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*Q. Attorney General Richard Kleindienst has promised the American people that the Justice Department probe of the Watergate bugging would be "the most extensive, thorough, and comprehensive investigation since the assassination of President Kennedy." Should any prudent man believe that?—*

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*A. Any prudent man should believe that. What he may well doubt, however, is how much of the Justice Department investigation will be made public. The Justice Department has become notoriously political, and while Pat Gray, acting head of the FBI, is willing to disclose the entire FBI investigation of the Watergate scandal, it is hardly likely that his boss (Kleindienst or Kleindienst's successor) will permit it. The Watergate bugging and other stupid adventures in political sabotage were arranged and financed by Republicans in high places. The repercussions could prove politically harmful.*