

# Young Memo on Plumbers Data

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WASHINGTON, July 18—Following is the text of a personal memo prepared by David R. Young, an aide to John D. Ehrlichman, for himself after a meeting with his superior. The memo, reflecting both Mr. Young's and Mr. Ehrlichman's concern that they not be pressed on whether information about the plumber's operation had been passed to the President.

Resignations H/E/Kleindest

E subdued — will be vindicated eventually. Best for the President now to leave — throw block.

E/ Your files to go to President who is aware of Ellsberg thing.

Matter of national security. President has told new AC so.

Any questions DY gets should be answered, "I am told by President that it is a matter of national security and I am not to reply. It will be a matter of executive privilege." This goes on Hill or grand jury or F.B.I. (no investigation).

F.B.I. talked to E when he got off plane on Saturday on return from Mississippi flood inspection.

(Open warfare Haldeman-Dean-Shrlichman. Ellsberg thing leaked to press by Dean.)

E-F.B.I. conversation: E said he was overall responsible. Hunt and Liddy investigators. DY from NSC staff in substantive role to determine national security impact of leaks. President very concerned.

Hoover knew of concern and that WH had own investigation. F.B.I. had not been moving well as President wanted.

E was aware of Hunt and Liddy going to California to undertake further extensive investigation to determine whether dealing with network or conspiracy. That this might involve covert operations.

E was not asked if he approved their going. He was asked if he knew of the results and whether he approved further actions. He said disapproved further actions.

DY said to E that only thing bothers him is "you didn't say you approved beforehand." E/They didn't ask me! Y/ I made substantive decision that it was beyond my responsibility to do



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anything about it. I passed recommendation to him. He should have passed recommendation on up if he thought beyond his authority. E/ nodded agreement. E/ You do not want to address question of whether I discussed this with the President.

E/ Bud and he talked few weeks earlier about it and Bud had said all his responsibility. E said only tell truth. Bud thought he made decision. Bud had talked to people on Hill (3 hours). No one at WH knew.

DY asked E what his position was on Hill (from President's instruction). Was Garment aware?

DY to JE — It better be clear to HK as to what facts are and President's determination in national security area. So he is not asked outside.

Garment came over. E saw alone for 20-30 minutes. G & DY talked. E and G advised (DY get lawyer) lawyer — then as DY explained, G said o.k. I see it is our problem. (President's). DY right.

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