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In his first personal defense of Acting Attorney General Richard G. Kleindienst, Mr. Nixon called him "an able, honest man" and predicted that he would be confirmed as Attorney General despite allegations of impropriety against him. The Federal Bureau of Investigation, which is studying the allegations, suggested that a memorandum allegedly by Mrs. Dita D. Beard had indeed been typed on her typewriter. [51:1-4.]

by Richard Halloran

Page 51 in 52-page edition. Story/has one two-sentence paragraph on FBI test of memo: "The [FBI] suggested today [24 Mar] that the memorandum, the authenticity of which has been questioned, had been written on Mrs. Beard's typewriter. The bureau also said that it had not been written on the typewriter of Brit Hume, one of Mrs. Anderson's reporters, as was alleged in a committee meeting." No text of FBI report. (You had asked for copy if we saw one.) SFChronicle for same day carried story by Washington Post Service; no text.

Mar 25 was a Saturday. IF NYTimes carried text on the 26th we wouldn't have seen it as we don't get the Sunday issue. Sunday SFExaminer & Chronicle did not have text.

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*I have asked several for the facts, but no yields. If I get the envelope I send you copy. It is clear wrong impulsion Arnold and right facts not included. Ben.*