

Hunt Calls for Reform Of the Penal System

OMAHA, April 21 (AP) —

E. Howard Hunt Jr., the former agent of the Central Intelligence Agency who was sentenced to two and a half to eight years for his part in the Watergate break-in, said last night that the year he spent in Federal prison was "the most incredible period of my life."

Mr. Hunt, who made his first public appearance here since his release earlier this year from the Federal prison in Danbury, Conn., said his prison experience had changed his life.

He said he had interested himself in what he called the failure and injustice of the penal system. "Something is wrong, very wrong, with the system," he said.

Mr. Hunt, who spoke at a meeting of the Nebraska Press Association here, urged that the penal system be overhauled to provide better rehabilitation for inmates to return to society.