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✓ **MORE ON WATERGATE:  
BUT ARE THEY SELLING?**

Are Watergate books selling? There are signs the public is not rushing out to buy them—for two obvious reasons: each week brings startling new developments, and the newspapers, radio and TV are providing just about all the material anyone can absorb.

Still, the Watergate books continue to come. The *New York Times* has now followed its opus on Watergate, "The Watergate Hearings," published by Bantam, with a book of cartoons, "Ni (X) on Rated Cartoons" by syndicated columnist Ranan R. Lurie. Senator Lowell Weicker (R., Connecticut), member of the Ervin subcommittee, hosted a pre-publication reception for Lurie in the Senate caucus room.

The newly created *Washington Post* writers group will publish its first book, "Year of Scandal" (\$3.95), November 22 with distribution by Dell. The 120-page paperback, with photos and Herblock cartoons, was to have been a "Watergate" book, but was renamed in order to include the Agnew and Cox stories.

"Watergate Close-Up," a collection of photographs by NBC photographer Stanley Tretick, with an accompanying 25,000-word text by William V. Shannon of the *New York Times*, will be published by Macmillan in February, 1974. According to Macmillan, the book will provide a view of the proceedings, through over 100 previously unpublished photos of the Senate Watergate committee, its witnesses and observers. |