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done partly for "political mileage." Nixon administration drives against drug pushers were inefficient and tor John Ehrlichman said yesterday Convicted Watergate conspira-

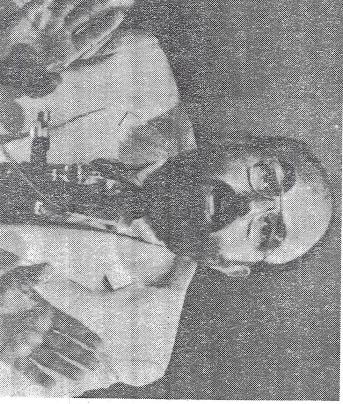
anything." whether the bureau is "any good at also scoffed at the crime-busting image of the FBI and questioned bearded former White House aide In congressonal testimony, the

stainless steel image," he said in a "We have the Efrem Zimbalist Jr. image of the FBI, that kind of series. reference to the star of a television

er any good can come from it, indeed whether it's any good at anything. ment) we ought to question wheth-FBI get involved (in drug enforce-"Before we demand that the

up to its capacity for many, many "I don't think the FBI has lived

For the first time since 1973, when he appeared before the Senate Watergate committee and trad-



John Ehrlichman wondered if the FBI is 'any good at anything'

ed barbs with Senator Sam Ervin on nationwide television, Ehrlichman returned yesterday to a Capi-

before the Senate permanent invesfederal drug enforcement efforts tol hearing room and testified on

ligations subcommittee.

drives carried out under former President Nixon as riddled with rivalries and often motivated by politics. He described drug-busting

considered "a very sexy political Drug enforcement, he said, was

narcotics problems, even when it doesn't need to be. The politics of often wants to be involved in lies we find in the federal effort. tween departments and the anomathe organizational competition benarcotics may account for some of "Therefore, the White House

into street enforcement partly in response to the obvious political mileage to be gained." "For example, the Feds went

ty in his drug enforcement efforts. Mr. Nixon better marks for sincerirelated crimes, Egil Krogh Jr., gave official convicted of Watergate-"Mr. Nixon spent quite a lot of Another Nixon administration

time, relatively speaking, in per-

suading his federal team to greater and greater effort in their drug control work," Krogh said in his testimony.

in the Justice Department. Ehrlichman said not the FBI. under one agency, preferably withnarcotics enforcement be retained Both men recommended that

White House Plumbers. coverup. He was also sentenced in 1974 to 20 months to five years perjury in connection with a West imprisonment for conspiracy and for conspiracy and obstruction of justice in the Watergate burglary Coast break-in by the so-called year to 2½ to eight years in prison Ehrlichman was sentenced last

both convictions. He is free pending appeals

to two-to-six years in prison in 1974. All but six months were suspended. guilty to conspiracy in the West tary of transportation, pleaded Plumbers and former undersecre-He served four monus. Coast break-in and was sentenced Krogh, co-director of the

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