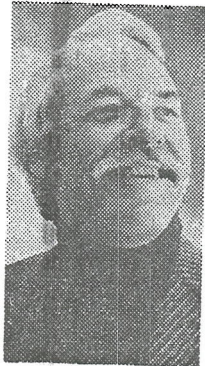


Washington Witchcraft

Aha! At last we are getting somewhere. The most plausible explanation yet for all the strange things that have been happening to those Watergate tapes has been put forward by Alexander Haig, President Nixon's chief of staff. It is witchcraft. Them demons done it!

Why didn't we think of this before? All the unkind jesting about Rose Mary's boo-boo ought to have jogged our minds, if we had been paying attention. "Some sinister force . . ." said Haig. Why, of course. Rose Mary's. . . .

Maybe it ties in with the Russian wheat deal. Why do you suppose the Russians wanted all that wheat? An ancient Babylonian demon-charm may contain a clue: It evokes magic by making a big circle OF FLOUR. Hmmm?



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Haig is on the right track. It only remains to identify the sinister force. A magic text called the "Lemegeton" lists 72 devils by name, rank, serial number & principal occupation. Is it Flauros at work, who destroys a witch's enemies? Is it Glasyalabras, who knows all of science?

We ought to put a consultancy contract out to bids on this at once. The Sony people, smarting under the President's criticisms of their equipment, might be willing to underwrite it.

QUOTE: "Witchcraft has driven many poor people to despair, and persuaded their minds with such buzzes . . . as has made them even run distracted with terror." — Cotton Mather.