The testimony of ROBERT A. F. REISNER was presented to a full quorum of the Grand Jury.

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or "I've got to have an answer," really was more of what he
was saying.

Q And did you pass these messages onto Mr. Magruder?
A That was the kind of thing that lots of people in
the campaign would do. Sometimes they'd call me, and that
was really the nature of my job, to sit in front of Magruder's
office and just --

Q But did you pass these things along?
A Oh, yes, I would have, definitely.
Q And what did Mr. Magruder say when you passed that
particular message along?
A Just, "Okay."
Q Did there come a time when Mr. Magruder told you to
tell Mr. Liddy that he had approval?
A That's right. I'm very vague on the time of this,
but the reason I place the time at the beginning of April was
that part of the message to Mr. Liddy was to tell him to get
going within two weeks and when I passed that message on, I
have the feeling that "two weeks", that I was thinking in
terms of when two weeks would be, and the time was going to
be the first two weeks of April.

Mr. Magruder, as I remember, stopped in the entrance
to my office and said, "Call Liddy and tell him its approved.
Tell him we want to get going in the next two weeks." And,
as I remember, part of the message may have been, "Tell him
the first part is approved," but that's as close as I can come to Mr. Magruder's message.

Q When do you place the time of this event?
A In the beginning of April, is the best I can do.
Q And was this by telephone or in person with Mr. Magruder?
A As I remember, Mr. Magruder stopped in the entrance to my doorway and told me to tell Mr. Liddy that.
Q Was this after his return from Key Biscayne?
A Well, if I'm correct about the date, then it would be after his return from Key Biscayne. However -- and I think my general reluctance about this is that I don't remember it in reference to Key Biscayne. I just remember it in the beginning of April.
Q Did he call you from Key Biscayne and give you a similar message?
A Not that I remember.
Q Did he call you from Key Biscayne at all?
A Yes, he did.
Q What was the purpose of it?
A I think he called me a number of times and probably -- well, he would have called me for the normal kinds of things he would call me about.

He took to Key Biscayne with him 26 or 30 documents that he needed approval on -- 26 or 30 documents that he needed
approval on — and as he, maybe, got approval, he would call me and say, "Call so-and-so and tell him that this plan is approved but that he should only spend so much money," and that sort of thing. I mean, he was calling me and giving me instructions.

Q I'd like to show you a book marked RR-1, and can you identify this, please?

A Yes. It's a log that I kept. It's not an accurate calendar but a log that I kept during the year 1972.

Q All right. When you say it's a log, it's a log of your activities or a log of Mr. Magruder's activities?

A It's a log of my activities in 1972.

Q Does it also reflect some of Mr. Magruder's activities?

A Yes, it does. Particularly because my job was related to his and, therefore, my activities related to his.

Q Now, concerning the Key Biscayne meeting, does it indicate in your diary when Mr. Magruder left for Florida?

A Yes. It indicates that he was scheduled to leave at 11:00 o'clock on Wednesday, the 29th, and there also is an entry —

Q Let me just ask you, does your recollection conform to that? Do you have any personal knowledge that he did leave on that day?

A Well, no, I don't, but there also is an entry of my
activities saying that he would leave for Miami, unless there
was some other entry which I don't see.

I believe that he did leave on the 29th.

Q Okay. Now, there's an entry on the 30th. Would
you like to read that to the Grand Jury -- at 4:00 o'clock?

A The entry on the 30th refers to the matter that we
were just discussing, where he did call asking that decisions
be transmitted concerning activities that he had memoranda
in Florida about and he was getting approval for the memoranda.

Q Now, what were those specific items? Did they in-
clude the Liddy proposal?

A Not that I can see here. It seems that the decisions
that he was getting approval on were concerning the plans for
the Maryland primary. Some sort of a decision, and I had to
transmit that to Al Calpin; and something concerning the con-
vention, that related to Dick Herman and Bill Timmins.

Q Was there any reference to Mr. Liddy on the 30th?

A Yes. There's a request that I get Gordon Liddy, and,
to the best of my recollection, what I was asked to do was to
find Mr. Liddy and have him call Mr. Magruder in Florida.

Q And, therefore, your entry on Thursday, March 30th,
indicates to you that Mr. Magruder had either before leaving
or from Florida asked you to get Mr. Liddy to call him in
Florida?

A That's correct. I think he left on the 29th and I
was asked by Mr. --

Q  And that entry is at 9:00?
A  That's just a rough entry.
Q  Somewhere in the area of 9:00 o'clock a.m.?
A  Well, I could have been called the previous evening and had written down that I had to find him and I might have written that on the calendar to do that early in the day.
Q  Did you get Gordon Liddy?
A  As I remember, I had him call Mr. Magruder in Miami.
Q  All right. Now, on the 31st, I note that there's an entry that just says Key Biscayne. Does that indicate that is where Mr. Magruder was?
A  Yes, it does.
Q  Is there also a mention of Mr. Liddy on the 31st?
A  Yes. There's a column in this log which I use just to note the things that were coming up that were interrupting me, because there were a lot of activity and a lot of interruptions and just so I didn't forget about things that I'd been asked to do.

And in that column -- which I think means it was an interruption -- there is the word Gordon Liddy and then it says next to him, "Give answer", and I believe that what that refers to is Mr. Liddy must have stopped by my office on Friday morning and said he talked to Magruder yesterday, "I need an answer" or "I'm waiting for an answer," or something
like that.

Q Is it possible that that meant Mr. Magruder had
called you and give an answer to Mr. Liddy?

A Because I do not have a specific recollection of
that, that is a possible interpretation.

Q Now, and then following this sometime -- because
you think it's in early April -- you did, in fact, give Mr.
Liddy an answer?

A Yes. Except that I have no recollection of being
called by Mr. Magruder and asked to give Mr. Liddy any answer.

Q Your recollection is he was in the doorway when he
asked you. And what was Mr. Liddy's reaction to your saying,
"It's approved. Get started in the next two weeks?"

A Well, he used to call a lot of people in the cam-
paign and give them messages exactly like that. "The Maryland
plan is approved," or something like that, and I wouldn't know
what the Maryland plan was, but I assume that Bob Merrick --
who had submitted the Maryland plan -- knew what it was and
when I said it was approved, he knew what that meant.

So I called Mr. Liddy, and his reaction was not
characteristic of other people in the campaign. He said,
"But I can't," or "It's going to be difficult. I've got
people," or something like that.

So I said to Mr. Liddy, "I don't know what it is
that you're talking about. You're going to have to discuss
that with Mr. Magruder." And he said, "Well, all right."
I said, "You're just going to have to talk about it to Mr. Magruder. I don't know what it is that you and he were talking about."

Q  Now, I'd also like to show you what is marked MG-1, and can you identify this please?
A  Yes, that's Mr. Magruder's calendar -- diary.
Q  And do you know what year it's for?
A  Yes. 1972.
Q  Now, I note, in MG-1, under Thursday, March 9th, there's an entry that just says, "8:00 - Gordon Liddy." Beneath that it says, in a different pen, "Florida Rally. Leave 11:00."

Now, can you explain what that entry on the 9th means or those two entries on the 9th?
A  Well, I assume the 8:00 o'clock entry, which is written in Mr. Magruder's handwriting, indicates that Mr. Magruder had at sometime, perhaps the previous evening, called Mr. Liddy and made an appointment to see Mr. Liddy at 8:00 o'clock in his office.

The other entry indicates that Mr. Magruder then, after that, left for Florida on a chartered airplane with a large number of other people for a rally that took place in Florida.

Q  Now, would this have been the "Get Out the Vote