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G. Gordon Liddy leaving courthouse in Washington yesterday.

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Liddy Released on \$5,000 Bond; Lawyers Pledge He Won't Flee

WASHINGTON, Oct. 15 (UPI) —G. Gordon Liddy, a member of the original Watergate break-in team, was released from jail today on a \$5,000 bond after his attorneys promised a Federal judge that he would not flee the country. Liddy, a salt-and-pepper beard grown during nearly 21 months in Federal prison and the District of Columbia jail, was set free 90 minutes after United States District Judge Gerhard A. Gesell reduced the appeal bond from \$100,000.

The former Nixon aide, who has steadfastly refused to testify about Watergate, is appealing jail terms totaling more than 20 years in the break-ins at Democratic National Headquarters and the office of Dr. Daniel Ellsberg's former psychiatrist.

He had also been convicted of contempt of Congress and for refusing to testify to a grand jury about Watergate.

Mr. Liddy's attorneys said that his mother had put up the cash for his lowered bond. The United States prosecutor's office did not contest the request for a reduction in bail. Judge Gesell said that he had discussed the case with United States District Judge John J. Sirica, who had earlier set \$100,000 bond in the Watergate case.

Mr. Liddy, former White House aide and counsel for the Finance Committee to Re-elect the President, was convicted and sentenced in early 1973 to up to 20 years in the Watergate break-in and later was convicted and sentenced in the Ellsberg case.