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When Even Windows Have Ears

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Special Watergate prosecutor Archibald Cox has taken elaborate security precautions against burglary or bugging of his office at 1425 K St. NW.

Electronic tape was installed on every window of the 9th floor. The tape will trigger an alarm, one informed source says, if human flies or cat-burglars try to enter or if sophisticated laser-beam listening devices are aimed at the glass from a distance.

Additionally, heavy metal plates have been installed on the ceilings and outside walls of all the rooms. Guards and closed circuit television cameras monitor the entrance.

Cox ordered the premises made "as secure as the most secure FBI inner-sanctum."

Potpourri

Convicted Watergate burglar G. Gordon Liddy's wife is one spouse who won't have to worry about supporting her children while her husband is in jail. She taught school before Liddy was arrested and still teaches in the District of Columbia school system... Larry Higby, the loyal lieutenant of former presidential assistant H. R. (Bob) Haldeman, is seen frequently these days in the Executive Office Building corridors, carrying armloads of documents to the copying room. Officially, he is supposed to be on loan to the Office of Management and Budget, doing a report for Fred Malek. He is expected to switch to the OMB payroll soon....

Although a job was found for Higby, not all staff members who worked for deposed White House aides have fared so well. Jana Hruska, formerly the trusted secretary of John Ehrlichman and a daughter of Nebraska Sen. Roman Hruska, wasn't placed permanently and is reported by White House sources to be sending out

resumes... Book publishers, inundated with proposals from authors wanting to write on every conceivable aspect of Watergate, thought the possibilities had been exhausted. They discovered they were wrong last week when a woman writer with eight books to her credit suggested in all seriousness that she do a gardening picture book on the balconies and backyards of key Watergate figures...

The Smithsonian Institution is trying to persuade Walter Annenberg, U.S. ambassador to the Court of Saint James, to make it the eventual beneficiary of his outstanding collection of Chinese Export porcelain. The Annenbergs have some rare pieces, including a complete tea set of the lotus pattern which took eight years to assemble and cost \$50,000 before prices sky-rocketed... Unfortunately for the Smithsonian, the Annenbergs haven't held onto everything they bought through the years. Not too long ago, they sold five plates which had belonged to George Washington for a total of \$18,500. Today, each plate is worth almost that much individually....

McCall's magazine has assigned a writer to profile Supreme Court Associate Justice William O. Douglas' wife, Cathy... The austere delegates from the People's Republic of China, now looking for a mansion to serve as an embassy, have inspected some of the most elegant dwellings in the market in Washington. Included on the list of properties under consideration are "Firenze" the Florentine palace of Polly Guggenheim Logan; multimillionaire Garfield Kass' \$1 million French manor house (once featured in House and Garden), and the Woodland Drive manse where former ambassador True Davis entertained Washington VIPs so lavishly before the United Mine Workers fired him as president of their bank.

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