

Ex-'Plumber' Is Offered a Job

Seattle

State Attorney General Slade Gorton said yesterday he would hire Egil (Bud) Krogh Jr., confessed leader of the White House "Plumbers," if the former presidential aide is allowed to resume the practice of law.

Gorton testified as a character witness for Krogh at disciplinary proceedings which opened yesterday before the Washington State Bar Association.

Krogh, formerly of Seattle, pleaded guilty last November 30 to a felony charge in connection with his activities on the "Plumbers" squad and was released after serving a federal prison term earlier this year.

Gorton said he first approached Krogh about a job two months ago.

Gorton said he offered the job because he had been impressed with Krogh in previous meetings, because of Krogh's concern about "the number of lives and careers that were destroyed" by White House activities such as the plumbers and because Krogh "saw the mistake he made and made a clean breast of it before he had to."

"He took a very lonely path that cut him off from everyone," Gorton said.

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