

SEALED

SEALED

SEALED

Supp1. 1

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

vs

GEORGE GORDON LIDDY, et al

:  
:  
:  
:  
:

Criminal No. 1827-72

Friday, December 15, 1972

The following transcript is an excerpt of proceedings of this date on Motion by Times Mirror (publisher of Los Angeles Times) for Extension of Return Date of Subpoena, ordered sealed by the Court and not previously transcribed.

NICHOLAS SOKAL  
Official Court Reporter  
Rm. 4800-F, U. S. Courthouse  
Washington, D. C. 20001

Copy for:  
Judge Sirica

P R O C E E D I N G S -- 2:00 p.m.

MR. BITTMAN: Good afternoon, Your Honor.

Your Honor, before we begin the proceedings this afternoon could Mr. Silbert and I briefly approach the bench?

THE COURT: Surely.

( AT THE BENCH )

MR. BITTMAN: Your Honor, as you probably read in the newspapers Mr. Hunt's wife Dorothy was killed in an airplane accident last Friday.

THE COURT: Yes.

MR. BITTMAN: I have had several conversations with Mr. Hunt subsequent to the death of his wife and because of the observations I made with respect to his condition I thought it would be appropriate to have him examined by his family physician. That examination has now taken place and to that end, the doctor was Dr. George C. Buchanan, and he has written a letter to me which I received today.

The reason I am asking for this bench conference is to show this letter to Your Honor because it may be that at some point we will be required to move for a severance on behalf of Mr. Hunt and/or a continuance and I did not want to --well, let me rephrase that-- I wanted to bring this matter to Your Honor's attention as soon as that possibility existed.

I have previously discussed this matter with Mr. Silbert and the other government lawyers informally two or three days ago; however, at that time Mr. Hunt had not been examined.

I have given a copy of the letter to Mr. Silbert a few minutes ago. The reason I mention this now, Your Honor, is because this may have some bearing on the instant motion which is filed by the Los Angeles Times for a delay. I don't know if Your Honor reviewed their motion or letter in that matter--

THE COURT: --I don't think it has anything to do with this motion. I think the government ought to start thinking about some outstanding doctor to immediately, immediately start examining Mr. Hunt as to his physical condition.

MR. BITTMAN: I will be happy to work out the details with the government in that respect.

THE COURT: I would like a report as soon as I can get one --some outstanding internal medical doctor.

What is the nature of his illness?

MR. BITTMAN: It is not an illness, Your Honor, it is the effect of the emotional impact of the death of his wife.

THE COURT: Some people recover quickly and other it bothers quite a while.

MR. BITTMAN: And his emotional state;

And it is the totality of the circumstances which concerns me with respect to Mr. Hunt's condition and that he will not be able to effectively

communicate with counsel, or actively participate in this trial if it begins on January 8. But I will sit down with the government and discuss these matters with them.

THE COURT: All right. You know how to proceed in these matters.

MR. GLANZER: Yes, Your Honor.

MR. BITTMAN: Your Honor, could we ask this portion be sealed?

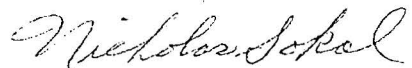
THE COURT: I have no objection.

MR. SILBERT: We have no objection.

(END OF BENCH. OPEN COURT PROCEEDINGS  
PREVIOUSLY TRANSCRIBED AND FILED UNDER  
SEPARATE COVER.)

CERTIFICATE

It is certified the foregoing is the official transcript of proceedings indicated.

  
NICHOLAS SOKAL  
Official Court Reporter