

Didn't get to read Jack Anderson's column yesterday until last night. He says he had word of Agnew's crookedness two years ago. Several days ago a newscast I heard said that the Wall Street Journal had the whole story before the re-election and suppressed it. Either means, I think, that Nixon knew before he selected Agnew again. I have written several other notes along this general line recently. If it becomes absolutely certain that he did know before the convention, it might be one of the few things that could mean something today. The Ford nomination is less than enthusiastically welcome in Congress. ~~It was a wise selection by~~ Nixon, but ~~he~~ Ford is known for what he is. They will all say nice things in public, but his peers know him at best as a nothing. HW 10/19/73