

Timothy Crouse's expose of the Ervin committee and its staff is rather good but it has several serious failings perhaps the most important of which is not understanding what the report will be and can mean. He goes after legislation instead. No significant legislation is possible. Nor is it possible that any mature pol expected more. What is possible from these Establishmentarians is what they conceive to be the Establishment's need, a report that says less than it must for there to be prospect of a non-fascist Establishment. These people have not only failed to make a case against Nixon, they have failed deliberately. So what can they say in their report? That he trusted the untrustworthy and was less than forthright with them? Perhaps that he should have known better? A rap or two on the knuckles he can take after what has happened to his self-concept. Crouse, for all his experience with candidates and elections, lacks political understanding. A key is his handling of the ITT memo. And there are others. First, there was more than the memo; there were incriminating letter and I have enough of them if not all. And second, this file establishes perjury by Kleindienst and others and the committee did not question them and get confessions or demand indictments. no other reading on the committee is needed. HW 12/14/73