

from Betty Beale column:

"Isn't it funny?" mused Jill Ruckelshaus sadly when reminded that both Elliot Richardson and her husband had been mentioned only the week before as possible choices for the new Vice President. "That was really a vast turnaround in people's fortunes."

Jill continued in a subdued manner, "Billy has had some interesting job opportunities since he left the FBI but there was nothing that appealed to him like the Justice Department. Just the previous Monday he said he was excited about the plans they had. He and Elliot were going to do some reorganizing and streamline it, make it representative and make it run. He was excited about it and said, 'I feel I can happily spend the next three years doing that.'"

Ruckelshaus wrote his letter of resignation at the same time as Richardson and sent it to the White House together with Richardson's, she said. Each served the President ably and honorably in four different capacities. Elliot got a curt one sentence note from his boss; Ruckelshaus, not even that.