

c. The Washington Post, 8 May 1973, Page 1: "Rep. Lucien N. Nedzi (D., Mich.), chairman of an Armed Services subcommittee on the CIA, disclosed that the agency's director, James R. Schlesinger, confirmed to him yesterday that Marine Corps Commandant Robert E. Cushman Jr. authorized use of CIA equipment in the Ellsberg burglary case."

d. Washington Star, 8 May 1973, Editorial: "And someone at the White House, possibly John Ehrlichman, induced someone high at CIA, probably General Robert E. Cushman, to authorize the use of the agency's clandestine services in the burglary of the office of Ellsberg's psychiatrist."

e. The Washington Post, 9 May 1973, Page 1: "... Gen. Robert Cushman, then CIA deputy director and now Marine Corps commandant, met with and agreed to help Hunt in the scheme to steal psychiatric records of Daniel Ellsberg from his psychiatrist's office in Beverly Hills."

In the interest of factual accuracy regarding this important matter, and in fairness to General Cushman personally, I wish to point out that this Committee's investigation to date has produced no evidence whatsoever that either General Cushman, or any other CIA official, had any knowledge

or suspicion that the equipment and assistance requested on behalf of Mr. Hunt was for use in burglarizing the offices of Dr. Ellsberg's psychiatrist, or for any other illegal purpose. On the contrary, CIA had no detailed knowledge of Mr. Hunt's activities but CIA officials apparently were under the impression that Mr. Hunt was engaged in investigating security leaks that were a major concern of the Government at that particular time. When Mr. Hunt's continued requests for assistance aroused the suspicions of Agency officers that he might be engaged in some improper or illegal activity, or activity beyond the Agency's authority or charter, it appears that General Cushman immediately terminated relations with Mr. Hunt and thereafter the Agency refused his requests for further assistance.

Allegations of General Cushman's Complicity in Efforts to Steal Ellsberg's Psychiatric Records

A number of press stories have created an impression that Marine Corps Commandant General Robert E. Cushman, Jr., while Deputy Director of CIA in 1971, knowingly authorized the use of Central Intelligence Agency facilities in the attempted theft of the psychiatric records of Dr. Daniel Ellsberg by Mr. E. Howard Hunt and Mr. G. Gordon Liddy from the Beverly Hills office of Dr. Ellsberg's psychiatrist. For example:

a. New York Times, 7 May 1973, Page 1: "Gen.

Robert E. Cushman Jr., the Marine Corps commandant who in 1971 was Deputy Director of Central Intelligence, authorized the use of Central Intelligence Agency material and research in the burglary of the office of Dr. Daniel Ellsberg's former psychiatrist, sources close to the Watergate case said today."

b. New York Times, 8 May 1973, Page 26: "The

Central Intelligence Agency and at least one Congressional committee are investigating a report that General Robert E. Cushman Jr., the Marine Corps commandant who, while serving as the C. I. A. 's Deputy Director, authorized the use of the agency's facilities and equipment by a group of burglars allegedly directed from the White House."

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