

Paz Cohen [Pacifica Washington Bureau]:

Senator James Buckley called a news conference today to denounce the "vultures" who were circling President Nixon and to re-affirm his support of the President. Someone then asked him about stories appearing in today's newspapers saying his brother, William F. Buckley Jr., has asked to be appointed executor of Mrs. Howard Hunt's estate.

James Buckley [voice]: I hadn't heard of that until this very moment, so I could not comment. I think he knew Mr. Hunt, I believe, way back in Mexico, in 1950 -- in the early 50's and they became friends and I think my brother's godfather of one or two of the children.

Paz Cohen: Senator Buckley criticized Nixon's critics for "puncturing the public morale," and was then asked,
[Acoustics so poor, the question is completely unintelligible.]

Buckley: I'm talking about the President of the United States, I'm talking about Richard Nixon and that for which he is responsible. Now if you tell me you have any evidence that he sent people into --

[Interrupted by unintelligible question.]

Buckley: Then I suspect you know very little about the facts of running large operations. Now the President has assumed the responsibility --

[Interrupted by several questions at once, one of which seems to refer to the judge in the Pentagon Papers trial in Los Angeles.]

Buckley: That's a story I've not been aware of until you mentioned it now. I haven't -- obviously I can't comment on it.

Q: You read the papers, don't you, Senator? It's been in the papers for two or three days.

Buckley: Not every column inch.

Paz Cohen: Buckley said he had called the press conference because of his - quote - "personal outrage" at commentary on Nixon's Monday night address, and said he wasn't saying we should stop being suspicious, he was upset by the "glee of the wolf pack pursuing its victim."

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