

List of 37 Potential Impeachment Inquiry Charges

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The legal staff of the House Judiciary Committee's impeachment inquiry has narrowed its list of potential charges against President Nixon from 56 to 37.

Special Counsel John M. Doar said some of the other 19 allegations have been found upon investigation to be baseless and some have been assigned a low priority, but not dropped.

Here are the 37 remaining high-priority matters under investigation:

Domestic Surveillance

- White House-directed intelligence activities, including the planned firebombing of the Brookings Institution and funneled payments to Watergate defendants.

- Creation of the "plumbers unit" and the burglary at the office of Dr. Lewis Fielding, Daniel Ellsberg's psychiatrist.

- Seventeen illegal wiretaps and their concealment.

- The spiriting away of Dita Beard when she was sought as a witness for the Senate investigation of International Telephone and Telegraph Corp.

- The offer of high office to the federal judge in the Daniel Ellsberg Pentagon papers trial.

- Mr. Nixon's personal authorization for five days of an extra-legal intelligence unit empowered to intercept mail, wiretap and burglarize.

Illegal Campaign Practices

- Hiring Donald Segretti for "dirty tricks" against Democrats.

- The cover-up of Segretti's activities.

- Forging cables to tie President John F. Kennedy to the assassination of South Vietnam President Diem.

- Illegal campaign spying activities by the Committee for the Re-election of the President.

Watergate Break-In and Cover-Up

- The plan to bug Democratic headquarters at the Watergate complex.

- Destruction of Watergate break-in evidence.

- Destruction of E. Howard Hunt's White House files and concealment of that act.

- Payment of "hush money" and promises of clem-

ency to seven Watergate defendants.

- Attempts to involve the Central Intelligence Agency in the cover-up.

- Decision to offer perjured testimony to the Watergate grand jury and trial.

- Use of the CIA to retrieve Watergate evidence from the Justice Department.

- Perjured testimony during the hearings into L. Patrick Gray's nomination to head the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

- Involvement of high officials in the cover-up.

- The Breakdown of the agreements reached during the appointment of Archibald Cox as Watergate special prosecutor.

- Cox's firing Oct. 20, 1973.

- The initial refusal to make available subpoenaed tapes.

- The 18½-minute gap in the June 20, 1972, tape.

Nixon's Personal Finances

- Possible criminal fraud in connection with Mr. Nixon's 1970-73 income tax returns.

Use of Government Agencies for Political Purposes

- Contributions taken for the promise of appointment to ambassadorships.

- Contributions from milk producers taken for lower dairy import quotas and higher milk price supports.

- Sentences of prisoners commuted in return for support during the 1972 presidential campaign.

- Use of the Federal Communications Commission to control and retaliate against media criticism.

- Use of the Internal Revenue Service to harass "enemies" of the administration and to reward friends.

- Allowed various corporate mergers to go unchallenged because the participants contributed to the Nixon campaign.

- Use of the Justice Department to blunt media criticism.

- Antitrust suit against ITT settled in return for a pledge of financial help for the 1972 Republican National Convention.

- Influencing various government agencies to promote improperly Mr. Nixon's re-election.

- Suppression of criminal proceedings against recipients of aid from the Small Business Administration for political reasons.

- Solicitation and receipt of a \$200,000 contribution from fugitive financier Robert L. Vesco.

- Substitution of civil for criminal charges against a defendant because of a financial pledge to the Republican Party.

- Preferential treatment from the Securities and Exchange Commission and the Justice Department for Nixon supporters.

[Set aside for the moment and awaiting publication expected next week of a Senate Armed Services Committee report on the issue is whether bombing of Cambodia ordered by Mr. Nixon from 1969 to 1973 should be considered an impeachable offense.]

[The staff has recommended dropping as unsubstantiated 13 allegations of misuse of government agencies, attempted dismantling of the Office of Economic Opportunity and impoundment of appropriated funds. UPI raised the total to 19 by the President's tax problems which had previously been considered four separate items.)