

Ethical Ironies

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Yale University chaplain William Sloane Coffin, talking recently with columnist William F. Buckley Jr., confided, "When I taught ethics at Williams College, one of my students—in fact the student I knew best—was Jeb Magruder."

He added, "I guess I failed as an ethics teacher."

Buckley could sympathize.

"When I was in the CIA," he told Coffin, "my boss was E. Howard Hunt."

Watergate figure Jeb Stuart Magruder, who has been quoted as saying he expects to go to jail for "at least nine months," is apparently planning to move his wife and four children far enough from Washington to keep reporters and photographers from camping on their doorstep. He reportedly is leasing a house for a year in Blue Ridge Summit, near Camp David in the Catoctin Mountains . . . Sen. Barry Goldwater, who has been outspoken in his dismay at the damage Watergate is doing to the Republican Party, is writing an uplift book on how to recapture GOP integrity. The outline is currently up for bids from publishers.

Potpourri

One of former presidential assistant H. R. (Bob) Haldeman's neighbors in Georgetown has erected an "Impeach Nixon" sign out front. It's the first thing Haldeman sees when he leaves his house in the morning.

There were some raised eyebrows among antiquarians when the current Vogue magazine, featuring color pictures of Jacqueline Onassis's New York apartment, described the desk where John F. Kennedy Jr. does his homework as the one on which his father had signed the 1963 nuclear test ban treaty. That is correct, says a White House spokesman. Although the desk was in the Treaty Room at the time of the signing ceremony, it was the former First Lady's personal property and she took it with her when she left . . . Bangladesh has bought the Massachusetts Avenue mansion which formerly housed the District of Columbia Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution. The purchase price was \$490,000, a spokesman said.

Most Watergate figures are avoiding public gatherings, but secretary Sally Harmony was at the opening of the Loew's L'Enfant Plaza Hotel last week, fretting publicly about her appearance before the special Senate committee investigating the affair.