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Hunt - WXP obtains a summary of his interviews with Ervin committee investigators, which says (on the Fielding break-in) that "Colson's principal focus was to have Hunt develop derogatory information on Daniel Ellsberg [including sexual habits and drug experimentation] and prepare this information for dissemination by Hunt or Colson to mass media .... to publicly discredit Ellsberg, .... possible motivations for leaking the papers, and the identity of other conspirators."

WXP: "The committee summary states that Hunt gave three motives for the break-in: [1] to explore the possibility of espionage, [2] 'for the prosecutorial aspects of the case' and, quoting Hunt, [3] "'There was the possibility of obtaining derogatory information for Colson's usage.'" The summary indicates that Hunt 'revised' his testimony to include the third motive after initially listing only the first two."

WXP: "Despite the summary's statement that Hunt believes Colson was aware of a surreptitious intelligence plan against the Democrats, the summary also notes that Hunt signed an affidavit April 5 which exonerated Colson of any advance knowledge of the June 17, 1972, Watergate break-in. Hunt, though, did not prepare the affidavit, the summary says. Instead, according to the summary, 'the affidavit was handed to him by Bittman, already prepared for his signature, and that Bittman stated he had received the affidavit from Colson's office.'"

Hunt also denied having asked Bittman to speak to Colson in late December 1972 about the possibility of executive clemency or about money to take care of his family; said ~~first payment of \$25,000 was made~~ he was told by Bittman that first payment of \$25,000 in cash was received 7 Jul 72.

For additional details, see story.

WXP 23 Sep 73, Meyer and Hanrahan

Hunt - Walter Pincus suggests questions which should be asked of Hunt when he testifies 24 Sep.

WXP 23 Sep 73, Walter Pincus

Dash - Informal profile by Judy Bachrach.

WXP 23 Sep 73, Bachrach

Fielding break-in - see entry, Hunt.

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Agnew/poll on resignation. Gallup poll taken for Newsweek (no date) shows that two-thirds of those polled are opposed to Agnew resigning now, but 58 per cent would approve of his leaving office if he is indicted.

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Agnew's office, through press secretary, <sup>J.</sup> Marsh Thompson, announces that Agnew plans to organize a defense fund to help pay anticipated legal costs. See entry 28 Sep.

WXP 23 Sep 73, Walsh

Petersen quoted by Fred Graham as having said, "We've got the evidence. We've got it cold." (See entry 23 Sep, under Agnew/Justice Department.) Apple gives date as 19 Sep. (See story for details, or ~~Apple~~ entry 1 Oct, beginning Agnew - White House confirms ... )

NYT 2 Oct 73, Apple

Hunt (Sirhan) - See entry 7 Dec 73, on allegation by Jack Kimbrough that Hunt gave a San Quentin prisoner, Vladimir Alexander Zadeko (phonetic), \$25,000 to kill Sirhan (no date).

Nixon \$1 million portfolio - See entry 23 Sep 73.