

19 Jul 74 (1)

HJC "Summary of Information" is presented by Doar to the committee. Text of first seven sections, NYT.

NYT 22 Jul 74, p. 20

- "In summarizing the evidence before the House Judiciary Committee [Doar] abandoned the impartial role he had been playing for weeks and bluntly laid out the case against President Nixon." See story. See entry 4 Aug 74, Doar.

NYT 22 Jul 74, p. 23 [Special to NYT]

- "When Mr. Doar presented the material to the committee [today], commenting that 'reasonable men acting reasonably would find the President guilty,' Mr. Jenner said he agreed with every word Mr. Doar had spoken."

- Jenner is replaced as minority counsel, *HJC, by Sam Garrison; action is decided upon informally at a Republican caucus "late [this] week." Jenner will continue with HJC and may retain his title but the functions of minority counsel will be handled by Garrison.

"Appearing [21 Jul] on ... 'Issues and Answers,' [Rep. Robert] McClory made it clear that Mr. Jenner had been ousted because he was not functioning in what the Republican members considered a sufficiently partisan manner. Rep. Charles E. Wiggins [appearing on the same program, said,] 'Bert Jenner has seemed to have forgotten who his client is in this case. It's the minority. He has set himself up as almost another member of Congress in reaching the ultimate judgment which we have to reach'"

NYT 22 Jul 74, R.W. Apple Jr. *(no date)

- Jenner, after attending a closed meeting of JHC 22 Jul, at which Garrison made the argument supporting Nixon, tells reporters he has been given no official notice from the Republican minority that he was no longer its senior special counsel. "I'm here for the duration," he said. "I was told when I came aboard the first day I was not expected to defend the President."

NYT 23 Jul 74, p. 27, James M. Naughton

Doar)
Jenner { See entry, HJC "Summary of Information."
Garrison }

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Korff profile by Sally Quinn; companion story on Korff dinner, and phone call from Nixon in San Clemente.

WXP 19 Jul 74 See also 5 Jul 74, profile by Kondracke.

Nixon ("gift" of papers) - See entry 23 Jul 74, on summary by Doar presented to HJC today.

Impeachment - Tom Wicker on analysis of impeachment situation "by one of the shrewdest and most knowledgeable members of Congress, a senior Democratic Senator who has supported Richard Nixon on foreign policy and law-and-order issues - even on all of Mr. Nixon's Supreme Court nominations. In the long run, he believes when finally confronted with the hard decision - yes or no on specific questions - most members [of the House and Senate] will vote honestly on their view of the evidence, and their conception of proper Presidential conduct.

"As for me," the Senator said, puffing a politician's cigar, "if we have to vote in the Senate, I plan to get up the next morning, look at myself in the mirror, and say, 'Well, you may not be coming back to this place after the next election. But when you voted yesterday, you did what you thought was right, if you never do again.'"

NYT 19 Jul 74, Tom Wicker

Sen. Herman Talmadge
of Georgia?

Korff intv of Nixon - "In a long interview with [Korff] ... [Nixon] still seems to see himself not as a central figure in a political conspiracy against his political opponents but as the innocent victim of a conspiracy directed at him by others.... It is interesting that this interview, which took place last May 13, was released over two months later, just before the Judiciary Committee was drafting the articles of impeachment for debate." A N P - 6

NYT 19 Jul 74, James Reston

Nixon (on Watergate) - See entry, Korff intv of Nixon
House Judiciary Committee - " "

Nixon (on resignation or impeachment) - A N P - 6

(19 Jul 74) AMP (A)

(A) - WXP says McClory circulated a petition this week (no date) among Republican committee members which resulted in Garrison's replacement of Jenner. AMP-C
WXP 22 Jul 74, John Reistrup

(B) - "The heart of Mr. Garrison's presentation, both orally and in a written brief, the first part of which was made public [22 Jul], was that House members were obliged to approach the impeachment of a President with both 'legal' and 'political' considerations in mind. Mr. Garrison told newsmen [22Jul?] that he was using the word 'political' in a broad sense - 'politics with a capital P,' he said - to denote the 'common weal.'

"The issue, he said, is 'not a narrow question of whether the President did, on a certain date, perform an act of which they [in Congress] disagree, or even whether it could be considered, on some theory of law, as complicity in a crime.' Rather, Mr. Garrison continued, the central question is 'whether the public interest would be served or disserved by removal from office.'

NYT 23 Jul 74, James M. Naughton, p. 27

(C) - "Two months ago, a petition seeking [Jenner's] ouster was circulated among the Republicans, but nothing came of it." No names given for person or persons circulating the petition; see AMP-A.

See entry 26 Jul 74, Jenner (removal ...), which suggests Rhodes could have been involved since he is ~~supposed to have~~ alleged to have told HJC Republicans privately that Nixon "couldn't stand" Jenner.

NYT 22 Jul 74, R.W. Apple Jr.

(D) - ~~See entry 16 Jul 74, Doar "is planning"~~

(E) - See entry, 26 Jul 74, Jenner (removal as minority counsel).

AMP (B)

(19 Jul 74) AMP (8)

(F) - Doar, in presentation of summary of evidence to HJC:
"As an individual, I have not the slightest bias against Mr. Nixon. I would hope I would not do him the smallest, slightest injury. But I am not indifferent, not indifferent to the matter of Presidential abuse of power by whatever President . . . If in fact President Nixon or any President has had a central part in the planning and execution of this terrible deed of subverting the Constitution, then I shall do my part as best I can to bring him to answer before the Congress of the United States for his enormous crime in the conduct of his office . . . Members of the committee, for me to speak like this - I can hardly believe I am speaking as I do - the awesomeness of this is so - so tremendous . . . "
Time magazine, 29 Jul 74, p. 6 (not in file)

- See also long, detailed article of what went on behind the scenes at HJC, in particular col. 5, "Rodino-Doar Meeting."
NYT 5 Aug 74, James M. Naughton and others

(G) - From Korff intv of Nixon, apparently a quotation of Nixon ~~view~~ on resignation or impeachment: "A resignation or impeachment of the President of the United States would, in my view, have devastating consequences in terms of our foreign policy, would jeopardize the best hope we have to build a structure of peace in the world, the best hope we have had in this century, or perhaps in two centuries, and also would have a very detrimental effect on our political system for years to come due to the fact that it would weaken the Presidency."

NYT 19 Jul 74, James Reston