

# She Can Keep a Secret

## Washington

"To me," Sally Jackson Harmony said, "clandestine does not mean illegal and I can keep a secret."

If Mrs. Harmony had any secrets, she kept them to herself yesterday while calmly explaining to the Senate Watergate committee how a good secretary does not remember much of what she types.

She testified about what she could and could not remember of her duties as secretary to convicted Watergate mastermind G. Gordon Liddy.

Mrs. Harmony explained, for example, how in typing memos, even about clandestine intelligence operations, "you don't read it well enough to retain it in your mind."

She also said she was unfazed by Liddy's statement

during her hiring interview that he might be involved in clandestine activity while working for the Nixon campaign committee, because clandestine does not mean illegal. Spectators at the hearing laughed when she added, "I can keep a secret."

Under questioning, she could not recall just how many memos she typed or the exact details of most of them because "if you do not read it for content, you do not remember the content."

Senator Joseph Montoya (Dem-N.M.) was moved to conclude that Mrs. Harmony has "a very hazy memory with respect to what you have typed" and Senator Sam J. Ervin (Dem-N.C.) added that his secretaries generally remember what they type.

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