

Private Government

by Charles McCabe

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If a press control measure recently sent by President Nixon to the Congress were made into law, Mrs. [Katherine] Graham would be more likely getting seven years in jail than a Pulitzer Prize. There has been far too little publicity about this odious proposal.

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... what we have here is a proposal for private or even secret government, with the press totally excluded as an effective investigative system, and the First Amendment tossed into the paper-shredder.

That such a proposal could be sent from the White House indicates the near-pathological hatred Mr. Nixon has for the press and public disclosure on any terms other than his own. It is, in truth, a frightening proposal.

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