

Js, LF, Before going into town I went out to see if the paper had come. It had, I've skimmed the WG story enclosed and can mail it this a.m. I've not read it with care, will do that when I get a second paper. However, it leaves no doubt in my mind about the accuracy of my previous and continuing analyses. This judge is seeing to it that Liddy and McCord do not go to jail or don't in a long time, that nothing new is coming out, and that perhaps in the end the accused go free. In turn, this makes me believe that those who could be directly connected with the White House are the ones who copped pleas. If you read the excerpts from the proceedings, Sirica's awareness that he could be causing a mistrial ~~is~~ is explicit, as is his "I don't care". His refusal to recall Baldwin is incredible, as is his reason, that Baldwin, or rather Sloan, could have a lapse of memory. If this did happen, there is no way Sloan could get away with it and every way for him to pay heavily if he tried. Even the prosecutor would not take this risk and asked the recall. All the testimony already given and I suppose almost anything else could be used to impeach anything Sloan would say he forgot after but a couple of days. The judge could charge him with perjury. His earlier testimony could be read back. In all of this what the crooked judge again avoided in any effort to elicit from Sloan the names of those obviously in on what Liddy was in on. And in all of this what has been lost sight of is that the testimony in question is either irrelevant to guilt or innocence in terms of the indictment or at most de trop. What it does show and what the judge has no interest in despite his loud pretenses is who else was in on the deal and should have been indicted at least for conspiracy. Here Sirica does nothing, tries nothing, even suggests nothing. He merely makes noises that actually have kidded the press. If there is an exception I haven't seen it. Nor has any lawyer sounded off. This is the most open fix I can remember. HW 1/27/73