

# Kissinger Denies 'Plumber' Role

WASHINGTON — Foreign policymaker Henry Kissinger led President Nixon to form "the plumbers," the para-police squad that burglarized the offices of Daniel Ellsberg's psychiatrist and engaged in other extra-legal activities.

This is the story former White House aide Charles Colson has given the Watergate prosecutors in private. As Colson related it, Kissinger got the President so "psyched up" over security leaks that he authorized the plumbers to plug the leaks. Afterward, Kissinger tried to run the plumbers squad through his aide David Young, claimed Colson.

Colson described Kissinger as approaching "near hysteria" over the leak of the Pentagon Papers. One reason for his excitement, Colson suggested, was that the chief leaker, Daniel Ellsberg, formerly had worked for Kissinger.

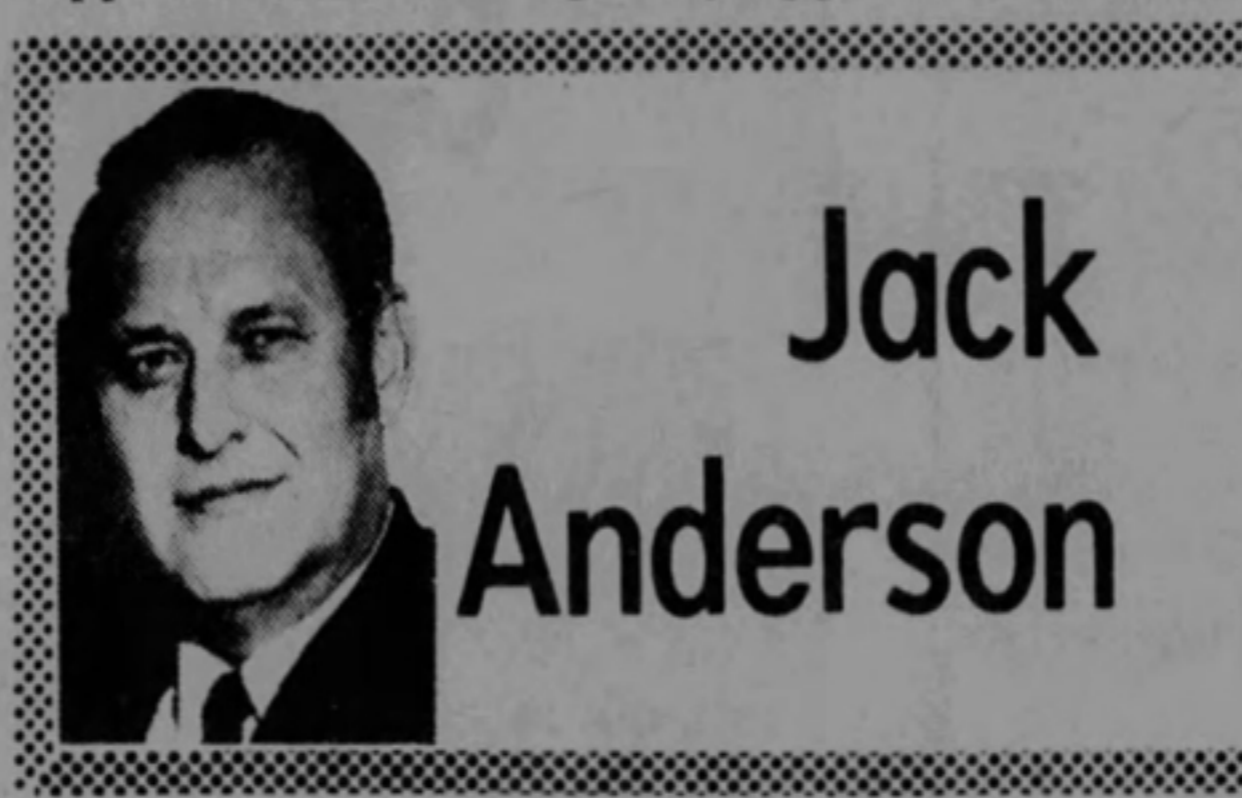
Sources close to Kissinger confirmed he had been alarmed over the Pentagon Papers leak, which he feared could have "disastrous consequences." No doubt Kissinger told the President of his concern, said these sources.

They denied, however, that Kissinger had anything to do with the formation or operation of the plumbers. The squad was formed, they recall, while Kissinger was on his secret mission to Peking. Young joined the squad and came under White House aide John Ehrlichman's control while Kissinger was away, insist these sources.

Kissinger has searched his logs, they say, to check whether he had any contact with Young after his former aide became a plumber. After checking both his logs and his memory,

Kissinger is quite sure he never visited or spoke with Young after the plumbers went into business.

**BUSING GENERALS** — For years Air Force Generals from Bolling Air Force Base have hopped aboard an elegantly appointed ship each



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morning for a ride down the Potomac to the Pentagon. Last January, to the generals' mortification, we informed them that beneath all the fine red carpeting, their daily ferry boat was falling apart. The ship, we wrote, required \$26,000 in repairs. The generals apparently got the message. Bolling has discontinued the boat service, and now the generals either drive themselves to work or — believe it or not — take an Air Force bus.

**SUPPRESSED SCIENTIST** — There's evidence that famed federal scientist Dr. Oscar Liu, who found ominous viruses in the water supplies in Washington, D.C., and Lawrence, Mass., was railroaded out of his job for the discovery. Liu was then head of virology at the Environmental Protection Agency's water supply lab. Suddenly, he was transferred to what

he said was work "on a bench as a technician." EPA insists that the transfer was intended merely to make sure Liu "has an opportunity to work on a team rather than direct an operation." But an investigation by one of EPA's own examiners has now found that Liu clearly has been downgraded following publicity about his discovery. The examiners' recommendation: "Duties more commensurate with his former duties."

**GET BREGGIN** — The nation's most outspoken foe of psychosurgery, psychiatrist Peter Breggin, has been warned that several ex-convicts are out to "get" him. Apparently, they believe in the psychosurgery he opposes to probe the brain and modify violent behavior. Breggin calls this "partial murder" because it blunts the patients' personality. The warning that ex-inmates might seek reprisals against him, Breggin says, came from California psychosurgeon Hunter Brown, who claims to have performed 300 behavioral operations. Breggin quotes Brown as telling him: "I am in close correspondence with some prisoners at San Quentin, sixty of whom wish to have psychiatric surgery. The word has gotten around that the first man who is paroled — and this is a real risk Peter, seriously — the word is to 'get Breggin.' This is the truth and I can document it." At least three members of Congress — Sen. Glenn Beall, R-Md., Sen. James Buckley, C-N.Y., and Rep. Ron Dellums, D-Calif. — have written to California Attorney General Evelle Young expressing concern over the alleged threats.