psychiatrist's civil rights. His attorney said that with time off for good behavior, Krogh could be free in five months.

His arm tightened around his wife's shoulders as they moved down the dimly lit first-floor hallway toward the marshal's office.

When Mrs. Krogh emerged a few minutes later with Krogh's lawyer, Stephen N. Shulman, her eyes were brimming with tears. But she said neither she nor her husband regretted his White House days, which she described as "an incredible experience in many ways."

Prison officials said last week that Krogh would serve

his sentence at a camp near Allenwood, Pa.

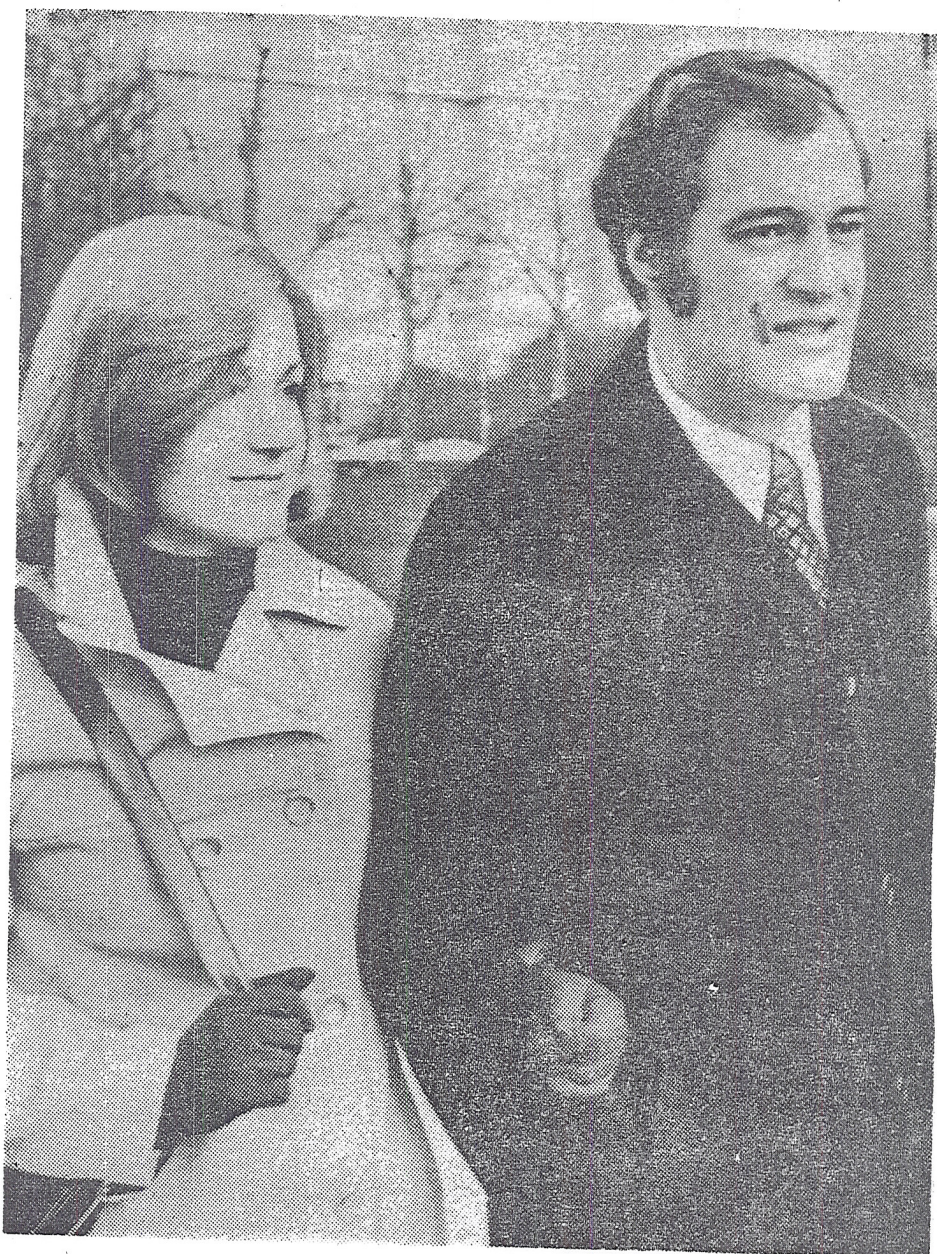
Krogh was co-director of the White House "plumbers" unit that burglarized the office of Dr. Lewis J. Fielding in Beverly Hills on Labor Day weekend of 1971 in search of Ellsberg's psychiatric files. Two of the plumbers, E. Howard Hunt and G. Gordon Liddy, were later convicted for the Watergate bugging.

Krogh initially was charged with lying to the Watergate grand jury about the plumbers' activities. Those charges were dropped in November when he pleaded guilty to conspiring to violate the doctor's civil rights. State charges in California also were dropped.

In the state of Washington, meanwhile, the Supreme Court suspended Krogh from the practice of law.

The court order signed by Chief Justice Frank Hale said Krogh is suspended until final disposition of disciplinary proceedings against him by the state bar association.

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Egil Krogh's wife, Suzanne, accompanied him to the surrender

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