

The Sweepstakes

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Attorneys at the Justice Department have organized a "Gemstone Sweepstakes," named for the code word reportedly used by those who bugged the Watergate to identify their secret mission.

Listed are 21 names of persons mentioned thus far in the political espionage probe, including that of President Nixon.

For an entry fee of \$1, participants select those names they believe will be indicted. One sponsor of the pool described the response as "phenomenal."

Caught in the middle of the Watergate Controversy, embattled presidential assistants H. R. (Bob) Haldeman and John Ehrlichman—for the first time in months—missed their weekly two-hour tennis workout.

The court which they reserve Monday nights at McLane's indoor center was paid for, but remained vacant.

A week earlier, on the eve of President Nixon's announcement of "major developments" that imperiled Haldeman and Erlichman's future, the two still showed up with their wives to play doubles.

Potpourri

Metromedia executive Mark Evans, one of the vice chairmen of the Inauguration, is expected to get an ambassadorship this week. Some of his friends speculated that he might have the clout to get the prestigious post in London, but a much more likely appointment is the embassy in Norway. Evans is of Norwegian ancestry and once served as a Mormon missionary there . . . Mrs. Endicott Peabody says she didn't want the guests getting high in more ways than one at the fund-raising party staged this weekend to pay off the campaign debts incurred by her husband in his unsuccessful bid for the vice presidency. So she covered a trampoline in the garden with a Moroccan quilt and asked friends to lend her pillows to disguise it as a temporary lounge . . .

. . . Kennedy Center officials are embarrassed about a printer's error in this month's program for current performances. The name of Mrs. Aristotle Onassis, which runs every month with other First Ladies as an honorary patron, is misspelled. It will be corrected in the May issue . . .