

Bar Group Recommends Krogh's Disbarment

OLYMPIA, Wash., Feb. 3 (AP)—The state bar association urged today that former presidential aide Egil Krogh be disbarred because of his guilty plea in connection with the Daniel Ellsberg break-in. The recommendation was made at a hearing before the state Supreme Court.

Michael Jacobsen, lawyer for the bar association, asked Krogh's disbarment because he pleaded guilty to federal charges of interfering with the privacy of Ellsberg's psychiatrist, whose office was broken into by the plumbers unit.

Jacobsen said the court had never failed to disbar lawyers who pleaded guilty or were convicted of a felony.

Krogh, director of the Nixon White House plumbers unit that engineered the break-in, testified in his own behalf.

"I considered that what I had done was necessary under requirement of national security and for two years I defended that position," Krogh said.

There was no indication when the court would act.

"I do expect some punishment," Krogh said after the hearing, adding that he wanted to continue to practice law.