

Note first Ellsberg mention

For all the Nixonian hoopla, in no sense was Ellsberg a spy. His purpose was to tell the American people those secrets that were being kept from them, secrets that exposed corrupt and dishonest government policies and decisions having to do with the ruinous ~~war~~ undeclared war in Southeast Asia. To the bureaucracy and particularly to the paranoids of the Nixon administration and the military Ellsberg's second biggest crime was exposing them as liars in their own secret documents. When he was tried he was charged with stealing government property worth more than \$100. Nixon ~~stole~~ ~~government property~~ personally ripped off the government for an incredible amount, with nothing too petty. He also had a \$36,000-a-year "special assistant" who was convicted of stealing two shirts - a common shoplifter although making more than \$700 a week. (Parade 12/15/74)