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Korff - Undated story, but by inference is an account of comments made by Korff at his press conference 28 May.

Korff says Nixon admitted to him his "complicity" in the Watergate cover-up. This "complicity," in Korff's words, is "what Richard Nixon has said to me repeatedly, that he genuinely believed at one stage that national security was involved in the cover-up, and at another stage he could not throw his subordinates to the wolves, and at another stage he made very clear to me he was fed 'self-serving versions,' was the way he put it, by one of the others. And to this day, he told me, he does not know the full story of Watergate.

"Now, as to his complicity in the cover-up, he made it very clear that it was exactly that, whether it was to shield a subordinate or to protect national security."

Korff says that "Watergate is somewhat inconsequential" compared to what was done by the CIA under - by implication - other presidents. The CIA is "under the control of only one man, the President of the United States . . . It is precisely what is being revealed now . . . [See ^{his} reference to plot to kill Castro; entry 28 May.] Nixon was one link in the chain of the presidency and you can't extricate one link and judge it independent of the others." AOLP-A

Korff does not believe Nixon should be "brought to justice for complicity in a cover-up." "And you would ask how one law can apply to him and another law to you. Aren't we all equal under the Constitution? . . . I would say no, startling as it would appear. Some are more equal than others."

Throughout this account of Korff's remarks, he is quoted as using the name Richard Nixon, and not the title President Nixon. In the report by the NYT 29 May, he is quoted as using the title.

On his resignation as head of the President Nixon Justice Fund, "Korff said he is stepping aside, while remaining on the board of the Nixon fund, because \$190,000 of the goal of \$400,444 . . . has been raised, and pledges made for the rest. With payment of the pledges, he said, 'I will have discharged my commitment.'" NYT and WXP (Reuters) 29 May say \$190,000 has been raised, but give the goal as \$400,000; NYT says the amount outstanding is \$155,155, Reuters, \$210,000.

WXP 6 Jun 75, Jules Witcover

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Arthur F. Burns - In a report by the staff of the Joint Committee on Internal Revenue Taxation, made public today, Burns is named as the person who transmitted to the IRS (16Jun69) Nixon's order that it make special investigations of student protesters, black militants and anyone who was financing them. Story says that Burns has been identified "with any of the questionable activities of the Nixon administration." Burns is now chairman of the Federal Reserve Board.

See story for details on a meeting (no date) of Burns and Randolph W. Thrower, IRS commissioner in 1969, at which Thom Charles Huston was present; on formation of special services staff within the IRS to collect the information wanted by the Nixon administration, which resulted in files on 8,585 persons and 2,873 organizations; use on two occasions of the IRS by the Kennedy administration for similar purposes, directed mainly at right-wing organizations.

NYTimes 7 Jun 75, Eileen Shanahan

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