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12/12/73 KNBC "TODAY" SHOW - EXCERPT FROM INTERVIEW BETWEEN BARBARA WALTERS
AND GOVERNOR GEORGE WALLACE OF ALABAMA

Walters: "Governor Wallace, it will be two years in May since you were attacked by Arthur Bremer's bullets in Maryland. Since then you have had six operations -- almost six months in hospitals. . . . You feel no bitterness towards Arthur Bremer?"

Wallace: "Not a bit in the world. In fact, Arthur Bremer -- I hope he's been asked forgiveness, because I have no bitterness toward him at all. I cannot understand why he did it -- and there are some questions about his shooting of me that have been unanswered in my own mind."

Walters: "Well, let me raise one of those, now, Governor, because there have been rumors of a -- that, possibly, there was some relationship between Arthur Bremer and the Plumber's Unit at the White House. It has been said that Arthur Bremer knew George Liddy. Do you put any faith in any of these suggestions of a conspiracy?"

Wallace: "Well, now, let me say that I said there were questions that were unanswered in my mind about where he got the money to travel and stalk me and others throughout the country -- the fact that he wrote a diary -- Sirhan Sirhan had a diary -- Oswald had a diary -- never kept a diary in his life before -- many words are spelled different ways in the diary -- the fact that he had home made bullets and had no expertise in this, according to many. But I do not, of course, in my own mind - for one moment - would imply - that the President of the country knew or had anything to do with it. Since, when you talk about the Plumbers and Mr. Liddy, you're not re-tying things in with Watergate."

Walters: "Well, it may be that the President did not know about many things that happened in the Watergate."

Wallace: "Well, I have no evidence presented to me that connects anybody with it. I do know that different people have raised various and sundry theories - - "

Walters: "Do you have one?"

Wallace: "Well, I've read -- well, no -- I have a theory that it's hard for me to understand how a bus boy, who hardly made a living, would be able to accumulate enough money, in the bank, to stay at the Waldorf-Astoria on trips to New York -- to go to Canada -- to buy an automobile -- to travel all over this country -- when he hardly made enough to eat and live in the time that he was working."

Walters: "What do you think, Governor?"

Wallace: "Well, I think that he got the money from some other place."

Walters: "But you have no suggestions as to where?"

Wallace: "No, I have no definite -- and I made no investigation on my own. But I want to emphasize, emphatically, that I do not point my finger at anyone -- especially, the top officials of this country, which, when you ask and mention the Plumber's Unit, Mr. Liddy has never said anything, as you know, and so nobody has -- I don't believe he's ever made a statement about anything. There was one statement, asked to me by the news, about one man saying that somebody had ordered him to break into the apartment of Mr. Bremer, within an hour after I was shot. (NOTE: HUNT WAS ORDERED BY COLSON) Now, I don't know whether that was true or not but that's been written up in Newsweek, Time and other magazines and newspapers. So, I just wondered, if that were the case, how did anybody know where he lived within an hour after I was shot? I didn't know who shot me until several days later, myself. But, of course, I wouldn't know because I was in a condition not to know." . . .