

1968 campaign chief of staff. Became chief of staff 1969, duties including those of staff director. Became WH chief of staff. Administrator, "The boys of the WH" including WH budget but say not on policy, which was handled by others, like Kissinger, Ehr, etc. Spent more time with G than anyone else.

Had adm. confs & several secretaries "Staff secretary" handled staff relations. Strachan his "staff secretary" highly "adm in other instances" Healy had been with him at T. Thompson & French Campaign. Closest assistant, above Strachan.

Brought Ehr into 1960 Campaign. Seen get assignments from Pres, via Haldeman. Seen also reported direct to others.

"I tried to run a tight ship." guessed "some who didn't rise to the task felt the whip was a bit too tight." "Tried to run a zero-defect system," to make no mistakes.

Creep concept Nixon's. To say to be "huddled outside the WH" is to say nothing about Nelson, because that also is a lame trace of national committee. Why not Nat Com, "because the Nat Com is the official body of the Repub. body" and helps all GOP candidates for all offices." Wanted to elect others - Dem's, independents.

"After ego the WH?" "I don't think so." H's role in it: taking WH staff only with his o.k. Strachan his (creep) liaison. Rehrli 2/3/70 memo on general ~~budget~~ budget. P. 2 ref to staff & Nelson "\$900,000 for Wilson office" and \$90,000 for "black" projects (most for marketing) had at - of government contacts "with various groups Nelson's." Not sure "of what "black" projects memo. He calls this "campaign support by the WH" He approves memo ~~not at~~ "Close communication & cooperation with Mitchell."

"1970 was the year of concern with domestic security" concern led to Huston plan. Huston had done preliminary work on "the problem". He & Huston set on on G's mtg with Top spokes. They make "prey" help here were "organizations that were out to destroy the unity" & they couldn't get facts. (This really means there was no proof & the press officers were wrong.) (Actually, there was more violence follows in the expression) ("Foreign" help - compare G's deal with China, USSR) "Huston reported some in that particular case" "Fisher the recommender was that went to get the Pres." "Knew Hoover disagreed. Huston sought H's help in over-coming & did get memos on it from him."

8/5/70 memo to him from Huston on "Domestic but allegiance", dealing with Hoover's opposition.

Heston ... approved. says not implemented - remembered 5 days later. Thanks  
cause Heston disagrees. Mitchell test of ed to hearing Dean H & D to oppose,  
but H says disagree recall.

Later "in house White House unit." Began as IEC, which had  
"one of the purposes of the Heston plan", with agency world mission.

Dean WLT liaison with intelligence operations.  
SIL 1971 - "Even that been a unit had been set up at the Pres'  
request" with young & bright in general ~~resp~~ responsibility. Heston &  
Liddy who "I guess so" asked if he "spun ready" to meet off from where  
budgetary data open. personal didn't have to pass through him.  
Each part WLT had its own budget, Ebr a special one from Congress.  
Know of sandwich plan which "sort of dropped dead of its own  
weight, which is unfortunate of Dean.

Dean-Liddy or keep before 6/17/72. Know there was question of Liddy's  
salary - Wallace over what he got at WH

I know of creep spy mags in Mitchell's office, possibly via Dean.  
And how "unconceivable" they were. says "he had turned the plan off" would not be  
in any such discussion & WLT should not be in any. Recalls 4/71 + 1/72 as  
dates. Log show 2/1/72 mtg with Dean. No other Dean - it mtg Jan, Feb/72.  
His log kept by surata, who "recalled ... every person" entering & leaving.  
Accurate, with times, dates. "Potential inaccuracies" re mags outside  
his office when sec. not with him.

Strachan & Pd. matters # 18 memo, doesn't "recall" Jimmy St. do  
as to it that files were "clean" for instructions to hon for emphasis from  
Mitchell. Has "very high opinion" of this "integrity" & "loyalty" & "thoroughness"

Was at Day Bismagne motel when he learned of mission. G.L. & Walters  
any. became 18th Sunday, from Mtg. of Creep involvement. He & G.L.  
returned to DC <sup>state</sup> evening 19th Mtg. 4. on 20th with Mitchell, Earl &  
in fact Dean + 1st. There. Other mtgs 23, 26 don't show. Guess he  
talked to Dean by phone.

