

The Watergate book list continues to increase in size week after week. Ballantine reports that in September it is coming out with a book about Sam Ervin's sayings and witticisms. The Ballantine special, "The Wisdom of Sam Ervin" by Bill M. Wise, will sell for \$1.50 and will carry 16 pages of photographs. A \$30 20-copy counter display will also be available.

Lancer's September list has two Watergate specials too: "The Presidential Tapes" and "The Begatting of the Watergate: Old and New Testaments." "The Presidential Tapes" (\$1.50), reports Lancer, is a novel by Bela von Bloc about a U.S. President who has the Secret Service bug his office and what happens when a highly critical tape gets stolen. Initial printing will be 250,000 copies.

Myron Roberts and Lincoln Haynes's "The Begatting of the Watergate" is the follow-up to their two other "Begatting" books. It will include a condensed version of the 1972 edition of "The Begatting of the President," an account of the recent scandals, plus the notorious "enemies" list. Lancer will issue this \$1.50 paperback in a leather-like cover. The illustrations will consist of sketches of the most prominent figures in the scandals. A first printing of 75,000 is on order.

After only two weeks in the bookstores, Berkley's "The Impeachment of Richard Nixon" by Leonard Lurie will require a second printing of 100,000 copies. Interviews with Lurie have been broadcast in Cleveland, New York, Chicago, Miami, Seattle and Los Angeles. Berkley says that a national print advertising campaign will begin this month.

The New Lone Star Press's "The Watergate Cookbook" sold out its first printing of 10,000 in ten days, reports the press. A second printing of 30,000 copies is already in order. The \$1.50 paperback was written by the seven members of the Committee to Write the Cookbook.

New Directions' contribution to Watergate literature will be Lawrence Ferlinghetti's addenda to his 1969 political tirade, "Tyrannus Nix?" New Directions will wrap the addenda, titled "Watergate Rap 1969-1973," around the \$1.25 paperback. There is a one-free-for-10 offer to booksellers on this project.

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