

26 Apr 73 ①

~~Executive Office~~
Gray, according to "FBI and other sources"/destroyed files taken from Hunt's safe in Executive Office ~~Building~~ Building which had been turned over to ~~Mr~~ Gray by Ehrlichman and Dean 28 Jun 72. Files were on JFK (Diem) and EMK (Chappaquiddick),

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NYC 27 Apr 73, Rugaber See also entry 27 Apr, 73
WXP 27 Apr 73, Woodward, Bernstein

Nixon has "a long discussion" with ~~Mr~~ Kleindienst, night meeting. Reports of Gray's destruction of Hunt files already circulating; Ziegler says Nixon asked Kleindienst to take matter up with Gray.

SFC 28 Apr 73

Cubans convicted in Watergate trial reported told, at about this time (ABC News 40 May says "just two weeks ago"), that it is critical to U.S. security that they keep quiet about the break-in.

ABC News, transcription, 10 May 73

*Weicker confirms during Ervin hearings that it was he who leaked this information; "I made sure that the story was laid out in front of the public as soon as I got it ... certainly in no way did it ever occur to me was this something that could be left unattended to, that [Gray] could remain as acting director of the FBI." (Check transcripts.)

SFC [UPI] 27 Jul 73

Gray meets with Petersen and Kleindienst at Kleindienst's office, 7 p.m., tells them of his meeting with Weicker the day before. Kleindienst goes into another office to talk phone Nixon, and Petersen says to Gray, "Pat, I am scared. I am scared because it appears that you and I are expendable and Haldeman and Ehrlichman are not," and advises Gray to get a lawyer. Kleindienst returns and tells Gray Nixon wants him to continue as acting director of the FBI; Gray agrees to do so.

WXP 7 Aug 73 - Gray testimony

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Haldeman says (8 Nov 73) that this was the day 22 WH tapes were turned over to him, including that of Nixon-Dean conversation of 21 Mar 73; ^{AMP-A} of the 22, listened only to that of 21 Mar; had believed he returned all, today. Secret Service records they were not returned until 2 May 73.

NYT 9 Nov 73, Weaver

WXP 9 Nov 73, Lardner, who includes more details

- See also entry 31 Jul 73
- See also entry 2 Nov 73, Bull
- See also entry 11 Nov 73, missing tapes

Nixon (visit to Japan) - "President Nixon will visit Japan at a 'convenient' future time, a State Department spokesman said today. 'The question at this point is simply arranging a time convenient to both his schedule and the Japanese,' said spokesman Charles W. Brady."

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See entries, 24, 25 Apr 73. OVER-A

Tape, 21 Mar 73 - House Judiciary Committee, 30 May 74, issues fourth subpoena, this one for 45 more WH tapes. Pacifica: "Committee counsel John Doar told committee members that the new subpoena included a request for tapes and documents for a six-hour meeting on April 26 [1973]. At that meeting was President Nixon, H.R. Haldeman and John Ehrlichman, and, according to Doar, it was at this meeting that they discussed the March 21st tape. At that time it was reviewed and it was discussed."

KPFA News 30 May 74, transcript

(A) - See also longer stories by Richard Halloran, NYT, 25, 28 Apr 73, filed Nix Ad. From Halloran's story of 28 Apr, datelined Tokyo: "The reaction from Washington appeared frigid from here. The White House declined to comment and referred inquiries to the State Department, which tried to put the best face on it by saying that the invitation was still open. The Administration also told Foreign Minister Masayoshi Ohira, who had asked to come to Washington to 'explain' the cancellation, not to bother."

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① - Haldeman reviewed the tape of 21 Mar 73, Nixon-Dean, and reported on it to Nixon the same day.

Entry 25 Apr 73, Nixon tells Haldeman

26-27 Apr 73

Magruder resigns*, midnight. Resignation described by
NYTimes as "abrupt and unexplained."

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*as ass't sec. commerce

SFE 29 Apr 73, Lisagor

~~Nixon characterizes Magruder's resignation as abrupt and unexplained
in a speech to Congress on 28 April 1973.~~
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