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John Osborne's book, "The Last Nixon Watch," is reviewed by Edwin M. Yoder Jr. Excerpts from review:

On Nixon's emotional state: "What seems remarkable in retrospect is not that Nixon seemed drawn or pallid or jittery, but that he told his many public whoppers with such steely composure."

Quoting Osborne on Nixon's tax problems: " 'Mr. Nixon personally set forth the philosophy of maximum attainable deduction . . . in a 1969 memorandum to John Ehrlichman.' The repeated protestation that the President had been the guideless [sic - guileless?] victim of sloppy lawyers and accountants wore thin on that very account."

"On ... the likelihood that the President had had a high grade of wool pulled over his eyes by his aides ... Osborne cites a revealing memo prepared for the House Judiciary Committee by Alexander Butterfield. It gives some notion of the scope of Nixon's care for detail. Butterfield, warning that he did not himself see the information as discreditable (as it wasn't, for that matter), reported that Mr. Nixon 'did a memorandum in Belgrade, Yugoslavia, having been impressed by the fine restrooms . . . and having the feeling that back here on the Mall we had some rather shabby wooden restrooms.' He was, said Butterfield, 'thinking always about detail.'"

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Nixon's:

talent for lying	-	See entry, John Osborne's
understanding of tax matters	-	" " book
attention to detail	-	" "
memo on restrooms, Belgrade	-	" "

McCord is released from Federal prison camp at Allenwood, Pa. His sentence of one to five years was reduced to four months by Judge Sirica 28 Apr 75, making him eligible for parole in two months. McCord entered Allenwood 22 Mar 75.

Reporters miss McCord, who left by a side gate at 6 a.m., nearly two hours earlier than had been announced. "A prison official, apologizing to reporters waiting at the front gate, said an employe who 'didn't get the message' had driven

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Mr. McCord to the public highway to be met by his wife and daughter."

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- McCord enters prison 22 Mar; Supreme Court declines to review his conviction 21 Apr; Sirica reduces sentence 28 Apr (had never before done so for the seven men convicted in the break-in); McCord leaves prison 29 May.