

Didn't get to hear/see Sloan testimony until 10:45. Didn't think worth advance taping, for which I was ready. (Lag that clock 2 hrs & 15 mins, no problem. Took your advice and tested in advance.) CBS picked up the significance of Thompson's questioning about telling the prosecutors about Magruder and perjury. What they did not note is more: subornation, obstructing justice; and the deficiencies of the FBI, which did not get into substance with him at the outset, when he was over-ripe (asked him about Baldwin only.) This is encouraging. It is the first sign they may do something about the prosecution's coverup. You may remember my memo on one reading of the indictment. I do intend by this to suggest that all those many leaks that had to have come from the FBI need not have been, as the papers suggested, because of their high principle and dedication to the Bureau and the sainted Hoover. The FBI here performed as it has in every political crime, as a faithful arm of political reaction. By the time they went to see Sloan they knew the crime they were supposedly investigating was led by people in his pay and they knew they should have asked him about money, so they didn't. There are other fairly obvious inadequacies in the FBI investigation that can't be blamed on Grey. So, it was again protecting itself, as ordinary bureaucracy also always does, in this leaking. It did its own public relations rather effectively, all those benefitting from the leaks also being indebted to the FBI and by the leaks persuaded that it had been thorough and conscientious... Maybe we have Cox and Richardson and Joe Rauh to thank for this, but that the committee did go into any of it is good. It means that it will be apparent if they drop it here, so I anticipate they will carry that line further. ... Toward the end of the b'cast it was reported that Laird is back and Haig is becoming a civilian in August. I suppose he can always go back on active duty. (I hope he gets himself transferred to the reserve, which might be worth money to him, because the legal wrong would then be unchanged.) Or, GL is making a gesture toward Congress, esp. his own party, and to the military, keeping their man on top and close by. That he didn't do these things earlier with Haig at least indicates that he or Haig didn't want to. He does it after the Pentagon says it is all legal, too. I don't think Laird wanted to do this, and I don't think Nixon's deal, whatever it is, to get him to do it, means a thing once Nixon feels he dare do what he dam pleases. (Today's Post does not seem to have Scott's statement on bugging, tapping, made yesterday. But I haven't read all of it yet. I'd be interested in seeing the actual statistics, not Scott's interpretation of them.) (I'm wondering if I should include my personal experiences with Scott when he was a Congressman. He was on the House patents committee, which called me as a secret witness in a secret hearing to cover up for a wealthy constituent, a Nazi corporation, Rohm & Haas-plexiglas- that I'd exposed. Excerpts from the testimony I gave and the secretary of the corporation gave were given to the corporation which reprinted the ex parte excerpts and mailed to all those with whom they did business. It did no good because after my story appeared the government did its own investigation, confirming mine, and took them over. This is what led to my knowing Thirman Arnold and Joe Borkin. Scott as a Nazi-defender also defending Nixon when other GOPs won't or don't has a kind of appeal, especially because of his pompous posing.) What think?) HW 6/6/73