

Went to work but no interest in defense or in this indictment. I tried to go to work with him. History is of over # 21/1/73

WG leaks: I think we have paid too little attention to these because they can tell us much more than the information leaked. I believe all had a purpose. An estimated common purpose is the serving of the interest of the leaker, and in most cases I'd guess this included presenting himself in the best light and making him seem pure and concerned about all the truth coming out. AP story a.m.s 4/24th has Siebert saying Kleindienst leaned on him but he would not do K's bidding. This makes Siebert look like one of these white-hatted good guys but the fact is that he is most culpable, as any careful reading of the indictment, never done in the papers, shows beyond question. From this I speculate that he has been one of the Post's sources, directly or indirectly. The FBI and Justice lawyers also have much to hide in their records, for they covered up and whitewashed. Much of what the Post has carried could have come from these sources. I remember no story in all their many pointing out the obvious omissions and deficiencies in both the investigation and legal work, esp. indictments. From my past I recall a relevant story. In the 1930s the Senate committee for which I worked was investigating Chrysler. We had issued duces tecum subpoenas but had not gotten some records included in them. We then found that they had existed. The question came up who had destroyed them, literally a crime. Chrysler's lawyer was Lester Colbert, later its president. He asked each and every Chrysler witness in the hearing room if he had destroyed the records. Each, under oath, responded that he had not. When it was all over, the committee then asked Colbert if he, personally, had destroyed (or ordered destroyed, I've forgotten which) the records. He had. He almost got away with it. Having done the criminal act himself, having been so openly contemptuous (legal sense), he nonetheless made the pretense of outrage and indignation and worse, of seeming to seek the truth and to expose it. Enemies could be leaking, as those now close to GL who want to get Mitchell. I can't remember all the leaks, of course. But of those I do recall, I can't think of one not subject to the interpretation that it served an interest that could have been that of the leaker. Another purpose has been served by these leaks, with the Post a good example. They have discouraged enterprise in reporting and have brought about dependence upon the leaks. I recall no story showing real investigative digging, rather exceptional with a story of the magnitude of this. I also know of cases where the leads were in hand and not followed, several with the Post and Times. If I am correct on Hunt being Bender, then the immediate leak of the identity of "Eduardo" for him cut that off. That one was accepted by a man who should have known better, Tad Szulc. Just about all leaks seem traceable to the Creeps or government sources. This has to be true of the Anderson grand jury transcripts, the only possible exception, the court-reporting firm, being highly unlikely. They'd lose every contract they have. HW 4/24/73