

suggest yesterday's ChiTrib story Nixon making deal with Ervin is a WH deliberate leak with two obvious purposes: make it seem like Ervin not principled and GL is, is trying to accommodate Senate, country while preserving principle separation powers, executive privilege, and above all like his, great GL, is not backing down. Agnew's LATimes story probably deliberate leak by Agnewstics, which with the immediate denial that is something less than a denial and is an expression of feigned repugnance, lets Agnew play and appeal to both sides. Looking back on post-election period and atypical Agnew silence, what better explanation than his separating himself from GL and all his Glorious Assistants because Agnew knew the full import, ramifications and potential of the whole WG operation? This enables Agnew to appear principled, too, while also appearing to be loyal to GL and not his pawn. Agnew plans to run in '76, so his problem is, if anything, greater than that of GOP Congressionals. He is and has been closer to GL and WCing staff. HW 4/14/73