

Office Break-in

Ehrlichman Blames Nixon

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Former Nixon aide John Ehrlichman, just out of prison, said yesterday he believes it will eventually be proved that former President Nixon "was the perpetrator" of the break-in at the office of Daniel Ellsberg's psychiatrist.

Ehrlichman, interviewed by ABC-TV, said he could not say the same about the burglary of the Democratic National Committee headquarters in the Watergate because "I don't know."

As for the break-in at the

psychiatrist's office in California, presumably in a search for damaging information about Ellsberg, who made the Pentagon Papers public, Ehrlichman indicated a belief that Nixon "set the whole thing in motion."

"I'm convinced as of now," Ehrlichman said, "that eventually evidence will surface in the form of tapes or something that will indicate that there was another channel from Nixon to Hunt to Liddy."

He was referring to Howard Hunt and Gordon Liddy, members

of the group that carried out the undercover activities.

Asked whether he thought the former president should have gotten off while others involved in Watergate went to prison, Ehrlichman replied: "I don't know that he did get off in the ultimate sense."

"I've done my time," added Ehrlichman, who just completed a prison term for obstruction of the Watergate and Ellsberg break-in investigations. He said he feels Nixon never will finish "doing his."

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