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Kissinger, answering questions about Watergate at end of speech on foreign affairs, asks for compassion for some of those involved, without specifying which "certain people" he has in mind. (Speech given at annual meeting, AP, New York.)

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Dean - "Sources close to the investigation ... say Dean carefully kept the President out of his confessions until the last week of April. Then Dean, as part of his plea bargaining for a deal for himself, played his big ace. His attorney, Charles Shaffer, notified the prosecutors on April 23 that Dean 'could deliver the President,' our sources report. They were given an outline of the testimony that Dean later delivered, implicating President Nixon in the Watergate cover-up. Up to that moment, the prosecutors had believed the President was not involved. They had provided Assistant Attorney General Henry E. Petersen, therefore. with the complete details of their investigation for relay to the President.

"Because of the possibility that the President had been a party to the crimes they were investigating, the prosecutors decided they had to shut off the flow of information to the White House. They had a showdown with Petersen over this on the night of April 25. They contended that the President was now a suspect and could no longer be told what was going on inside the grand jury."

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