

Haldeman - continuing Nixon connection

Yesterday or the day before Robert Pierpoint, CBS News, had an item saying that Haldeman had remained a close Nixon adviser since his departure. The story got a good play on net TV and I heard it during the early a.m. several times, early a.m. and late night, perhaps, from WBEM Chicago or WCBS New York or both.

If it has appeared in the WxPost I have not seen it. They do pick up TV stuff and report, especially the Sunday talk shows. They have credited a fair amount to TV news in their own WG reporting. This one they shunned, and it is significant.

Pierpoint had confirmation from Ziegler that Haldeman had been in touch with him from time to time. First a small number, then a little larger but still small number of calls. Pierpoint said the actual communications were much more extensive and cited White House sources.

The thrust is that whether or not there was direct communication with Nixon, and I think a few calls were acknowledged, there was direct communication with/by Ziegler, who relayed to Nixon. The import was that Nixon still wants, seeks and gets Haldeman's counsel.

This made no reference to the frequency of Haldeman's visits to Washington. They have not been uncommon in re WG matters, from his own accounting (current time).

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