

WG: The Self-Fulfilling Prophecy? - Victim as Villain.

The outrageous nature of the Alch defense, that the victim deserved to be killed, in effect, and the only reason being because he was alive, made me think about it a bit last night. Several things seem possible:

If there is violence at the counter-Inaugural demonstrations, it will look as though McCord irrationality, if he really thought what Alch alleges, was rational, justified, even patriotic. Or, the defense that is entirely unreasonable will appear to be reasonable.

If there is violence, it will build sympathy for Nixon.

At one of the larger peace demonstrations, one that had been entirely peaceful, after it was all over there was a bunch of crazies who ran through the Dupont Circle area trashing glass. It was pointless to begin with. But the glass broken is in point: it was all the glass of small businesses. Among the attractive expanses of glass there and entirely untouched was bank glass. There was strong public resentment at this pointless destruction. It was counter-productive.

Without adding to the operation possibly created for the thing of which WG was part, there should be a couple of convenient people around to trash the inauguration. If none are already on hand, planting a few will be easy. The FBI is always in a position to render this kind of public service, and published reports of its offers of generous rewards for informants for the occasion extend to permanent jobs as FBI informants and even scholarships.

Or, this is an ideal situation for the killing of many birds with a single, invisible stone.

There may be enough motive for CIA interest in such a project. It also has the capability. The situation is ideal for self-starters in both agencies.

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