

11/1/72 When Ken Clawson joined the Nixon White House from the Post I was surprised, for it did not seem likely that he could satisfy both employers and himself. Now that it is said he was a) recruited by Colson and b) in February, when the operation of which the Watergate is part and of which he is accused of having admitted his own part was getting started it is less easy to comprehend. Unless he suddenly turned off the kinds of things he had been reporting, had never been "on" them or there was some special inducement. It is more mystifying when the number of newsmen from whom the choice could have been made is considered, and of them the number whose politics would seem to be closer to those of the White House and its staff. It is difficult to believe that there is nothing not seen.