

Witness: Lt. Gen. Vernon Walters
Patrick Gray III

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White House tapes - Lawrence Dawson, president, Dawson Productions, gives examples of tapes he has altered and says it is fairly easy to do, and for this reason, "With respect to ~~what~~ whether tapes have been doctored or not, the point is simply that when audio tape recordings are used for political purposes they should immediately be suspect if only because there is no way of detecting alterations, if any."

SFCh 3 Aug 73, letters to editor See entry 25 Oct.

ITT - NYTimes carries story on memo, Colson to Haldeman, 30 Mar 72, on ITT-Hartford merger litigation, ~~the contact of the ex-husband of [ITT]~~ and the possibility that Nixon's instructions to the Justice Department in the case "would lay this case on the President's doorstep." Colson also mentions in his memo another possibly embarrassing ITT memo, etc.

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Weicker says military documents obtained by a Senate investigator show that The Army spied on American civilians in West Germany, including McGovern supporters, during 1972 campaign (wiretaps, photographic surveillance, infiltration and opening of mail). Has turned the materials over to Senate Armed Services Committee, Watergate Committee and Judiciary Committee's constitutional rights subcommittee.

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Gray testimony - see his and Ehrlichman's versions of call made by Ehrlichman to Gray, 15 Apr 73, in which Gray says he destroyed documents from Hunt's safe. (See also entry WXP 4 Aug 73, p. 13, cols. 7 and 8 (over) A 15 Apr.)

Haig says he opposes selective release of WH tapes because Watergate defendants accused of perjury would then insist on complete disclosure in effort to exonerate themselves; had favored release until he discussed the "legal and political" implications and "constitutional issues involved" with senior Nixon aides; when he decided that the tapes "would not be a major^r factor" in arriving at the truth.

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Letter to the editor, "A nation in 'clear and terrible danger,'" by Herbert S. Levine

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B Evans and Novak: "Of six intragovernmental memoranda that Colson warned might tie the White House to the ITT affair, at least two - and possibly more - are believed in Cox's possession. Furthermore, the ITT case, by tracing political influence over antitrust policy to high places in the administration and possibly the Oval Office, poses a threat to Mr. Nixon potentially greater than Watergate."
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A Gray tells of his burning of two folders taken from Hunt's desk just after Christmas 1972; one contained a cable, and duplicates of it, which seemed to implicate officials of Kennedy administration in assassination of Diem, the other, onion skin copies of correspondence. SFChronicle [WXP] 27 Apr 73, says Hunt papers also included dossier on EMK and Chappaquiddick.