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United States District Courthouse  
3rd & Constitution Avenue, N. W.  
Washington, D. C.

February 13, 1974

The testimony of FRED CL. LARUE was taken in the  
presence of a full quorum of the Grand Jury.

BEFORE:

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Whereupon,

FRED C. LARUE

was called as a witness, and, having first been duly sworn by the Foreman of the Grand Jury, was examined and testified as follows:

BY MR. BEN-VENISTE:

Q Would you state your full name for the record, please?

A Fred Chaney LaRue.

Q Mr. LaRue, you are reappearing before this Grand Jury to answer questions which it believes relevant to its investigation.

Mr. LaRue, do you recall an occasion in March of 1973 when you participated in the delivery of approximately \$75,000 in cash to a Mr. William Bittman for the benefit of E. Howard Hunt?

A I do.

Q Now if we could work backwards from the delivery, do you recall how that delivery was effectuated? Who actually delivered the money to Mr. Bittman?

A The money was delivered by Mr. Manyon Millican.

Q Had Mr. Millican delivered money to Mr. Bittman at your request before that occasion?

A Yes, that's true.

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1 Q What was Mr. Millican's job at the time?

2 A He was working for -- I'm sorry. At that particular  
3 time I don't know if I could -- I don't know his job status.  
4 At one time he was working for the Committee to Re-elect the  
5 President. When he went off the payroll over there I just  
6 don't know.

7 Q Now on the evening that Mr. Millican delivered the  
8 money, can you recall what occurred prior to the time that  
9 you asked him to make this delivery?

10 A Yes. I got a call from Mr. Dean, John Dean --

11 Q I mean the evening itself, just prior to that. I  
12 think that we'll work backwards from there if that's helpful.

13 A I had invited Mr. Millican over to my apartment for  
14 dinner. There were two other people present, my secretary,  
15 Miss Fredericks, and Sherman Unger.

16 We had dinner and --

17 Q Who is Mr. Unger?

18 A Mr. Unger is a friend of mine. At one time he was  
19 with the Committee to Re-elect the President.

20 Q Where is Mr. Unger from?

21 A Cincinnati, Ohio.

22 Q Do you recall whether Mr. Unger was in just for the  
23 day as far as what he told you?

24 A That is my recollection, yes.

25 Q And you had invited him for dinner in advance?

1           A     That is correct, yes. Not in advance of that day.  
2 He called me that day when he came to town, and I invited him  
3 to dinner.

4           Q     Now you had dinner with Mr. Millican, Miss Fredericks,  
5 and Mr. Unger. Do you recall anything unusual which occurred  
6 that night which makes it stand out in your mind?

7           A     Yes, one occurrence. I had just moved into a new  
8 apartment. I had built a fire in the fireplace and the forced  
9 air circulating fan exhaust -- the smoke went out and filled  
10 the apartment with smoke.

11          Q     So that that particular dinner party stands out in  
12 your mind for that reason?

13          A     Yes, it does. That's right.

14          Q     After dinner do you recall the circumstances of your  
15 asking Mr. Millican to make another delivery to Mr. Bittman?

16          A     Yes. I called Mr. Millican into the bedroom and I  
17 asked him if he would mind delivering a package to Mr. Bittman  
18 for me that night.

19          Q     What did that package consist of?

20          A     \$75,000 in cash, hundred dollar bills.

21          Q     How was it wrapped?

22          A     My best recollection would be it was in just a  
23 manilla envelope, no markings on the envelope.

24          Q     I take it Mr. Millican consented?

25          A     Pardon?

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1 Q I take it Mr. Millican consented?

2 A Yes.

3 Q After Mr. Millican left did you telephone Mr.  
4 Bittman?

5 A That's the best of my recollection. I did telephone  
6 Mr. Bittman and tell him that there was a package that would  
7 be delivered to him that night.

8 Q And it was your understanding that the package would  
9 be left in the mailbox?

10 A That is correct.

11 Q And there would be no personal contact between Mr.  
12 Millican and Mr. Bittman?

13 A That is correct. That was the procedure that was  
14 followed on the other two deliveries.

15 Q Now how did you identify yourself to Mr. Bittman on  
16 the telephone when you called?

17 A In all conversations with Mr. Bittman I identified  
18 myself as Mr. Baker.

19 Q Was this the second telephone conversation you had  
20 had with Mr. Bittman that day?

21 A Again, to the best of my recollection I called Mr.  
22 Bittman earlier that day to ascertain whether he would be home  
23 that night, yes.

24 Q And you identified yourself again as Mr. Baker, I  
25 take it?

1 A That's correct.

2 Q You told Mr. Bittman that you would like to make a  
3 delivery to his home that evening?

4 A That is correct.

5 Q And you asked whether he would be available for that  
6 purpose?

7 A Correct.

8 Q You were obviously somewhat anxious about the possi-  
9 bility that the envelope might sit in the mailbox for any  
10 period of time?

11 A Correct. I called him when Mr. Millican left. I  
12 called him and told him that the delivery would be made within  
13 the next thirty minutes or so.

14 Q Had you ever delivered anything else to Mr. Bittman  
15 aside from money that you can recall?

16 A Not that I can recall, no.

17 Q So every time, as far as you know, that Mr. Bittman  
18 received a telephone call where the caller identified himself  
19 as Baker he received cash in the delivery that ensued rather  
20 than any other documents or anything else?

21 A Certainly from any conversations he actually had  
22 from me, that would be the case.

23 Q And you made up the name Baker yourself, I take it?

24 A That is correct.

25 Q Now with respect to that telephone call to Mr.