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# Watergate and the Creation of Legends

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While all the facts in the Watergate have not come out yet, it is time to sum up what the country knows so far about this fascinating affair.

The average cost of a White House aide's honeymoon is \$4,800.

It cost American Airlines \$100,000 to fly Herbert Kalmbach from New York to Washington.

John Mitchell, who told the country to "judge us by what we do, not what we say," can't remember what he did.

The *only* person in the Nixon administration whom the country still believes is Julie Eisenhower.

No one approved of G. Gordon Liddy's plan to break into the Democratic Party headquarters. He did it on his own, against the protests of everyone in the White House and the Committee for the Re-election of the President.

The best time to go to the Bathroom when watching the Watergate Senate hearings is when Sen. Montoya is questioning the witness.

No one talked to the President of the United States from June 17, 1972, until March 22, 1973, about his own political campaign.

It takes \$20 million to get an incumbent President *nominated* by his party for a second term.

The only person in the Watergate affair who doesn't have a good lawyer is the President of the United States.

If you commit a crime involving the administration, the first thing you should ask for is immunity.

John Ehrlichman's favorite hobby was recording the conversations of people who came to his office.

E. Howard Hunt has a thing about red wigs.

John Dean was running the White House alone for the past year.

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## in Our Time

The CIA does not launder money in Mexico.

L. Patrick Gray might now be head of the FBI if he only knew enough not to burn state's evidence.

The biggest problem the Nixon administration faced in the first four years was how to prevent an "enemy" from eating dinner at the White House.

If Charles Colson didn't like you, you could expect an audit by IRS.

The White House did not earn interest on the \$350,000 kept in H. R. Haldeman's safe.

Had the President known what was going on in regard to the Watergate, according to John Mitchell, he would have taken action, and would have lost the election.

Sen. Howard Baker, as far as the American housewife is concerned, is the "cutest" member of the Ervin committee.

## Capitol Punishment

When people commit a burglary for a political party, their lawyers' fees should be paid in cash and their families should be taken care of, for "humanitarian" reasons.

The way to get back at someone who steals papers from the Pentagon is to raid his psychiatrist's office.

Men who have short hair and wear coats and ties are capable of lying.

If the President hadn't maintained three White Houses, he would have probably found out about the Watergate.

The two favorite phrases to come out of the Watergate hearings are "to the best of my recollection" and "at that point in time."

It now turns out that Martha Mitchell was not telling the truth when she said that whatever her husband knew about Watergate, the President knew as well.

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