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Kent State Questions

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Unlike judicial scrutiny in the Watergate experience, such scrutiny of the veidence in the six-year-old Kent State University case has failed to provide us with answers to many of the nagging questions that remain as burning as ever, just as the possibility that the Ohio National Guard shootings resulted from some kind of decision reached at the national level remains as haunting a skeleton in the Kent State closet as it was two years ago.

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Governor Rhodes flatly denied, on the stand, that he had spoken to Vice President Spiro T. Agnew immediately after the killings. Mr. Rhodes was contradicted by Sylvester I. Del Corso, then Adjutant General of the Ohio National Guard, and was reported to have told the 1974 Federal grand jury that he had talked to Mr. Agnew by phone the afternoon of May 4, 1970.

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When we finally find out who fired Mr. Haas's .45-caliber pistol, why Army intelligence contacted the campus police the day Governor Rhodes ordered the National Guard sent to Kent, and who the agents provocateur are who perfectly timed the burning of the R.O.T.C. building with the arrival of the troops in the town, we may well be on our way to finding out that Kent State was one of the White House "horror stories" that John W. Mitchell referred to when he appeared before the Senate Watergate Committee.

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