

Liddy Is Freed On Lower Bond

Washington

G. Gordon Liddy, silent member of the original Watergate break-in team, was released from jail on a sharply reduced \$5000 bond yesterday after his attorneys promised a federal judge he would not flee the country.

Liddy, sporting a neat salt-and-pepper beard grown during nearly 21 months in federal prison and the District of Columbia jail, was set free 90 minutes after U.S. District Judge Gerhard

Gesell reduced the appeal bond from \$100,000.

The former Nixon aide, who has steadfastly refused to testify about Watergate, is currently appealing jail terms totaling more than 20 years in the break-ins at Democratic National Headquarters and the office of Daniel Ellsberg's psychiatrist.

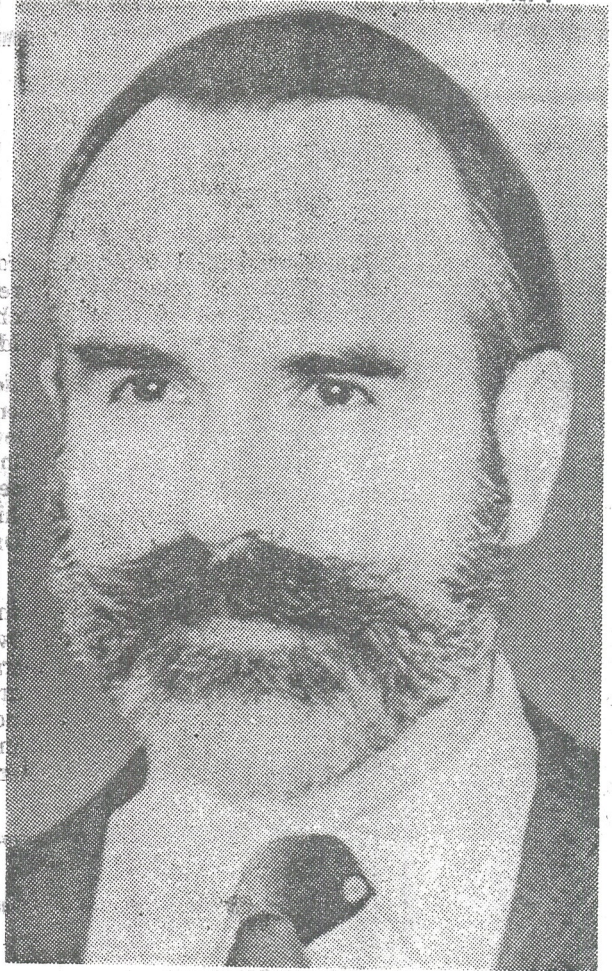
He was also convicted of contempt of Congress and for refusing to testify to a grand jury about Watergate.

Liddy, 51, declined to comment on his release and headed for his Oxon Hill, Md., home and his family.

Liddy's attorneys said his mother put up the cash for his lowered bond and contended that he presented no risk of flight and no danger to the community pending outcome of the appeals.

The U.S. Prosecutor's office did not contest the request for lowered bail.

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WATERGATE FIGURE G. GORDON LIDDY
How he looked after 21 months in jail