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## Nixon's Aides Held To Have Weighed Drugging Columnist

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WASHINGTON, June 8 (UPI) —The Nixon White House was considering a plan in March 1972, to discredit Jack Anderson, the columnist, by drugging him so he would appear incoherent in a public appearance, a Senate committee reported today.

Er. Howard Hunt, subsequently convicted for the Watergate break-in, lunched with a retired Central Intelligence Agency physician at a Washington restaurant a stone's throw from the White House in hopes of obtaining a hallucinogenic drug for the project.

Details of the plan to discredit Mr. Anderson, who aroused the Nixon Administration's ire by publishing secret White House transcripts revealing Mr. Nixon's "tilt" in favor of Pakistan in the war between India and Pakistan involving Bangladesh in 1971, were published by the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence in a special supplement to its final report.

The drugging project was dropped after it was determined to be impracticable.

The intelligence committee, however, said it "has found no evidence" to support Washington Post report by Bob Woodward, Sept. 21, 1975, that the Nixon White House had attempted to assassinate Mr. Anderson.

"However," the report said a White House effort was made in consultation with a former C.I.A. physician to explore means of drugging Anderson to discredit him by rendering him incoherent before a public appearance.

"This effort apparently never proceeded beyond the planning stage."

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