

Called a (not in) friend on the Post to request a copy of the Agnews. ^{SEP 18 1973}
If she gets the message, I think I'll get. Have to go into town, so I'll
try a late-opening store to see if they got a later edition. Didn't
take time to listen to the radio news until CBS 3 p.m. EST. Nothing
new on it. In what little time I've had to think I can't think of any
high GOP leader who would have any motive for leaking this to the Post
of all papers except for personal reason, and it is not easy to imagine
one who would on this basis, considering that conjecture could hurt the
party (unless resignation comes very soon). So, I am led to believe
that this is the working of the unfine, nonItalian hand. Only Nixon
can benefit from this kind of leak, a leak that few are in a position
to make. The Post would surely know if its source is in this position.
Use of the story means such a can-know source. In turn, this suggests
that we won't want to miss a word of Hunt's testimony. This kind of
dirty operation can always be possible, but if one looks for an immed-
iate peg, Hunt's testimony is the most likely (without time to think
it through-it is set for Monday). Gerald Warren's refusal to deny or
make any comment, which need not mean anything, if it does havemeaning
means the story is true or was White House contrived. HW 9/18/73