

23 Mar 75 ①

Haldeman - First hour of two-hour program, intv by Mike Wallace, televised by CBS today. (Both parts recorded on one cassette.) Second hour 30 Mar.

"I should have realized that as a practical matter, that the release of the tapes was not good. And when it got to the point of having to release them, or of having even to consider the possibility of releasing them . . . they should have been destroyed." Haldeman says that he did not realize "the enormous damage that would be done to me and to Richard Nixon."

AP: "But he insisted the system was Nixon's idea. This conflicts with a statement attributed to Mrs. Nixon, who is said to have blamed Haldeman." (Entry 20 Feb 75, Mrs. Nixon [Haldeman].)

SF Sunday Ex and Chron, 23 Mar 75

- CBS paid "more than \$25,000" for each of the two programs. Contract was signed Oct 74, no precise date given. Cover-up trial began 1 Oct 74. AMP - B

- For quotations from both segments of Haldeman intv, comments on it, Haldeman's new image, the ethics of paying for the intv, see:

John J. O'Connor ("was given a national platform for arguing his case with boyish smiles and appealing sincerity")

NYT 24 Mar 75

Editorial ("He used the interview as a platform to 'plea bargain'")

NYT 25 Mar 75

Terrence O'Flaherty (quotations from Haldeman on his having "enormous respect for Richard Nixon," and denying that he "worshipped" him; "The tapes were put into the White House at Richard Nixon's orders." O'Flaherty: "[He flashed] a splendid row of teeth few people had ever seen before.")

SFC 26 Mar 75

WXP and SFEx account of second section of program, 30 Mar. Haldeman thinks Deep Throat was W. Mark Felt; Felt says his only comment on this is that "This is not the first time Mr. Haldeman has been wrong." Brief excerpts from Haldeman's "home movies" are included, among them one showing Nixon, Ehrlichman and Judge Matthew Byrne, 5 Apr 73.

WXP 30 Mar 75, Lawrence Feinberg

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Art Buchwald, "National Security Caper."

WXP 30 Mar 75

Les Brown (Networks Reviewing Policies on Paying for
Exclusive Interviews)

NYT 2 Apr 75

John J. O'Connor. Earlier story had said (check file)
that one of the reasons CBS paid Haldeman was for the use of
his "home movies." O'Connor points out that of ~~the~~ about
25 hours ~~of~~ available CBS used about four minutes.

NYT 4 Apr 75

Charles B. Seib, "Should the Media Buy News?"

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Korff in Cincinnati to raise money to pay Nixon attorneys,
payment due 26 Mar; his fund is short \$15,000. AMP-A

SFC 24 Mar 75 [UPI]

"U.S. v. Richard M. Nixon: The Final Crisis." From review
by Herbert Mitgang of new book by Frank Mankiewicz:

"Some little men with golf sticks are saying that
Mr. Nixon should become a Senator or Republican 'elder
statesman' or Ambassador to China. Reading the record as
presented [in this book], it is doubtful if the author would
recommend the former President even for the job of consul
in exile on Quemoy."

NYT 24 Mar 75, Herbert Mitgang, book review

Nixon (physical health) - The Nixons are reported to have
taken an automobile drive, "with Mr. Nixon at the wheel of
his limousine" and a Secret Service car following. No
indication of how long the drive was.

See also entry 22 Mar, Nixon is visited

NYT 26 Mar 75, Notes on People, Laurie Johnston

"Deep Throat" (Mark Felt?) - See entry, Haldeman.

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Ⓐ- NYT, on p. 58, uses three-paragraph UPI story on Korff in Cincinnati. UPI points out that Korff "still refers to Mr. Nixon as 'President Nixon'."

Amount needed for payment is \$30,000.

NYT 25 Mar 75 [UPI]

Ⓑ- "High-ranking sources at CBS News" say Haldeman was paid \$100,000 for the two ~~ma~~ interviews, (NYT:) "not \$50,000 as had been reported previously. The sources, who had supplied the original \$50,000 figure and vouched for its accuracy several times, volunteered the new information for the sake of the record. The network, officially, has refused to discuss the terms for the televised interview with Mr. Haldeman."

NYT 12 Jul 75