

lacked the proper type face, however, he knew it would not stand careful scrutiny. He and Colson, Hunt testified, thereupon tried to convince a LIFE correspondent, William Lambert, that the cable was genuine. Lambert was impressed at first but later became doubtful and never wrote about it.

This kind of deceit, spying and burglarizing—directed from within the White House—was an appalling abuse of presidential power. Just how much Nixon knew about any such activity is, of course, one of the central mysteries in the whole Watergate affair. At the least, all of these men expected that there would be no outrage from the

the White House "Berlin Wall" erected by Ehrlichman and Haldeman.

Silly. Mitchell claims that he opposed the Watergate wiretapping plans each time that he heard about them. But his duty as chief law-enforcement officer was to have the planners arrested right there for conspiring to commit crimes. Once the wiretapping was revealed last June 17, it seems inconceivable that Mitchell did not tell Nixon at once precisely who had pushed the scheme—or that Nixon did not ask.

As the man who had earned the admiration of most top police officials because of his strong support of wiretapping, "no knock" entry in making

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