

Lawyer Says Nixon Hurt Liddy's Case

Washington

The attorney for convicted Watergate defendant G. Gordon Liddy contended yesterday that President Nixon severely prejudiced his client's constitutional right to a fair trial by telling the nation in a televised speech last April 29 that Liddy's "refusal to talk" was one of the "obstacles to the case."

The attorney, Peter Maroulis, urged U.S. District Judge Gerhard A. Gesell to dismiss the pending criminal charges against Liddy, who, the lawyer said, has been "unfairly branded as being guilty."

Liddy is one of the five defendants accused of conspiring to violate the civil rights of psychiatrist Lewis Fielding by breaking into his office during an investigation of Daniel Ellsberg, who made the Pentagon Papers public.

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