

Colson's responsibilities for these smear stories is not conjectural. They are established. Coordination of Lambert into other Colson operations is also a matter of undisputed public record. Jules Witcover went into several of the Colson "Office of Dirty Tricks" operations in a September 25, 1973 article in The Washington Post. Of the Colson-Lambert collaboration in getting Tydings and its breath-taking daring, he wrote:

"Colson put reporter William Lambert...in contact with a State Department official who had met with Tydings about a \$7,000,000 million government loan benefitting a firm in which Tydings had a financial interest. In addition, Tydings was one of eight targets of newspaper ads traced to ~~Cydia~~ Colson's office accusing Democrats of seeking re-election with encouraging violence and radicalism.

...Glenn Beall called [Republican National Committee Chairman Rogers] Morton expressing concern that the anti-Tydings ad was too strong.

...called Colson to have it stopped. Colson...said he would talk to Beall and then called back to say he had Beall's approval when in fact he had not talked to Beall...

After all this vile anti-democratic activity in which he had been caught up was well enough publicized, The New York Times interviewed Lambert again. May 2, 1973 it reported that "Mr. Lambert...says that he still regards Mr. Colson as a friend and a valuable source... But he did not yet understand why Mr. Colson had not told him openly of the fraud," for which at that late date Lambert still apologized.

"The fraud" was the Hunt faked-for-Colson cables. And "As late as Sunday, however, Mr. Colson still denied that he knew the cable [sic] was a fake."

In its issue dated the day before and out earlier, Time conceded that Colson leaked "information to Life for a story in 1970 that helped defeat Maryland Democratic Senator Joseph Tydings."