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Gray questioned by Petersen. See entry, p. 3

SFC 27 Apr 73

(Date of)  
Silbert memo to Petersen, implicating Hunt and Liddy in burglary of offices of Ellsberg's psychiatrist. (See Chronology 27 Apr, Byrne.) \*

SFC 28 Apr 73

William P. Rogers spends evening alone with Nixon on Presidential yacht.

NYT 25 Apr 73, LONDON

\* (16-17 Apr)

Nixon tries to prevent release to Pentagon Papers trial of this information, invoking national security; makes second attempt 30 Apr.

NYT 8 May

Dean asked to resign by Nixon, refuses unless Haldeman and Ehrlichman also resign.

From excerpts of White House statement on Nixon-Dean conversations, given to Ervin Committee (no date beyond week beginning 17 Jun and before publication by NYTimes 21 Jun). - NYTimes 21 Jun 73.

April 16th,

Dean, prepared statement, Ervin committee: "On Monday night, /~~night~~ I had learned that the President had informed the Government that he allegedly had taped a conversation in which I had told him I was seeking immunity from the Government in exchange for testimony on Haldeman and Ehrlichman. I have no recollection of ever telling the President that I was so negotiating with the Government and the President told me very specifically that he did not want to interfere with any negotiations I was having with the Government. When I learned this from my attorney I suggested that he request that the Government call for the tape and listen to the tape because I told him it must be a reference to the meeting I had with the President on April 15th and if that conversation were taped the Government would have a pretty good idea of the dimensions of the case they were dealing with. I was referring to the fact that the President had mentioned the million dollar conversation and the fact that he had talked to Colson about clemency for Hunt."

NYT 26 Jun 73, p. 35 col. 6

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Add, Dean prepared statement, p. 1; "Toward the end of the conversation the President recalled the fact that at one point we had discussed the difficulty in raising money and that he had said that one million dollars was nothing to raise to pay to maintain the silence of the defendants. He said he had, of course, only been joking when he made that comment." (Reference is to conversation of 13 Mar - NYT 26 Jun 73, p. 34, col. 4.)

"The most interesting thing that happened during the conversation was, very near the end, he got up out of his chair, went behind his chair to the corner of the Executive Office Building office and in a barely audible tone said to me, he was probably foolish to have discussed Hunt's clemency with Colson. I do not recall that I responded. The conversation ended shortly thereafter."

See entry 6 Nov 73, Bennett.

[1973]  
McCord (clemency, hush money) - "On April 16/... Jack Anderson began printing material taken from transcripts of grand jury proceedings. The first ones were from the testimony of ... McCord, and described offers of executive clemency and payments of hush money." [WXP 17 Apr 73.]

WXP 10 May 74, Barry Sussman

Fielding break-in - "On April 16 [1973] Watergate prosecutor Earl J. Silbert sent a memorandum to Petersen describing testimony that ... Hunt ... and ~~Liddy~~ Liddy had broken into the office of Dr. Lewis Fielding, Daniel Ellsberg's psychiatrist, in 1971."

WXP 10 May 74, Barry Sussman

~~Hush money~~

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Gray visited in his office by Petersen, who says Dean has told prosecutors he turned over Hunt files to Gray; Gray denies having received them.

NYT 4 Aug 73 - excerpts from Gray testimony  
p. 12

Ervin committee, in closed session, ~~unofficially~~ approves guidelines on testimony by witnesses; Ervin says, "The reason the committee has agreed on guidelines is so the White House aides will know exactly how they are to testify if they elect to come down and testify or if the President permits them to testify."

Story says committee "reportedly" approves an arrangement which would "permit presidential aides to testify with the advice and counsel of a White House lawyer who could rule a question out of bounds by invoking executive privilege in the name of the President." Apparently ~~incorrect~~ not so - see entry 17 Apr 73.\*

Baltimore News-American, 17 Apr 73

\*Ervin says White House aides can legitimately claim executive privilege when they appear before the committee - but only if they are asked about matters involving direct communication with the President himself.

WXP 17 Apr 73, Woodward and Bernstein

Nixon brothers - Long article on relationship between Nixon and his brothers, their careers, etc., titled "The Brothers Nixon: Close but Not Equal."

NYT 16 Apr 73, Wallace Turner - filed Nixon