

Dear Bill,

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In your 12/1 you report what you describe as interesting points about Watergate made by Ehrlichman. Of them all I believe few, none without reservation, but I can believe that Ehrlichman did not know the details of the breakin in advance. From the first he's had his ownness to cover and he is still doing that. You do not quote him as saying he knew nothing about the "plumbers" or that Hunt and his gang were working on the re-election or the kind of work they did.

I know one of the authors of Silent Coup and have trouble believing anything he says. He was on a series of TV shows I did on the assassination in 1967 in DC and he was pontificated bullshit 100% of the time, all fabrications of the far right. His name is Len Kolodny. As I recall he was then a liquor salesman. I never understood how he cucked himself onto that show and never saw any reason for him to be on it,

What else would Ehrlichman attribute Nixon's downfall to other than not to Nixon and not to those around him? Being able to point to nothing else he points to those "mysterious outside forces." Not one of which did what Nixon and his storm troopers did.

Nixon began as Dirty Dick and he never changed.

You refer to an alleged Kathryn Graham "make peace" letter to Nixon. I do not know what that means but on the Post's part is limited itself to getting rid of Nixon and to do that by avoiding contaminating others and short of impeachment.

Among what the Post would not report was CIA involvements that it did not report or even ask questions about.

Lil is making no Xmas preparations and neither of us is up to much. I've already told Jerry that I am not up to what we have enjoyed so much, their Xmas on Xmas eve, which Barb always does so well. Lil has yet to make her mind up but I believe the stairs into their house are a danger to her no matter how willing those strong sons-in-law and son are. Especially if there is any freeze.

Meanwhile, all the indications are that we are about to be snowed in and I am less than happy about that. Snow followed by rain followed by freeze. Time was that was good exercise for me but that time was long ago. What we now hope is that a nephew who has a paving business has the subcontract to remove the snow from the nearby mall.

If he does one of our great-nephews usually comes to clear out lane. If not we have a neighbor who has a blade for his pickup who often does what he can with it and we can then get in and out. Just being here will make it a good Xmas. Hope you and Betsy have a good one.

Before and after it, too!

Hardy