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Hunt's phone in EOB basement office - From article by Carl Bernstein: "It was the only phone of its type in the executive branch as far as we could determine. It was billed as a private phone to the home of the secretary. It was exclusively for Mr. Hunt's use. It had been installed with the approval of John Ehrlichman's office, and the only conversations that anyone ever heard on the telephone were in Spanish."

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Walter Cronkite, in magazine article: "None of these previous cases [Teapot Dome, etc.] was so potentially far-reaching as the one now being exposed. For the Watergate bugging was an attempt to steal a birthright far more precious than money, the citizen's privilege to choose his president, fair and square. It was an attempt, on the national level, to subvert the two-party system.... It was a naked attempt to use power for the perpetuation of power, and down that road dictatorship thrives and democracy cannot survive. ...

"It is strange that the administration cannot see that the power with which it would invest itself today it might have to pass on to another political party tomorrow. Or, perhaps, does it believe that with such power over a cowed and intimidated press that is not a serious possibility? The arrogance of Watergate might lead us to accept that diabolical theory. "

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