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Other Conspiracies?

For an historian, by far the most arresting statement in recent weeks about the Nixon presidency was contained in the Howard Hunt memorandum of November 14, 1972. "The Watergate bugging," that eminent plumber wrote in a document designed to remind the Nixon White House of its obligations to him and his associates, "is only one of a number of highly illegal conspiracies engaged in by one or more of the defendants at the behest of senior White House officials. These as yet undisclosed crimes can be proved."

So far as I can see, this extraordinary statement has met with nearly total incuriosity. Is no one interested in what these "highly illegal conspiracies," these "undisclosed crimes," were, and what "senior White House officials" ordered that they be committed? Yet I am aware of no presidential, judicial, congressional or even editorial demands that this startling assertion be followed up. Does no one care about the other crimes and conspiracies carried out by Nixon's White House mob?

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