

26 Sep 73 (1) Witness: Patrick Buchanan

Nixon/Agnew - Evans and Novak: "The seeming lack of any viable political policy inside the White House to deal with the swelling Agnew problem threatens a schism that may well harden anti-Nixon sentiment within the party's pro-Agnew right-wing. This is true despite Mr. Nixon's appeal late yesterday that the public give Agnew 'decent consideration and presumption of innocence,' an appeal that had a mocking echo from an apparent repeated administration effort the past few weeks to force him out."

WXP 26 Sep 73, Evans and Novak

Nixon/Howard Hughes. Jack Anderson says Ervin committee investigators are looking into two \$50,000 contributions to Nixon from Hughes, handed over in cash to Rebozo in 1969 and 1970, and described by Hughes aides as campaign contributions. Anderson points out that Nixon wasn't running for office in 1969 and 1970, and later in column says that in 1969 and 1970 Nixon was completing purchase of San Clemente estate. Says Ervin committee is investigating reports that the money "may have been diverted to the President's personal use."

SFC 26 Sep 73, Anderson See entry, Maheu, 25 Sep

WXP 26 Sep 73 (longer column, filed Nixon, real estate)

Nixon will hold first worship service in White House in six months on 7 Oct. (See entry 12 Sep.)

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Agnew's request that House of Representatives investigate the charges against him turned down today by Carl Albert in brief statement: "The Vice President's letter relates to matters before the courts. In view of that fact, I, as Speaker, will not take any action on the letter at this time."

After Albert's announcement, Rep. John B. Anderson, <sup>chairman</sup> of ~~Illinois~~ House Republican conference, says he feels Albert, before making his decision, should have asked Richardson for information on whether the allegations against Agnew involve his conduct since taking office as Vice President. Later in the day he and Rep. William S. Cohen (R-Maine) introduce resolution calling on Speaker to appoint an appropriate committee to investigate whether these allegations involve activities in his tenure as Vice President. Most of the

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Representatives quoted feel Agnew's petition is a legal maneuver, and that the question of his immunity should be decided in the courts.

Justice Department is scheduled to present evidence against Agnew to grand jury tomorrow.

For analysis of Agnew's effort to stay out of court, see article by John M. Crewdson.

NYT 27 Sep 73, Madden

NYT 27 Sep 73, p. 29, Crewdson

Agnew/statute of limitations. Federal statute of limitations in bribery and extortion cases is five years. If the allegations against Agnew concern only his activities before he became Vice President, "if he is not indicted before next Jan. 20 the statute will have run out on the period before he was inaugurated on Jan. 29, 1969."

NYT 27 Sep 73, Crewdson See also entry 27 Sep 73

Agnew/resignation - Asked by newsmen about Warren statement today that resignation had been discussed at meeting with Nixon yesterday, says, "I have not discussed that possibility. I want to make it very clear that I am not resigning."

Sen. Mark Hatfield, who invited Agnew to lunch today with 14 liberal to moderate Republican senators, says afterward that his very strong impression is that Agnew will not resign, that "there is no question this man is going to seek his rights." Says "angrily" that if Agnew "is another victim being cast aside by Machiavellan politicians around the White House" he will be more difficult to remove than some other officials have been; "This man is going to stand his ground and fight them."

NYT 27 Sep 73, Kneeland

Buchanan testifies before Ervin committee, a very combative witness. Testimony is mainly on political strategy in 1972 campaign\* and includes insinuations that the Ford Foundation had engaged in partisan politics. This is denied today by the Ford Foundation.

NYT 27 Sep 73, p. 31, Naughton

NYT 27 Sep 73, p. 30, excerpts of testimony

NYT 29 Sep 73, editorial

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- (A) Ervin committee releases 34 political memos from Buchanan to Nixon, Haldeman and others. Sample: Buchanan to Nixon, "early 1971," saying Muskie was at that time the biggest threat, "and if Mr. Muskie is not cut and bleeding before he goes into New Hampshire, he will very likely do massively well there."

SFC 27 Sep 73, AP

One of the memos deals with an effort to get Sigma Delta Chi to denounce 25 reporters, who met before a Nixon press conference in 1970 to discuss the questions they planned to ask; this is described in the memo as "[setting] strategy to embarrass the President."

WXP 27 Sep 73, Hanrahan

Memos also give details of "our letter-writing system," in which individuals around the country permit their names to be used on letters drafted in the White House.

WXP 27 Sep 73, Hanrahan

The Nixons were so pleased with Buchanan's testimony before the Ervin committee they invited him and his wife to the White House the same evening.

SFEx 7 Oct 73, Betty Beale column

- (B) From letter ~~in~~ to the editor in reaction to Buchanan's testimony: "Worst of all, of course, is what Mr. Buchanan represents. I'm not referring to his moral obtuseness. There are always plenty of Buchanans: bright, ambitious, unprincipled young men, available for a fee. It is that Mr. Buchanan is typical of Nixon's entourage."

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Kissinger denies he had anything to do with request for psychiatric profile of Daniel Ellsberg (see entry 25 Sep, Hunt/CIA); Dr. Bernard M. Malloy had said in affidavit that he was told by Young that request for the profile had come from Kissinger and Ehrlichman. Kissinger: "I did not know of any request for a profile, I never saw this profile, and I never discussed the subject with David Young."

NYT 27 Sep

Ervin hearings, television coverage - The three networks agree to discontinue live hearings, CBS spokesman dissenting; CBS will do so on any day when it considers them significant; network pool still will exist and may be used by any network. PBS will carry proceedings in the evening.

SFC 27 Sep 73, UPI

National security - From column by Royce Brier: "In any case, national security is not attainable when public officers lie by rote, cheat the people they are presumed to serve, and ~~infiltrate the government~~ ... engage in felonious acts and shabby, blundering conspiracies. No American is secure in the hands of such knaves. The American people have seldom, if ever, harbored so contemptible a crew as these frightened little men with their sleazy, national security cop-out."

SFC 27 Sep 73

Rebozo - Jack Anderson on \$100,000 contribution to Nixon by Howard Hughes through Richard Danner; says Securities and Exchange Commission is ~~secretly investigating~~ interested in Danner-Rebozo dealings in its investigation of Hughes' acquisition of Air West. Anderson says Donald Nixon also played a part in Air West deal.

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Victor Gold, in television intv, ~~is~~ asked if he thinks there is a conspiracy against Agnew, says Agnew's situation is "a great opportunity to get Watergate off the front page. Mr. Hunt, for instance, testified yesterday but we don't read about that today. We're reading all about the Vice President's problems. Now, I happen to find that very coincidental. .... I ask ... "Cui Bono" - who benefits? And quite obviously Watergate's off the front page, the people are now talking about the Vice President resigning. The people are now talking about the Vice President being impeached, whereas six weeks ago they were talking about the President."

WXP 30 Sep 73, excerpts (?) from interview

Ruckelshaus sworn in as Deputy Attorney General. In intv shortly before swearing-in says he believes the FBI should remain a part of the Justice Department and not become an independent agency; "I've never worked in any organization of government that I've thought was as good as the FBI in the way it responds topolicy directives from the top."

WXP 27 Sep 73, McBee; filed FBI-II.