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Brunswick On the Third Floor

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President Nixon is no "Minnesota Fats," but he does play pool and has had his own pool table in the White House for the past three years.

The table was a gift in 1970 from his millionaire friend, Robert Abplanalp. A "Sierra" model by Brunswick, it cost \$1,195 and is installed in a spare room on the third floor, according to a White House spokesman.

The recreational activity is not one with which the President has been identified in the past; Veteran political reporters who have covered him for years are unaware of his skills with a cue stick.

Former McGovern aide Frank Mankiewicz is the beneficiary of Judge John J. Sirica's ruling that Watergate figures James J. McCord Jr. and Jeb Stuart Magruder cannot exploit their notoriety by lecturing for pay. Mankiewicz, who is writing a scathing book on Watergate, was hired at \$1,500 per speech to fulfill the speaking engagements canceled by Magruder and McCord.

To woo congressmen whose support he now needs, President Nixon is going to imitate one of Lyndon Johnson's tried-and-true ways of winning friends and influencing people: the breaking of bread. The White House social office has been instructed to "open up" the guests lists of upcoming social affairs to include members of the House and Senate who once were regarded as "enemies."

After the disclosure that President Nixon had ordered the bugging of his brother, Donald Nixon, White House aides were circulating the line: "Am I my brother's beeper?" . . . Former Treasury Secretary John Connally's law firm is now reported to be the fastest-growing in the country. He has brought in so many new clients that the firm has been staging recruiting parties on university campuses in an effort to assemble a phalanx of bright young lawyers . . . Architectural Digest is promoting increased circulation with a brochure containing a full-page color picture of the library at Sen. Edward M. Kennedy's McLean house.

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