

Timing announcement ~~type~~ to Cox, Senate 7/23/73. 1:10 p.m. WTOP
Radio, WTT announced no decision, or no letter sent yet. 1:33 ^{EST}
interrupted regular show for correct announcement. Nat'l Pub. Radio
110c broadcast from WTT few minutes after 2 p.m., no text yet
available. Of course, there was an explained rush in ~~announcement~~
with no apparent need ~~for~~ for rushing. The letter ~~was~~ ^{is} ~~to~~
be pretty terrible for the WTT not to want it for the WTT not to
want ~~for~~ it the one-sided play any WTT statement can
get... From Grimm to Grimm.
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Nixon's claim that he has personally listened to the tapes and they support all he has said is equivalent to his saying "The proof that I am innocent is the fact that I say I am ~~innocent~~ innocent"

I responded to a court of law this is like a judge dismissing a case by saying, "This man says he did not commit the murder, therefore there is no need to have a trial - he is innocent. All the proof the law or society require is his statement - and that doesn't even have to be under oath - that he is innocent. When the defendant makes a public statement that he is innocent no purpose is served by a trial, regardless of the number of witnesses who have given sworn statements attesting to having seen him kill."

Nixon's claim to "executive privilege" and to an immunity under what he styles as the "separation of powers" is the most open claim he has made to dictatorial rights and powers.

On the one hand he says that the second branch of government is powerless and without authority or obligations in pursuit of Congressional responsibilities and specific Congressional mandate where he is concerned. He says that he and his staff can commit any crime with impunity and that Congress is without power to legislate a prohibition of such crimes.

On the other hand, in turning down any request for evidence from his own special prosecutor - part of his own, as well as the branch - with the claim to "separation of powers" is thoroughly ~~frivolous~~ frivolous, for he and the president are of the same, in separate branches. To claim any "privilege" is tantamount to an

Admission of guilt.

Could he claim that he or anyone not part of the prosecution can decide whether evidence is to be presented to a grand jury or hereafter to a petit jury is to say that a President and his staff can commit any crime at any time, with judicial intent and without punishment. A grand jury indicts a suspect to indict on the basis of evidence. The verdict in a trial is supposed to be decided on the basis of evidence & that only. To deny that evidence is to nullify the entire system of justice as it relates to the President and his chosen. It is tantamount to claiming that any President in general and Richard Nixon in particular can make a slaughterhouse of the White House and nobody can do a damned thing.

None - That the laws ^{are} wrong when Presidents are concerned - and that it is also wrong to enforce the laws is in itself wrong when the President is involved.

In short, Richard Nixon is a dictator, who dictatorial forces & rights

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