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On NPR tonight, Bob Woodward went out of his way to deny that the judge was an adversary and to defend the lawyers, particularly the prosecutor for not bringing in information on WH and similar people. He praised the prosecutor highly, saying he was inhibited by the indictment's limitations but NOT saying that the prosecution is responsible for what was left out of the indictment. I believe this bears on my previous comment, that rather than digging and getting original information, he and Carl Bernstein were repeating what had been leaked to them. This makes Silbert a likely source, as do other things, like the Baldwin story, the only other source of which could have been the FBI. Praising both the judge and the prosecutor with the records they made requires an indiscriminate mind, conscience or stomach. Or what amounts to bribery or ignorance. HW 1/31/73 71

"Tad Szuk", The Vietnam Agreement: Invitation to Mischief, Posy 1/30/73.

This is more advance justification of mischief by the Thieus. He is described as formerly with the Times. I had told me he was no longer. This piece suggests one possible explanation of his uncritical acceptance and broadcasting of the false identities of Hunt and Barker that he had to know were a deception when he did: he is an unofficial official spokesman.

At a time when TV spot coverage abounds in violations of the agreement by Thieu, he writes that "Thieu, who obviously fears Hanoi's future actions..." etc. 71

This TV coverage, by the way, has been good. Where the reporters did not say that the offense was Thieu's, they left no doubt.