

Nixon issues statement, 22 May 73, on various domestic intelligence plans:

Wiretaps, 1969

Intelligence plan (Tom Charles Huston), 23-28 Jul 70

Intelligence Evaluation Committee, Dec. 70

Special Investigations Unit (plumbers), Jun 71

Huston plan,
Text/ NYTimes 7 Jun 73.

See entry, Chronology, 10 Oct 74, Huston plan.

Hunt hired by Charles Colson, 6 Jul 71. Source; Excerpts of testimony by John D. Ehrlichman before Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Intelligence Operations, 31 May 73 - NYTimes 1 Jun 73.

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