

11/8/74 - Pos. used recordings Fard's action, planning, etc.

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not in  
with  
room

Further from election the better, meaning the sooner  
Packed Sunday & no announcement to down play  
Unloaded warning problems on tapes, documents.  
Had to do before new evidence made even more  
My witness - the evidence on Nixon - tapes, etc &  
at trials Those who can talk 1st person.

Nixon's rationality factor?

Becker old paper for him - Wolfson case.

Trousfery and sue to Calif. gets further from truth  
Apparently no prepared text available to CBS for  
6 p.m. 10 special. However, there had to be because  
NPR 5 p.m. to test in United quotes - unless  
made from tape (see below on text, off. press meeting)

Picked him of his own personal popularity peak & sym-  
pathy for him - before problems rise his by  
good p.a. work - and before he starts to confront the  
question realities he is without or with the office

? with Haig still in W.H., is this his doing? why he  
stayed - to work it out?

? was Miller working <sup>on it</sup> before his hiring was announced?  
No indication of normal method, of W.H. staff, esp. to Haig's his  
office, preparing reporters even in confidence. There are things  
that it would have been helpful to Ford to have said in ad-  
vance & to have had used. No indication of this & indications  
do contrary NPR 5 p.m. special. Did Ford keep it secret from  
his own information people? Why by that relationship later  
time no fill-in by the Haig a assistant(s)? Indications of by face.  
by by face, but not mention & could give resignations, esp. of my  
at all ~~discussed~~ The action itself - seems to have used  
counsel, only - & from

2) ? Why did he not wait until indictment, when legal situation clearer. His explanation of hearing witnesses opposite of reality. This makes new burdens + raises more + worse ?'s of justice - in general + re: all charged + esp. those jailed. Aside from above notes, possibility deal made when Nixon chose him worth considering. I think likely.

If press sec. were not in on this, they look very bad professionally for having staged this way - professional reflection on Deans Nixon statement admits nothing but indictments - how would Ford accept this + expect Jaworski not to quit in protest without advance deal which mean Jaworski agreed + he may now have real negotiations to face. DJ + G.S. also had to have been in, + with no leak her to mean only my fear + on my highest level. Will there be resignations in DJ? Is it taken high in administration? Nixon's failure to acknowledge any real culpability can have serious ripple effects. He is thus being punished for every + all turns of his entire professional career while not admitting any of them no act of contrition for any.

The more I think of it the more now it appears to be. There will have to be some consequences inside with re: branch on both of not also the prosecutor's office. It smacks too much of dirty political deal in all aspects of which staying as it was is only one. It really is of Nixon's credibility - as though he + J. Edgar scripted it.

Maybe Haig

His "cognitive dissonance" like means he yielded to Watergate and only out it up at. Who but Nixon's hardness in morality would even complain if he were indicted? Would Ford do this with "hippies"? Anti-Castro Cubans?

For that resigned Westinghouse reported little after 8:15 p.m. (R. Y. W. / Phule)



3) I'm not sure that Hushen was taken from my ~~the~~ ~~the~~ career in DJ p.r. duty - work of all experienced men available for #2 job. office job? Working horse said he stayed in office after for H. Grant. Suggestion: Hushen would be expected to keep quiet if that or any practicing reporter might not be.

Notice stinks mentions only 2 lawyers, Muller & Becker. Nixon + 3 others; Jaworski, a News had to be in - to get Muller out of SAC. with not being seen or reported. 2 could have handled it that end. But how did Muller & Becker fly with not being recognized? Grot plane? Two ways - there & back - not on commercial plane. Not unusual in is scary - but nobody seems to have asked & means others to know something was up.

Because the government end of the deal is not good, it was worked out in advance, on the spot, or was Ford's offer. The deal is all Nixon's way. Yet enough details to require some work unless there was a beginning point. (Was Nixon in good enough shape to walk his own deal out or was it out there just to get his o.k.?) Muller down work. (Like with Blanchard?)

Did he couple-up on the "admission" he was to make? a deal? after handle that for him?

First oral indication deal - emergency offer to war protesters abroad - same as ostensible deal for Nixon partly leaked to star which carried this a.m. and got early a.m. radio play. Same deal with Nixon + protesters. What could be more fair would be the agreement. (I think some in Canada already ask in TV interviews was something like this in Ford's mind)

Today's Evans-Novak column reports Ford staff complaint that they still there, still running Ford's schedule & getting him details too late for him to change or his presence off to know what is up. Almost got Ford to appoint Dick Cheney as ambassador to South Africa

4) assumed c) indictment, which was safe assumption & would have been knowledge and d) conviction. Why deny him in the country the relief of equated?

Tom Beckow. NBC TV special 10:30 p.m. Ten hours up all night drafting his letter of resignation - professional reasons - and delivered to Fed this a.m. himself.

When ask evidence of deal? of Beckow & Hesse. Don says now only questions. "We don't have all cards on the table" some on deal?

"He probably made this decision now when he was at the peak of his personal popularity" - Beckow - exactly my initial reasoning earlier

? asked at W H on ad lib on health - fear of suicide?  
Answer "no" But no only health question. (Sanity)

Jackson says this is contrary to report of Fed's news conference on this subject

Wiper says after announcement - other officials said tapes deal agreed to Sat. Beckow started on 8/30 on all on Fed's request consulted with Jeremiah Allen Nixon negotiator

8/15-7.  
one month today of taking office