

30 Aug 73 ①

Bill Gill (see entry 10 Aug) - Police say two teenagers have been charged with theft at Gill's office, caught "early yesterday" on second floor of ABC building; no connection between theft and "current Watergate scandals;" case closed.

~~No details on whether...~~ OVER-A
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~~Sirica orders Nixon to make tapes~~

in U.S. Court of Appeals.

Tapes - White House announces it will appeal/Sirica's ruling. "Aides" say other steps discussed ranged from asking Sirica to reconsider his decision, to appealing directly to the Supreme Court. They are ambiguous on the question of whether ~~it had been~~ consideration had been given to ignoring the ruling, which had seemed to be a possibility in WH's first reaction 29 Aug to ~~the~~ Sirica's decision, that "appellate review" was not the only way to "sustain the President's position." Immediately after the decision had been announced Wright and Buzhardt had "hurridely" flown to San Clemente to discuss it with Nixon, rather than wait for scheduled meeting with him on his return to Washington tomorrow.

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~~Wiretapping of government office~~

James W. McLane and John P. Sears were among those phones were tapped; neither normally would have had access to national security information. McLane ~~is~~ at that time was head of WH Committee on Aging, under Ehrlichman, and Sears was deputy White House counsel.

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Dole drafts resolution to end Senate Watergate hearings, says "the people want the hearings off the screen," and that they have "had enough of watching the seven senators try Richard Nixon on television."

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OVER-B

~~McGonigle requests for permission to continue...~~
~~denied by Sirica, who is expected to make the same decision~~
~~in Magruder's case~~

(A) Police say they have recovered "from the youths" a tape recorder and cassette tape which had been erased and retaped with music. (Items stolen were five recordings, two recorders, portable radio, fifth of bourbon, folder with notes on Watergate.) WXPPost says the teenagers were caught "early Saturday," which would be 25 Aug; AP, in SFChronicle 31 Aug, says they were caught "early yesterday."

(B) Resolution would forbid Ervin committee to conduct any hearings or receive any testimony, except in executive session. Dole: "The people want the members of Congress to be concerned about the problems that affect them, and Watergate does not affect them."

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Gill shares the office with Tom Jarriel, whose desk was not tampered with.

~~"One of the missing tapes contained Mr. Gill's summary of conversations he had in Miami with sources who gave information about the Senate Watergate committee's subpoena of certain bank records in Miami.... [Gill] has spent a considerable amount of time there in recent weeks, looking into the subpoena of the records of the bank with which Charles G. Rebozo ... is associated."~~

(C) See entry 8 Oct 75, same heading.

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Sirica refuses to consolidate the suits ~~of~~ filed by Cox and Ervin committee for release of tapes, in brief order with "little elaboration."

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South Africa - Joel Carlson points out similarities in the political atmosphere here and in South Africa, in article titled ~~NYT 30 Aug 73~~ "In the Name of Security."

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Kleindienst urges a suspension of the televised hearings in the interest of a fair trial for any defendants who are criminally indicted; says they are "an extravaganza, kind of a self-inflicted, orgy-type situation growing out of a very sad, lamentable situation."

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Richard Danner, who delivered \$100,000 ~~to Rebozo~~ from Howard Hughes to Rebozo for Nixon, is questioned by ~~Ervin~~ ~~committee~~ Ervin committee investigators. Says he gave \$50,000 in \$100 bills to Rebozo at San Clemente, 3 Jul 70. In the case of the second \$50,000, also in cash, Danner had originally told the IRS that this was given to Rebozo at Key Biscayne in Aug 69, but tells Ervin committee investigators that he later gave the IRS an amended statement, suggesting it was possible the delivery could have occurred in a year later, in Aug 70.

SFC 2 Oct 73, Jack Anderson; fuller column, same date, filed Nixon, real estate.

See entry under Maheu, 4 Jul 73