

## Washington Hotline

# Bobby Baker's Recent Dealings

By Maxine Cheshire

WASHINGTON — When and if Bobby Baker ever gets around to writing that book about his rise and fall as a Senate power, he may have a lawsuit on his hands before the ink is dry on his publisher's contract.

He has been dealing with the two different literary agents, Phyllis Jackson of International Famous and Sam Cohn of Creative Management. Mrs. Jackson said she will turn her contract with Baker "over to the lawyers" if anyone else sells his proposed book.

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The White House finally got around to disconnecting the special telephone lines into former Presidential Assistant John D. Ehrlichman's house in Great Falls, Va. last week.

But the cable wasn't removed until after a prospective buyer being shown around the premises by a real estate agent innocently picked up an extension and caused consternation on the switchboard at 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue.

Would-be buyers are being screened and two agents follow them closely from room to room to make sure they don't snoop into books or papers.

Actually, there are few personal items lying around except for a Christian Science hymnal on the piano and political posters in the

rec room. One shows California Gov. Ronald Reagan in a cowboy outfit and over it the Ehrlichmans have pasted a "Nixon Is the One" banner. Another is an autographed photograph of Georgia segregationist Lt. Governor Lester Maddox.

Apparently, Ehrlichman has been reading everything printed in the newspapers on Watergate and is keeping it all for reference. There are hundreds of old newspapers stacked everywhere, one visitor says.

Although large, the Ehrlichman house is not pretentious and one woman who saw it last week could not understand why the asking price was \$139,000 for a house they bought five years ago for \$75,000.

The Ehrlichmans haven't started packing to move yet, but the promised date of occupancy is July 15.

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Convicted Watergate conspirator G. Gordon Liddy's wife and children are "proud" of his decision to remain silent instead of seeking to avoid criminal penalties in exchange for testifying against others.

Already jailed for a minimum sentence of six years and eight months for his role in the original break-in, Liddy was sentenced to an additional eight months last April for taking the Fifth Amendment before a federal



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grand jury probing deeper into the involvement of other Nixon administration officials.

### Potpourri

One of the odder items that Uncle Sam pays for at the Western White House is

Elizabeth Arden soap. It's expensive — three dollars per cake — but a General Services Administration spokesman says it's not supplied to everyone in the Nixon family. It is ordered by the case, but strictly for the President's office lavatory . . . Columnist Marquie Child's wife, returning with him from five weeks in China last week, found herself besieged by reporters as soon as she set foot in Hong Kong. She had taken pictures of the new stone house built in Peking for U.S. Envoy David K. E. Bruce. When developed, those will be the first look anyone outside China has had of the facility.