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Bittman withdraws as lawyer for Hunt; no details.

WXP 17 Aug - George Lardner Jr

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Magruder, three hours after return from European vacation, pleads guilty to one-count "information" against him. Released on own recognizance after Judge Sirica withholds sentence until completion of any other trials in which his testimony is needed. Plans to go on lecture tour.

WXP 17 Aug 73, George Lardner Jr.

Nixon speech—reactions. Analysis by John Hanrahan deals with unanswered questions, and contradictions with earlier statements. "It was on March 21, Mr. Nixon said ... that

~~WXP 17 Aug 73, John Hanrahan~~

Dean gave him 'new information . . . that led me to conclude that reports I had been getting for over nine months were not true.' If Dean had been the source of the false information for the preceding nine months ... the question arises: Why did Mr. Nixon stick with Dean for nine more days as his chief Watergate reporter after receiving what the President termed the 'troubling allegations' of March 21?"

WXP 17 Aug 73, John Hanrahan

Quote from radio address by Nixon, Sep 68; in which he discussed the nature of the Presidency: "The President has a duty to decide, but the people have a right to know why. The President has responsibility to tell them - to lay out all the facts, and to explain not only why he chose as he did but also what it means for the future. Only through an open, candid dialogue with the people can a President maintain his trust and his leadership."

NYT 17 Aug, Herbers

Nixon speech - Warren, asked about the questions Nixon left unanswered in his speech, says Nixon had already spoken "forthrightly" about the case. "Underlying the White House stance, senior Presidential assistants said, is the conviction that the specific questions to which Mr. Nixon refused last night to address himself will gradually fade from public consciousness, which his general denial and his future activities will come to the fore."

NYT 17 Aug 73, Apple

Bittman says he has been replaced by Sidney S. Sachs.

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Nixon speech, letter to editor - One writer, after listening to speech and reading statement, describes them by using quotation from Ring Lardner, "Shut up, he explained."
Letter dated today.

NYTimes 21 Aug 73