

John W. Dean III, reading prepared statement 25 Jun 73, Senate Watergate committee.

From Washington Post 26 Jun 73, p. A9, col. 4, second full paragraph from bottom, last sentence:

Fielding also reported that they had found a hand gun in the safe, which Kerhli had disengaged, a large briefcase containing electronic equipment, and a number of documents, some of which were classified . . .

Transcription from tape of KPFA daily summary for 25 Jun 73 (cassette 12A at 55), Dean reading: some of which were classified. I told Fielding that I would like his assistance later that day in going through the materials.

During the afternoon of the 20th, Fielding and I began going through the cartons of Hunt's materials. I remember looking into the brief case, which contained electronic equipment. I frankly do not know what it was, but it contained loose wires, Chap Sticks (for your lips) with wires coming out of them, instruction sheets for walkie-talkies, and as I recall there were also some antennas in there. We then began sorting the documents. The bulk of the papers were classified cables from the State Department relating to the early years of the war in Vietnam. These were separated out from the rest of the papers. The other papers I assumed related to Hunt's work at the White House. Also there were personal papers. I will attempt to the best of my recollection to describe the papers and documents that were found in Hunt's safe.

I must point out, however, that I personally did not look at all the documents or read all the documents; rather, it was a combined effort by Fielding and myself to determine what was in Hunt's safe.

First, among his personal papers were copies of his submissions for his per diem pay as a consultant, a few travel vouchers, and an envelope containing material of a personal nature related to his wife. Among the papers that I assume related to his work at the White House were numerous memoranda to Chuck Colson regarding Hunt's assessment of the plumbers unit operation

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NYTimes, on quick check, does not carry this (NYT 26 Jun 73, col. 7, midway).