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The testimony of JEB S. MAGRUDER was presented to
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21 Q Now, I want to direct your attention to on or about
22 March 29th, 1972. Did you have occasion to go down to Key
23 Biscayne in Florida?

24 A Yes.

25 Q And for what purpose?

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1 A The purpose was many-fold. We had -- Mr. Mitchell
2 had not been actively involved in the campaign in the past
3 number of weeks because of the ITT problem, and he was on
4 vacation.

5 So I had approximately 30-some decision papers for
6 Mr. Mitchell for our discussion and we were lagging behind in
7 the campaign. So I went down there, basically, to get many
8 decisions from him.

9 Q Did you have with you a proposal concerning the
10 Liddy project?

11 A Yes. Liddy, of course, was anxious to get his pro-
12 ject going and we had held it because I hadn't had an opportu-
13 nity to discuss any of these proposals with Mr. Mitchell, and
14 our agreement with Mr. Mitchell was that nothing was done in
15 the campaign without his approval. So I could not give Mr.
16 Liddy any approval on his project, and so he was being held
17 up and claimed that he was having great difficulty.

18 So one of the proposals that we brought down was Mr.
19 Liddy's third proposal for this intelligence gathering.

20 Q Now, when you say "brought down the proposal", what
21 was the form of that proposal and was it any different in form
22 from other proposals that you brought to Mr. Mitchell at that
23 time?

24 A Yes, it was different. Most of the proposals to Mr.
25 Mitchell had a standard form. They were to Mr. Mitchell, as

1 Attorney General, from me, with copies to Mr. Haldeman, and
2 they discussed a project and then asked for approval, dis-
3 approval, for both the project and the funds necessary.

4 This, because of the sensitivity of the nature, I
5 only had these blank sheets of paper with the various budgets
6 for each of the activities on them. Not a formal proposal
7 as I would have had on the other activities.

8 Q And who was at Key Biscayne besides Mr. Mitchell?

9 A Mr. Mitchell was there with his wife and his daughter,
10 Mrs. Mitchell's social secretary, and Fred LaRue was staying
11 at the house at Key Biscayne.

12 Q And did you have occasion to discuss the Liddy pro-
13 posal with Mr. LaRue and Mr. Mitchell?

14 A Yes.

15 Q And what was the nature of this package or this
16 proposal?

17 A This proposal would only include, basically, wire-
18 tapping for the Democratic National Committee at the Watergate;
19 for the possible surveillance, electronically, of the Democratic
20 National Convention Headquarters at the Foutain Bleu; and for
21 possible electronic surveillance at the Democratic Headquarters
22 and, at that time, we were getting to realize that Mr. Muskie
23 was failing and so it would be someone else, so we didn't have
24 a specific individual in mind at that time.

25 All of the other activities had been eliminated from
the proposal.

1 Q And what was the size of the proposed budget?

2 A Approximately \$250,000.

3 Q All right. And did you, at that meeting, discuss
4 with Mr. LaRue and Mr. Mitchell the various pros and cons with
5 respect to that budget?

6 A Yes. Mr. LaRue had been aware of Mr. Liddy's pro-
7 posals but not in the depth that we had, because he had not
8 attended those past meetings.

9 Mr. LaRue had some misgivings relating to the project.
10 Mainly that the possibility was limited information; that, of
11 course, this was illegal; and I think we all agreed that there
12 was potentially problems in dealing with Mr. Liddy because of
13 his stability.

14 But, basically, we did agree to firm the projects,
15 because we felt that there were enough individuals that were
16 interested in this information and we thought that there
17 possibly could be some use put to this information by ourselves,
18 as well as other individuals at the White House.

19 Q Now, after the meeting, did you report the results
20 of that meeting to anyone?

21 A Yes. I had a standard procedure where Mr. Reisner,
22 who was my assistant. If I was in Washington, I would sit down
23 with him and go over all the decisions. Of course, we had a
24 tremendous amount of decisions, many of them quite critical,
25 because they'd been held up for quite a bit of time.