

Witness: Richard Halms  
Gen. Robert E. Cushman

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Helms, testifying before Ervin committee (questioned by Talmadge?) suggests he was forced to resign from CIA; says ~~in~~ Nixon told him, 20 Nov 72, that he wanted to "make a change" at the CIA and wanted Helms to take a diplomatic post.

(Helms told Senate Foreign Relations Committee, open session, "last May," that the CIA had prepared two profiles on Dr. Ellsberg. The first was considered inadequate by the White House. The final one was delivered to the White House on 12 Nov 71.)

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NYT 19 Jul 73, p. 20, Hunter

Agnew is notified he is under investigation by federal prosecutor in Baltimore for possible criminal violations, including bribery, extortion, tax fraud and conspiracy. WXPost 7 Aug says Jerome B. Wolff and Lester Matz, also under investigation have been hinting that in return for immunity or reduced charges they would be willing to supply information on Agnew. Knight newspapers 29 Jun say Wolff could "implicate" Agnew.

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SFC [UPI] 8 Aug

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- Joseph Kraft, in column ~~with~~ with Nixon's refusal to release tapes, says "It positively makes it easy for the Supreme Court to rule against the President on the matter of access to the tapes. So easy that there is some feeling that Mr. Nixon may have a joker up his sleeve." Kraft says Nixon, by permitting, ~~testimony~~ without resistance, testimony by Dean, Haldeman and Ehrlichman about presidential conversations, may have waived executive privilege, much as a witness who starts to talk and then tries to assert Fifth Amendment privilege against self-incrimination; that this would provide the Supreme Court "a way of deciding the particular issue without going to the larger constitutional question. Accordingly, it is widely believed that the tapes will eventually surface, and there is a question here whether Mr. Nixon is not hoping they will eclipse all other serious issues raised by Watergate."

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- "Before Agnew himself received formal notice from the Justice Department that he was under investigation, ... Richardson reported (in late July) to ... Haig, with a briefing on all aspects of the case." Evans and Novak say this fits "a pattern that has infuriated the Agnew camp," give other examples.

WXP 20 Aug 73, Evans and Novak

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Hunt-Cushman meeting - transcript of taped conversation/in  
Cushman's office, made public by Ervin committee today.

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