

Potpourri: 'Adjusting to Life in a Cell'

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Convicted Watergate burglar E. Howard Hunt, awaiting sentence in the D.C. jail, is on an ulcer diet. Hunt told a recent visitor that he is adjusting to life in a cell. "It's no different from being closed in on shipboard when I was first in the Navy," he said. "At least this doesn't rock . . ."

Randy Agnew told friends he and his bride were thinking of honeymooning in Greece and that he might eventually return to the homeland of his grandparents to live permanently. He is even contemplating changing his name to "Dimitri" . . .

The London Sunday Times' Washington correspondent, Henry Brandon, was one of the few journalists invited to foreign affairs adviser Henry Kissinger's birthday party in New York. Brandon received the invitation before learning last week that his phone had been tapped by the FBI in 1971 after a series of discussions between the late J. Edgar Hoover and Kissinger. Observers are waiting to see if Brandon and his wife show up to help Kissinger blow out the candles on his cake . . .

Members of Kissinger's National Security staff were not all unaware that their home phones were being tapped in 1970 by U.S. agents. Three years ago, one

of the youngest men on Kissinger's staff cautioned a reporter about calling him at home. He had been warned, he said, to beware of electronic eavesdroppers: "Not enemy agents, our own guys . . ."

Former White House aide Dwight L. Chapin, named one of the U.S. Jaycees' "Ten Outstanding Young Men for 1973" before he resigned during the Watergate investigation, offered to withdraw because events planned for the honorees will continue for the rest of this year. But judges kept him on the list. The Jaycees had a similar problem in 1963, a spokesman noted, when Billie Sol Estes made their list . . .

First Lady Pat Nixon seems to be weathering the Watergate storm well. But there was a period when she was so tense that former First Lady Mamie Eisenhower expressed concern to mutual friends . . .

Jeb Stuart Magruder's hopes for a new financial start with the Sea Pines Company or some other resort in Hilton Head, S.C., have not materialized. His lawyer said last week that Magruder will return to the field of marketing research and is opening a Washington office, with three clients to give the names of the firms Magruder will advise . . . Sen. John Tunney's friendship with actress Elizabeth Ashley has progressed to the point where he is flying to New York regularly to take her out.

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