

WG "fix"/ committees/Baker esp/ WXPost stories on impeachment, Baker's desire to delay hearings through Congressional recess 7/29/73 HW

Intermittently I have commented that the outlines of a "fix" were emerging. These two stories blacken the lines. One says no impeachment is likely because the evidence to support it doesn't exist (and all of this in the sense of WG break-in only) as part of charges); because the inevitable result would be to give Agnew a full four years, Agnew being "clean" (false); because it would have a more disasterous effect on the country than not impeaching(also false); and because censure is a viable and meaningful alternative (with a Nixon it is utterly meaningless). Baker's reason for delay, one being the people have a bellyfull of WG (no reason for any hearings) play into Nixon'd hands and Baker knows it has to. Delay has been Nixon's strategy from the first, so Baker's wants to assure more delay by stalling the entertaining but legally ineffectual hearings further. On its part, the Post is content with this continuation of the spurious and saw to it that no consideration other than the WG breakin and possibly its covering-up were considered, as all papers also have. So, it now becomes a matter of "national security" to protect Nixon from the crimes he committed. The actuality, I think, is that as a matter of law his internal WH spy operations, with their illegalities, his "plumbers" and his plan for a grand Orwell/Gestapo, complete with specific approval of specified illegalities and the overthrow of the Constitution, metts the legal prerequisites for impeachment, the proof is solid, and there are others, of which impoundment is but a minor one.