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This story does not indicate the basis for a charge that will stick on trial.

The direct quote and the only relevant one having to do with the FBI's tapping of reporters' and officials' phones is Gray "found no record of any such business." This is not the same as saying he knew, ex post facto. And the fact is that Sullivan had ripped the files off, given them to Murdan who memory-holed them with Ehrlichman.

I find it more than merely interesting that of all the perjury allegations that can be laid on the most non-stop perjurer of them all this is the one that seems to have been fixed upon. And not before the Judiciary Committee only, all his testimony before all bodies was so tainted.

Here, there is bearing on intent his repeated claim not to know so that he could file a response in writing later and under circumstances that precluded further examination on what he filed in writing.

The significant areas of perjury and other misdeeds never mentioned are in the protection of GL and his WG connections and those who in being connected with it also connect GL. This has been missed by everyone. I have a book-length chapter on it, reporting without full correlation, intended for later chapter.

In all of this Gray was more self-righteous, more noble and principled, from his own representations of himself, than even Ehrlichman or Haldeman.

And he never did say exactly what he destroyed that he got from Dean, from Hunt's BOB safe.

Charging the right man out of the company in which he belongs any for other than the crimes with which he should be charged is typical of the cover-up operation.

If Gray is charged, then the claim can't be made that he was not and should have been.

If he is charged and not convicted, there is no reason for him to yep, as he can.

And if he is convicted on the wrong charge, it requires no disclosures on the right ones. However, trying him on the right ones would require exposing the truth about those things of which he swore falsely. And that nobody seems to want.

If Jaworski charges Gray -- and the testimony before the Judiciary Committee could as well be used for charges in the regular course, not the special prosecutor's operation -- it will make Jaworski look like the derring do I am satisfied he is not. J will be pretending otherwise while covering up. This is the kind of question on which he could con a fairly dedicated and concerned staff, if the parts involved in this are of that stripe.

It appears to me to not be at all certain that this charge, if made, deals with the material, for that hearing was on his confirmation, and whether he saw records on the tapping of which he was not part need not be considered material. On the other hand,

depending on the forum, it can be argued that any untruth is material to deciding on his fitness.