OIA mtg 6/23/72 Walters "in effort" ordered by H to see Gray & hold  
FBI back & G.L. told him FBI worried about CIA involvement

"There were other matters of concern... whether investigation... would  
possibly impinged upon <sup>involvement</sup>: Are set initials of some of the individuals  
who had been involved in the W.G. & who had been executed  
at the W.G."

no recollection of the many times given in being raised, m. 7 n.  
Denise Dean told him of Mtz's "problem"  
Mitchell report on left horns - doesn't recall Mitchell feeling him &  
did not know of him (Learned later)  
Don't ask why funds were raised for persons & families & didn't think it would  
be an embarrassing in camp sign.

"I don't know" when asked if "the use of political language funds  
could embarrass the President." But the "naive situation" was  
been an "unbelievable embarrassment" to him.

Tapes 9/19/72, 7/72. Who initiated request. Her N, "in the basis...  
you know what reports to it's contents." Date after he returned, 7/9-11 &  
before Benton field "There's no question about that" & typical form - a  
reel in a lot round-tape delivered him as a guest office in ECR.

"Why did you select at the first under tape to me this particular tape"  
"There was a suggestion that I listen to something to be sure  
but I didn't do it... I was not present at all..." & Murphy  
that would be "inappropriate" Took home, made notes & later gave  
out as to Nixon. Reported the general contents "to Nixon  
Buzhardt that his & N's recollection that Dean's recollection  
of Mtz was inaccurate."

Steve Ball gave & accepted tape on return.  
The impression I get is that he got a tape that contained this  
Mtz only, not part of a continuous tape.

Suzanna called for tapes of notes & did not turn over. Wilson  
claims not "interviewing Suzanne" (Wilson is practicing chicken - attacking -  
Eleanor). <sup>make up Dick the villain - with some help from Baker</sup>

Thurs 3/21 when Dean showed with H, before after he  
joined Mtz. Not even large sums had been paid. <sup>Dean</sup> told  
him by phone from camp March 3/26

LC Costa Mtz in committee, ~~to get~~  
Details concerning 3/21 when April when it all went. Dean asked him  
to get tape from Ball after N told him to get it. After 4/15 Mtz with light

of Dean, H remains not before N's statement of 4/17 (was at because of what  
N had been told at 3/14+15 Mtz)

no account "up on some memo in, no part in cover-up, very one in more to resign" but mostly charges, implications, implications "re why it his part in it" "was building up" until it "it became obvious I was not able to carry out my regular duties effectively" Took much distracting time.

Thompson? a. Wilson had several books of misquoting Strachan. Here is when Thompsoners, 3 citations on "claim" 5066, Strachan says could have "double meaning" or, Thompson is supporting Wilson's attack, not setting the record straight.

One of N's Lt commanders out-set, any Bay of Pigs involvement because some of the people had a connection with the Bay of Pigs "no indication in a a of which people, what connection."

He found Bay Pigs attitude. "The Helms people very vigorously said that he don't want to get in to that at all." He enabled as he felt it to be, as though can't know not to use very wrong words.

Again, no? With any investigation of Helms' background, this is a deliberate committee cover up. With this investigation, it is precisely the same thing, a deliberate cover-up. The name had been in the papers. The most fundamental investigation in the library would have shown it.

on tapes, which is a series form of order based on nobody else having had access to tapes - Wain - Erwin says "this is a little planned action" by the WTT to let H make "his interpretation" knowing the committee would overrule

public protest. Erwin says that although it is "court report evidence but "Will Sir gonna admit it" Wain says "understands" both covered meant rights - may be get jailed. When Baker takes it up, Wilson laughs openly. Erwin calls it "leakage"

"leaking the tapes" with a crack at N's attitude to leaks. I guess it is "inevitably interpreted in different way" - not the way H does. Because Thompson becomes part of the play to make N's interpretation of the context & meaning the only one available, whether as I think H once called Thompson "Tom" should be checked.

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