

Even the well-informed Washington Post, Nixon's special chief Watergate enemy, was taken in by the false pretense that Hunt worked for CREEP. In its lead editorial *of September* <sup>23, 1973</sup> the day before Hunt's ~~Se~~ Ervin Committee testimony it was still describing ~~H~~ Hunt as a CREEP employee, which he never was. When Hunt finally identified himself as a White House employee ~~xxxxxxx~~ on June 17, 1973, as he did in testifying ~~on~~ ~~September 25, 1973~~ it went without mention. By that time it made little difference. The purposes of the lie had been accomplished. Paying no attention to the fact that this self-confessed criminal was on the White House staff at the time of his crimes, shows how successful the lie was.