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Nixon - Safire's list of "a few of the items [Nixon] has not yet been accused of having done," a list of allegations against other presidents. In a list of six items, four mention "the Kennedy brothers [John, Robert]" or, separately, John or Robert Kennedy. The first item is on plot to kill Castro; "President Kennedy did not frown on murder as a tool of national policy."

For similar comments on John Kennedy and Castro, see entries 28 May and 6 Jun, Korff.

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- Point-by-point rebuttal by Frank Makiewicz, WXP 9 Jun 75. On Safire's sixth point, that "Nixon never lied to the people about his health just before anelection", Mankiewicz begins by saying, "What a sad commentary it is that, in defending an ex-President of the United States, his friends must qualify the phrase, 'he never lied to the people,' with a particular subject and a particular time."

Nixon (lying) - See entry, Nixon, Safire's list ... (added note on Mankiewicz).

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- $\triangle$  See also letters commenting on Safire's article, NYT 12 Jun 75.
  - Letter by Philip A. Lacovara, WXP 16 Jun 75.
- B Comment by Safire on Mankiewicz's rebuttal. WXP 16 Jun 75
  - Comment by Safire. NYT 20 Jun 75