

WG Indictments of 3/1/74 - Today's (Sunday's) WxPost has virtually no WG news as such and no follow-up on this entirely unprecedented story. My yesterday's note recall that the earlier one also came down on a Friday and the news problems thus caused. But with a story of this magnitude, papers like the Post could afford the staff overtime for a few by-liners and could find enough quotable notables to quote on such things as impact on Nixon, impeachment, Congress, state of nation, and the other stereotypes as well as whether or not the indictment was thorough, what it means that the tape does not support Haldeman and Nixon vs. Dean on the million-buck payoff conference of 3/21/73 and all the many possibilities of news of this magnitude. Whether it is the consequence of clever timing in the handing down of the indictments or Post abidcation, on virtually no other major story would there not be major second-day stories. If it is a meaningful sign it is not a good sign. HW 3/3/74