

**WORDS TO  
PONDER**

"Whatever restrictive legislation may be passed, and I think there will be some, I believe that government secrecy will never be the same again.

"If anything has been learned from Watergate and from the investigations of the CIA, it is the same lesson that the Germans were supposed to have learned from Nuremberg. It is that blind obedience does not provide an exemption from conscience. And that the constitutional process, in which government officials are supposed to trust, can be perverted by officials and even very high officials. And no civil servant can any longer hide behind the statement that he simply accepted higher authority....

"...I have to confess to you, as one of those journalists who is sort of

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part of the Eastern journalistic elite, that I have long been skeptical about large numbers of Americans at the grass roots. I was among those who thought that they were too easily manipulated and that there was not very much real wisdom out there. Well, it's my impression now that, whatever may be the conven-

tional wisdom in Washington about the American people, many Americans are not ready to see the secrecy lid clamped on again. At least, not until they have more confidence about what happens underneath that lid."

--CBS news commentator Daniel Schorr in a speech at American University, April 17, 1976.