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Despite its length, this story fails to report what short radio news items of the night of 12/29 did report, that while Nixon wants Silbert to succeed Titus, he is afraid to send his nomination to the Senate and has evolved a formula whereby Sirica will appoint Silbert and avoid Senatorial questioning. This is also a new view of Siriac for those not familiar with his pre-WG record. Under the circumstances, an honest judge should refuse to be part of the frustrating of normal procedures and what is considered to be the proper workings under the law. HW 12/30/73