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With the letter was enclosed a brief prepared by Ansell and Bailey, Bergdoll's Washington counsel, which sought to overturn the court-martial's verdict.

Wescott Discusses Case Mr. Wescott, who had repeatedly denied all connection with the case since Bergdoll's escape and who consented to talk only after the publication of his letter to Secretary Baker, today sat at breakfast in his home, 43 Chestnut avenue, Haddonfield, N. J.

In his extended talk Mr. Wescott said he had not been retained as associate counsel for Bergdoll, but that he had been retained as a "friend of the family."

Opposed New York Attorney He said he told Gibboney that the latter's retention of Harry Weinberger as trial lawyer at the court-martial was unwise, and that Weinberger would antagonize the prosecution.

Latest Developments in the Bergdoll Case

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Two congressional investigations into the Bergdoll flight were indicated today. Congressman Edmondson, of the West Philadelphia-Germantown district, says he may move for a probe.

Federal agents searched the Bergdoll home last night to see if the escaped slacker was concealed in the big house. He wasn't.

D. Clarence Gibboney, Bergdoll's chief counsel, and James E. Romig, the slacker's "man Friday," will be called to testify at the court-martial of the army guards who had the slippy slacker in custody.

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