

Colson: Chairman Richard said it all- that Colson is capable of anything.

Wish I had time to think this through before I got the a.m. paper. I have a hunch it is similar to what I suggested with Ehrlichman and the LATimes plant, not going to God. He is not about to be GL's goat or sacrificial goat. I have a notion that much can be laid on him and that he has made a deal because his troubles would not end with dismissal of the Ellsberg case. Rather it is his chance to turn Ehrlichman against GL because he has destroyed the Ehrlichman defense unless GL's withholdings are still relevant. I think it is possible Colson has made it irrelevant because there now is no possibility of a defense of the kind they projected and all they are entitled to is exculpatory evidence. They are now in the position (I without thought think) of needing what can impeach Colson, not prove a lie. I think he destroyed the whole Nixon posture on this and with it may ~~have~~ also have endangered Haldeman. I have some unpublished documents which come close to proving Colson also was not responsible for Hunt, and they were pinning that on him. He could even have a deal with Hoffa, despite the firm's union client. This man comes from Byzantium. But my initial impression is that he may be out to get GL. He has bought immunity on all other charges. And I think people can't remember all the dirty-works he supervised. If he testifies those ads signed with the names of the inconsulted and paid for with campaign funds were GL's idea, there could not be a Democrat who would not have to chose between retirement and voting for impeachment. Many examples. Best,

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