

# Something's Inoperative

"Neither did I know until the time of my own investigation of any efforts to provide [the Watergate defendants] with funds."

*President Nixon, May 22, 1973*

"It was on March 21 . . . I was told then that funds had been raised for payment to the defendants. . . . But I was only told that the money had been used for attorneys' fees and family support, not that it had been paid to procure silence from the recipients."

*President Nixon, Aug. 15, 1973*

"For the first time, on March 21 [Mr. Dean] told me that payments had been made to the defendants for the purpose of keeping them quiet, not simply for their defense."

*President Nixon, March 6, 1974*

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"Whoever, having knowledge of the actual commission of a felony cognizable by a court of the United States, conceals and does not as soon as possible make known the same to some judge or other person in civil or military authority under the United States, shall be fined not more than \$500 or imprisoned not more than three years, or both."

*Title 18, United States Code, Section 4*