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Dear Harold:

It seems you didn't misplace your clips on Baldwin's testimony, or if you did, we also misplaced ours. It appears that it generally was ignored, as I find only glancing references to it in other stories which were breaking hot and heavy around May 24, the day he testified. In any case, I dug out the tape of the proceedings (the last few minutes of which I missed due to an 1800 foot reel running out at the end of a long day) and have transcribed all I can find that seems relevant to the questions you ask. Hope it helps. The cops involved were Sgtt Paul W. Leeper, John Barrett and Carl M. Shoffler. Can't recall which one was harrist, but believe it was Leeper. Thought I had saved pictures but can't find them.

Like you, we feel that the name of William Haddad rings a bell, ~~some~~ can't place him. I have the feeling he's now in government ~~some~~ where, but it's possible I have him confused with Malek, another middle eastern name, probably Syrian.

The dupe you sent of your quick description of Nixon's counterattack conforms closely with our impressions of that episode, but we had the additional feeling that the disclosure of the tapes had a lot to do with his tension and general uptightness after having made a Patton-type decision. This of course depends entirely on our belief that it was Nixon's decision to disclose the existence of the tapes and the practice of making them, that it was only on Nixon's orders that Butterfield made them known. Incidentally, do you want this dupe back? If you do, please say so. If not, forget it.

We spent most of last week testing a series of TV sets in this very unfavorable reception area, finally choosing the one that came nearest to bringing in a reasonably satisfactory signal -- a 7-inch Sony. It proved to be more usable in more places than two considerably larger Zeniths. Fortunately, the station that comes in best is KQED, the local NET and NPAC outlet. We find their comment and analysis far superior to that of the commercial networks. Watched Face the Nation today where Sen. Sam and Baker appeared to be toying with the idea of recessing before hearing Hunt and Colson, and immediately fired off a telegram to Sen. Sam urging that the present phase not be concluded or recessed without hearing these two. Probably won't do any good, but can't do any harm. In other words, you don't have to worry any more about taping such TV programs for us. If we miss any that we need, we'll inquire whether you have it.

Even with lousy pictures, it was useful last week to watch that self-righteous idiot Ehrlichman. The reason we finally tried again with TV is that a new transmitter tower nearly a thousand feet high has gone ~~into~~ into use on Sutro Hill in SF, nearly twice as high as the old tower which only ABC used. The others were above San Bruno south of SF and we could get scarcely any picture up here at all. Still not normally good, but better than nothing. We're happy that the little Sony proved to be the best performer, since it will be easy to stash in a closet or cupboard when it's not in use.

What we find most useful is to get the picture from whichever commercial network is carrying ~~the~~ the Watergate proceedings, but tape the sound from KPFA. If the network has what looks like a good interview or commentary, we turn the KPFA sound down (it goes on taping) and listen to the TV program. Works very well, Best of both worlds, as it were.

Best, jdw