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Witness: E. Howasrd Hunt (1)

Hunt was interviewed in 1969 by Colson, Magruder and Lyn Nofziger for (White House?) position involving public relations; was recommended by Magruder for that position but apparently not hired at that time.

The above is from ~~xxxxxxx~~ a memo (paraphrase gives no further details) released by Ervin committee today, without explanation or elaboration. Committee also releases two other memos, one dated 28 Jul 71, Hunt to Colson, outlining plan to destroy Ellsberg's public image, and one dated 27 Aug 71, Ehrlichman to Colson, asking for "game plan" on how to use material obtained by Hunt and Liddy in their "proposed undertaking."

WXP, 25 Sep 73, Meyer and Jay

Tapes - Nixon lawyers ask U.S. District Court to reject the request for summary judgment by Ervin committee. Their brief attacks the committee for exceeding "its legislative authority, both under the Constitution and under the resolution setting up the committee," and says the committee wants the tapes only to resolve conflicts in testimony among witnesses who have appeared before it. "The committee's mandate was to identify illegal, improper or unethical activities and recommend corrective legislation, not to resolve the conflicts in evidence and adjudicate questions of guilt or innocence." OVER - X

NYTimes 25 Sep 73, Ripley

National Citizens' Committee for Fairness to the Presidency, Inc - U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia, soon after receiving committee's request today that it prohibit Ervin committee from continuing public hearings, turns it down in routine notice. Spokesman for the group says it will take the case to the Supreme Court.

NYT 25 Sep 73, p. 30

Agnew - Details of "war of nerves between the Vice President and the Justice Department" described by Douglas Kneeland, including the "abrupt" - and leaked - cancellation by Richardson of speech to International Association of Police Chiefs in San Antonio scheduled for today, on the basis of "the most pressing of national business." Unnamed official

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A White House lawyers say Nixon "is answerable to only one constitutional proceeding. That proceeding requires deliberate action of the whole Congress under the impeachment clause, not the filing of a discretionary suit by a select committee of the Senate under a general enabling resolution."

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notes that Richardson does not "want to be out of touch" for the eight hours of air travel this would entail.

~~NYT 25 Sep 73, Kneeland~~

Unnamed "knowledgeable observer" at Justice Department interprets announcement that Agnew is setting up a defense fund (entry 22 Sep), and his attorneys' decision to file motions to block grand jury investigation, as "messages" to the department that Agnew is prepared to tie^{up} the matter in the courts for a long time; observer notes this would keep the issue before the public, to the possible embarrassment of the Nixon administration.

NYT 25 Sep 73, Kneeland

Baker says reports he has been approached to consider accepting the vice presidency are "absolutely untrue. They have absolutely no shred of truth about them. I know nothing about it." Asked by newsmen if he would accept the post if it became vacant and were offered to him, says he will make "no comment whatsoever."

SFC 25 Sep 73, AP

San Jose incident. California state senator Alfred Alquist ~~was~~ had asked Cox (7 Aug 73) to investigate charges that the incident involving Nixon, 29 Oct 70, might have been incited or exploited by Nixon staffers. Says today that reply from a member of Cox's staff says that "it is our intention to investigate this matter to the extent it falls within the jurisdiction of this office."

SFC 25 Sep 73

Material on San Jose filed in separate folder, under Nix Ad, with beginning date of 20 Oct 70.

Hunt testimony - excerpts deal in part with Diem cable, Gemstone, Colson's probable prior knowledge of Gemstone plan and perhaps of Watergate break-in, Hunt's efforts to obtain money through Colson, Paul O'Brien and Colson's partner, David Shapiro (to the last two mentioning his involvement in "seamy activities for the White House"), Watergate break-in.

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Hunt - Ervin committee makes public letter from Hunt to Colson, 9 Aug 72, in which Hunt asks Colson to arrange "discreet reprisals" against two officials because they "insisted that I be removed" from a project dealing with their office. The officials are Edwin W. Martin, then an associate commissioner of education who now heads the Bureau of Education, and Harvey W. Libergott, at the time a projects officer at the Office of Education and who now works for the Office of Education in Boston. They both deny Hunt's allegations.

WXP 26 Sep 73, p. 9, Lawrence Feinberg

Agnew - According to "one usually informed White House source," Nixon this evening "discussed the Agnew situation at length with ... Haig, aboard the presidential yacht Sequoia."

SFC 26 Sep 73, datelined Washington, unattributed story

Rev. John A. Huffman says rumors that his transfer from Key Biscayne to Pittsburgh had been arranged by Nixon because of an Easter sermon as critical of the President are "completely false." See entry 22 Apr 73; entry 6 Jan 74 - Nixon and Tricia Cox attend ...

NYT 25 Sep 73, Notes on People