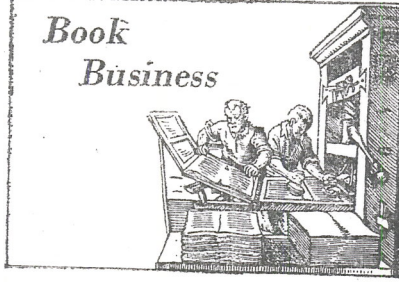


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Sirica's Sentences

WHO'S LOOKING for sentences from Judge John Sirica? An editor and his publisher that's who, according to publishing sources. The two unnamed bookmen reportedly plan to confer with Judge Sirica next week in the hope that he will give them enough sentences to make a book. At this point, says one source close to Sirica, the prospect is not "even a glimmer, but there are people who have talked about it with him."

Another Watergate figure, Gail Magruder, recently received an advance from Lippincott for her book tentatively titled *Gail Magruder's Story*. Laura Hobe, a former Lippincott editor and author of religious books, will write the book with her. The manuscript is due to be delivered in September. Lippincott bought the book on the basis of an outline and sample chapter.

A source close to the project says that Gail plans to concentrate on "how spiritual she and her husband became after he got out of jail and on what her life was like during Jeb's internment."

In contrast, publishers are said to be generally unresponsive to Jeb Magruder's second book proposal. According to a publishing insider, three hardcover houses have turned down Magruder's proposal to write about his experiences in jail and his thoughts on the prison system.

Also Watergate-related was the curious gathering of John and Maureen Dean with Bob Woodward and Carl Bernstein at a Chinese restaurant in Washington re-

cently. Dean, the night before he started his lecture tour, bet the two reporters that he could name most of their sources for *All the President's Men*, including Deep Throat. Later on, the two reporters were busily interrogating Dean when he received a gentle tap from Maureen. "John, let's let the boys tell us some stories now," said Maureen, who is winding up her book, *Mo*, with Hayes Gorey and getting into final manuscript conferences with Nan Talese, her editor at Simon & Schuster.

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