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Ervin committee - Terrence O'Flaerty: "Some broadcasters
are bracing themselves to discontinue their coverage of the
Watergate hearings when they resume September 10."
        SFC 25 Aug 73

Ervin committee - Clayton Fritchey defends Ervin hearings
and its responsibility to "explore all aspects of this
attack on constitutional government, to educate the public
on its significance .... "
        "[It is not] surprising that in the wake of Mr. Nixon's
latest Watergate remarks the White House has been promoting
a national effort*to generate support for the new presidential
theme: 'The time has come to turn Watergate over to the
courts . . . The time has come for the rest of us to get on
with the urgent business of our nation.' ..... The President
would be happy to see everything turned over to the courts
for, very properly, the courts are confined to the narrow
focus of the counts in whatever indictments are returned.
Mr. Nixon then would not have to worry over the kind of wide-
ranging but relevant explorations that produced the
bombshells at the Senate hearings."
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                        *See stories on various groups making this
                        effort: WXP [UPI] 10 Aug; SFC [Caen] 13 Aug;
                        WXP 25 Aug.

Tom Braden - see column. whichbegins; "John Gardner
remarked the other day that one of the post-Watergate
problems was the problem of staying angry enough to do
something about it. .... It's a useful weapon, societal
anger.   But if you read the newspaper editorials, the
letters to the editor and the syndicated columnists, you get
the impression that the American people are not very angry
about the first systematic attempt in history ... to destroy
their form of government."
        WXP 25 Aug 73, Braden

** Television coverage of Watergate hearings - see article
   describing great popularity and success of public television
   in carrying the hearings.   "A woman in New York sent the
   local outlet[of N-PACT] a check for $6,000, noting: 'This

is exactly twice as much as I gave the Committee for the
Re-election of the President.'"
      WXP 25 Aug 73, Witcover