

Silbert Swears He Did His Job

Washington

The prosecutor of the Watergate break-in conspirators swore to the Senate yesterday that he had not delayed cracking the case until after the 1972 presidential election.

Earl J. Silbert also denied giving special privileges to administration witnesses, some of whom committed perjury at the trial in January, 1973.

Silbert testified under oath before the Senate Judiciary Committee, which must pass on President Nixon's nomination of him to be U.S. attorney here.

"Was there any discussion with the executive branch of any position for yourself, such as a judgeship?" asked Senator Philip Hart (Dem-Mich.), the only one of the committee's 16 members present for the entire opening session.

against Silbert's nomination comes from Charles Morgan Jr., attorney for Robert Vance and R. Spencer Oliver, who are president and executive director of the Association of State Democratic Chairmen. Vance and Morgan said they would testify later.

It was Oliver's telephone that was tapped by agents for President Nixon's reelection committee in their two break-ins at Democratic party headquarters.

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