

JBS has carried an item on agreement to Committee guidelines re WC. This, I think, means the end of the basic Nixon pretense and the preparation of another. Committee practises are pretty standard and in this case not even the GOPs are going to be interested in any major change in them. However, drafting a set means no quibbling, and if as seems to be indicated they permit invocation of alleged executive privilege, that is nothing new. Any witness is allowed to claim any privilege at any time. Or, the committee has not yielded, although GL will make it seem he has prevailed on the issue. In turn, this means the day of public exposure is close. That, I think, means the lamb will be thrown to the wolves before the committee holds its first public hearing, in the hope of preserving other lambs and most of all, trying to save the old GL ewe. This would not be unusual public relations, would be consistent with GL's self-concept and would enable what I earlier forecast, an effort by him to make himself look like the victim. Whoever the sacrificed lamb, it will not have to be one of those close to the ewe, not just a waif. HW 4/16/73