His election "reform" proposals, for "study", made May 15, 1973, are vintage Nixon.

Here he was, the beneficiary of the most corrupt of presidential elections, the man tricks,
who in all his campaigning had pulled the dirtiest of tracks, the man who had persuaded and blackmailed the history's most overabundant war chest, admittedly twice that of the Bemocrats, and with his bare face hanging out, entirely unabashed, he was posing as the "reformer", the man who pretended to be for clean elections!

Almost anyone else would be ashamed to pull such a deception, but not Nixon. And for years he has gotten away with a number of variations of the same ploy.

Even the date of his proposal -note not a legislative but a "study" proposal is significant. He waited almost a year from the time his boyos were caught in the
act and then made it in the midst of the most serious of all the disclosures of
political, personal and governmental corruption and less than two days before the
Senate opened its hearings, the first public hearings in which the words of the
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This was, still again, Nixon the guilty presenting himself as Nixon the victim. too little offered much too late

And for this/he had the daring to try to circumvent the Constitutional means, the Congress, with a Presidential Commission. He had to know that there had never been any commission of this sort that really satisfied anyone or solved anything. And he did know that all of those he had appointed had accomplished nothing except deceitful public relations for him.