

Krogh Surrenders, Starts Term; Will Be Queried on Watergate

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Former presidential aide Egil (Bud) Krogh surrendered to U.S. marshals yesterday to begin serving a six-month prison sentence for his role in the break-in at the office of Daniel Ellsberg's psychiatrist.

Krogh was taken to the Montgomery County detention center in Rockville, where his attorney said he would spend a week. There, he will be questioned by members of the Watergate special prosecution force and of the Los Angeles prosecutor's office. Former White House aides John Ehrlichman, David Young and G. Gordon Liddy still face charges in Los Angeles in connection with the break-in.

After the prosecutors finish questioning Krogh, he will be transferred to the Allenwood prison farm near Lewisburg, Pa.

Although his sentence is for six months, he could get out of jail as much as one month earlier if he earns time for good behavior, defense attorney Stephen Shulman said.

Krogh arrived outside the U.S. Courthouse's John Marshall Place entrance about 10:15 yesterday about 15 minutes earlier than necessary—holding the hand of his wife, Suzanne, and carrying a plaid suitholder.

As he arrived, he told assembled reporters, "Good morning and goodbye for awhile."

Krogh said he thought the sentence imposed by U.S. District Judge Gerhard Gesell in his case was a "just one . . . that I will do my best to serve well and effectively."

Before going in to surrender, he told reporters, "I'm going to miss you all."

After Krogh's surrender, his wife said the next six months "will not be considered a kind of hole in our lives; it will be over soon and we'll start living again."

She said also that she had no regrets that her husband worked for the Nixon administration. "It's been an incredible experience—in many ways," she said.

Krogh was indicted in mid-October on two counts of lying to prosecutors, who were investigating the Watergate break-in. They had asked him about trips that Watergate conspirators E. Howard Hunt Jr. and G. Gordon Liddy had taken to California, but Krogh denied any knowledge of such trips.

After Judge Gesell rejected Krogh's proposed defense that he lied in the name of national security, Krogh pleaded guilty to one count of criminal conspiracy in connection with

the break-in of Ellsberg's psychiatrist's office.

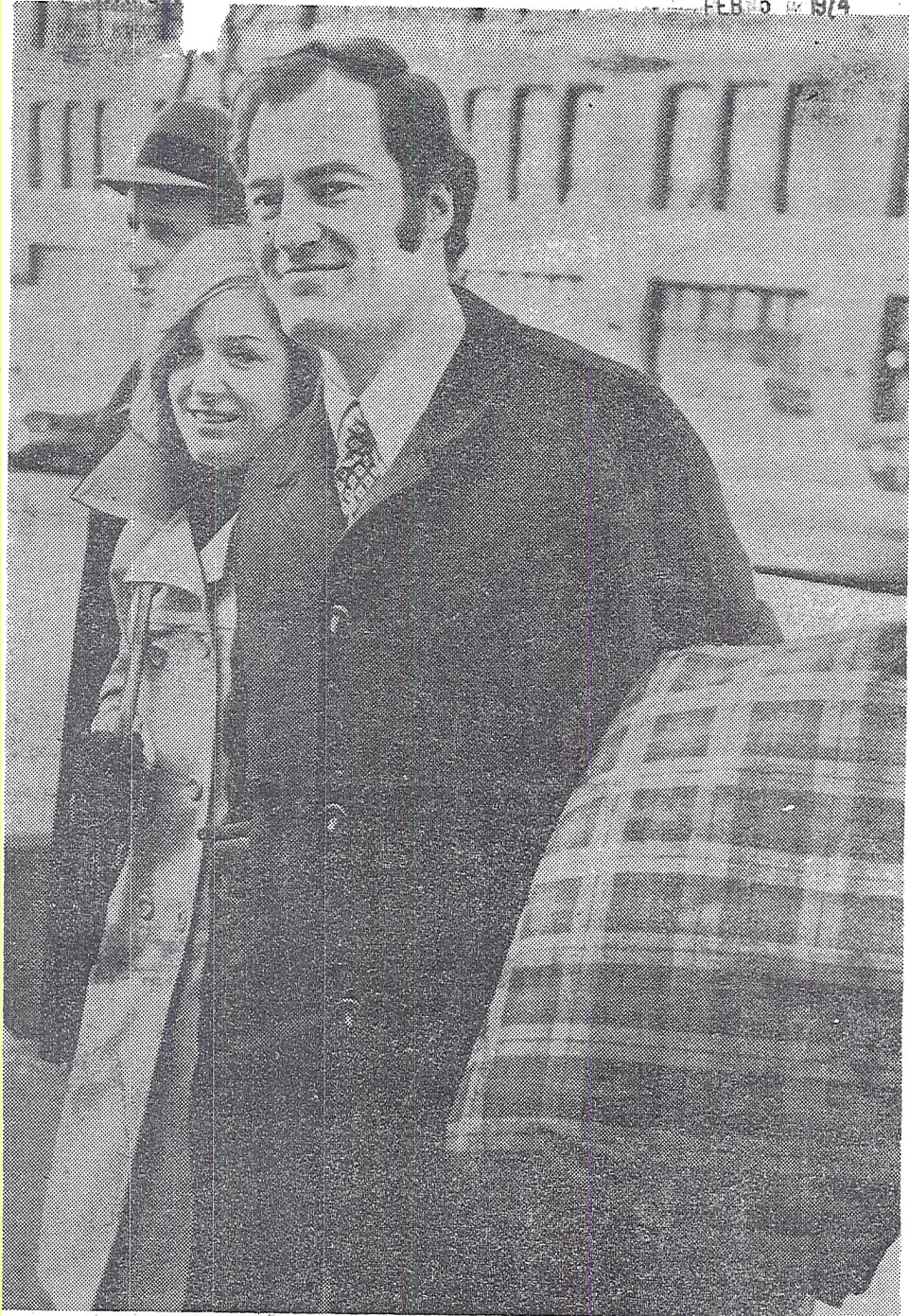
Krogh was head of the White House "plumbers" unit that carried out the burglary of the offices of Dr. Lewis Fielding, who was the California psychiatrist of Pentagon Papers codefendant Ellsberg.

The break-in was carried out over the 1971 Labor Day weekend by a team headed by Hunt and Liddy, who were then members of the plumbers squad.

Krogh had organized the secret unit at President Nixon's direction to plug news leaks of sensitive information. At the time of the burglary, Ellsberg had been indicted for leaking the Pentagon Papers to the press.

Meanwhile, United Press International reported that Krogh had been suspended from the practice of law by the Washington State Supreme Court.

The suspension, a result of his guilty plea in U.S. District Court, is temporary until the Washington State Bar Association takes final disciplinary action against Krogh according to a court order.



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PRISON BOUND—Egil Krogh, accompanied by his wife Suzanne on way to surrender to marshals, told newsmen, "Good morning and goodbye for a while." See A4.