

WTOP-TV rebroadcast a special, hour-long Agronsky & Co. show, probably aired 4/26/73, on 4/28. It had Hugh Sidey, Peter Lisagor and James J. Kilpatrick. The outrage of all three was not new. The pointing at Nixon by Kilpatrick was. By this time much had broken, all except the new Hunt stuff. They were all willing to focus on Mitchell, Siegler and others. But after all of this they treated Nixon as though he could not have had any part in it. Now these are the original doom-wailers. All the official lies, including Nixon's, were exposed. But he, still, could not have known. Except they consider he could have been part of and/or responsible for not telling all. Because of the positions and prominence of these journalists, and particularly because of the time of all of this, I think it bears on my belief that Nixon would make himself first the victim and then the hero of his own crookedness. These guys are actually begging for it. Even Bernstein and Woodward, on the show on tape, maintained there was no "evidence" of any Nixon involvement. What they meant is not this but that there is no authenticated proof. Evidence of his involvement has been open from the first. Concern for the institution of the presidency oppresses all, but what this particular President did to the institution doesn't. They don't want him hurt, and their copout is not to hurt the institution. What was to be gained they also could not see. If Nixon had subversive objectives, then he has gained for he has subverted. HW 4/28/73