

Haig

During the impeachment proceedings against President Andrew Johnson - and ~~the~~
two-third of t he Senate all but one did vote him guilty - the wily Johnson sought to
exploit the military and military prestige by promoting the popular General Williams
Tecumseh Sherman.

In his extfemity, also anxious to have the military as much more behind him as
possible, Nixon made General Alexander Haig his top assistant, in effect assistant
president.

Sherman would have none of this. He asked the Senate not to approve his promotion.

Haig is a different kind of general, not the least of this differences being his
lack of even real command experience. He, presumeably with full military support, moved
into the White House as fast as possible.

Nicholas van Hoffman (~~WP-5/23/73~~) gave as Haig's "chief accomplishment" the
"ability to order phoned tapped in 10 languages". These were not "enemy" phones to
which van Hoffman alluded, not those of "subversives" ot Democrats. They were the
phones of friends and associates!