Capital Guide to Superstargazing

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Welcome to Washington, judiciary buffs.

For you who were willing to stand in line all night, to live on peanut butter crackers from vending machines, to synchronize your bodily comforts and functions with a judge's whims, this is the time and place to see legal history in the making.

Today we are having a Watergate Retrospective, with big shows in three spectacular locations. Even if you fail to get a ringside seat, you can line up and watch the fanfare as your favorites arrive. With our Map of the Stars, you can see where famous events took place, gaze at the places where

the stars live and work, and perhaps even catch them at lunch.

Or you can do your own exploring, with the help of the very same guidebooks used by the people involved in these productions. Search through a copy of the presidential transcripts for names and places. You can buy one at any newsstand, but the true aficionado needs a large copy in presidential blue from the Government Printing Office, \$12.95.

While you're there, pick up a copy of the Congressional Directory. There you'll find the office addresses of all the government stars, and the home addresses of all but a few overworked or sneaky types who submitted listings like "Cannon

House Office Building" for "Residence."
All right, ready? Got your sleeping bag, reading

glasses and Instamatic?

The biggest show of all is one day only, in the Supreme Court. Beginning at 10 a.m. today, eight of the nine justices (Associate Justice William H. Rehnquist disqualified himself) will hear arguments on whether President Nixon should be required to deliver 64 tapes to Special Prosecutor Leon Jaworski, and on whether the grand jury has the authority to name the President as an unindicted co-conspirator.

Although the decision will not be announced until up to two weeks later, which might rob the

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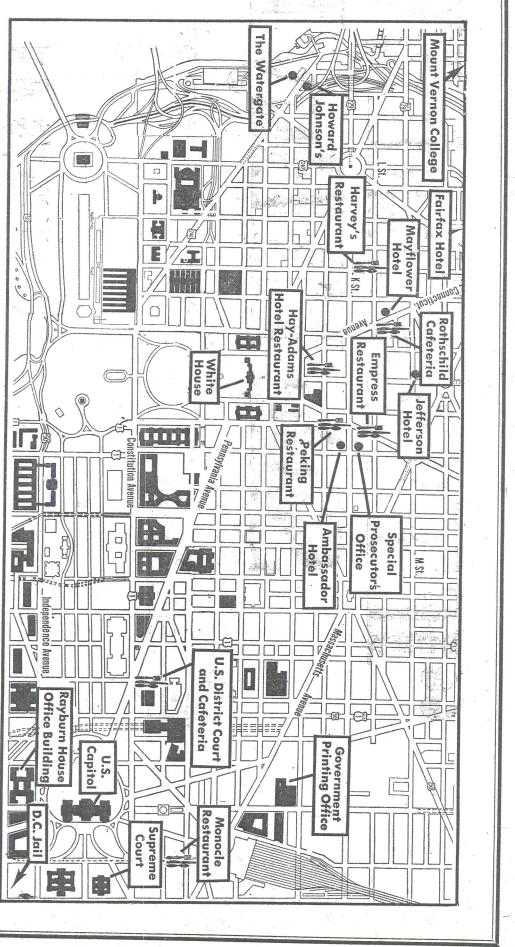
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proceedings of a climax, this one is expected to be a classic

This afternoon at 3, specially timed because of overlap in the cast, the House Judiciary Committee will continue its sessions of inquiry into a possible presidential impeachment. This is expected to continue at least through July, but is the most exclusive as far as attendance is concerned. Those who belong there know it, and those who don't belong there can't get in.

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Meanwhile, the trial of John Ehrlichman, G. Gordon Liddy, Bernard Barker and Eugenio Martinez on charges of conspiring to violate the civil rights of Daniel Ellsberg's former psychiatrist, Dr. Lewis J. Fielding, by burglarizing his Los Angeles office, continues at 9:30 a.m. at the United States District Court. It looks as if this will be the last week of it and the best, since the defendants will be testifying in their own behalf, and there may even be a special appearance by superstar Henry Kissinger.

Here are the practical possibilities for seeing as much as possible of the three shows with the least discomfort;

"United States of America v. Richard M. Nixon" and "Richard M. Nixon v. United States of America," U.S. Supreme Court, 10 a.m. to 12 or 1 p.m.

Tickets for the general public are available, first-come, first-served, for 50 to 100 people to sit through the full hearing, and for 27 others to be rotated through for a five-minute view.

The other tickets were parceled out (by Justice Rehnquist, who won the job when he disqualified himself from the case) or, in some cases, raffled off, to senators and representatives, other government celebrities, lawyers, and families and friends of the justices, so the fans might want to take a look at the audience, as well as the participants.

For people who don't get in, the best viewing times will be from 8:30 a.m. to 10 for arrivals, and 1 p.m., when people will be leaving. As of now, there has not been a rule against the public standing outside the

courtroom, but if it is felt that the corridors are obstructed today, people may be asked to leave.

In any case, the best position from a viewing standpoint is the Supreme Court front steps. But it is advised that the tourist remember that white marble picks up the direct sun, and that he be prepared to fry. (Monday's forecast calls for sunny weather, with high in the low or middle 90s.)

You may see Jaworski and will probably see the President's lawyer, James St. Clair, and may get to hear the press, who will also assemble outside. (Jaworski seldom says anything off the cuff.)

But there is almost no chance of seeing the justices, who arrive through a special garage entrance and have lunch in their private dining room. Occasionally, one may be seen launching at the Monocle restaurant, or on days when their own facilities are closed, at a Pennsylvania Avenue delicatessen.

The Supreme Court's public cafeteria is closed now for alterations. There is a smaller cafeteria, but it is for court staff use only—closed to the public—from 12:15 to 1:30 p.m. So if you plan to do step duty, eat early, eat late, or be on the look-out for the pushcart, that comes by the area.

There are bathrooms under the Supreme Court steps.

"United States of America v. John D. Ehrlichman et al. CR 74-116," U.S. District Court, 9:30 a.m. to approximately 5 p.m., with lunch break probably from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m.

Passes are handed out at trial time, for the morning session only, to the first 34 people in line. The process is repeated for afternoon passes, just before the afternoon session.

For nonticket holders, it is possible to stand outside the courtroom on the second floor, which also has bathrooms. Good views of the principals refusing to comment to the press can be had on John Marshall Place, where television and other press cameras must wait.

There is a really good opportunity here to combine lunch with star-gazing, since three of the principals, the Ehrlichmans, Barker and Martinez, usually dine in the public cafeteria in the basement.

United States District Judge Gerhard A. Gesell eats in chambers or in the judges' dining room, but he can be seen walking from Georgetown to the courthouse in the morning. (In the evening, he bums a ride home with his secretary.)

Ehrlichman and his wife have a suite at the May-flower Hotel, where his attorney, William Frates, who is also Bebe Rebozo's attorney, also has a suite. Barker and Martinez share a room at the Ambassador Hotel. G. Gordon Liddy stays at D.C. Jail. The jury is sequestered at Mt. Vernon College.

U.S. House of Representatives Judiciary Committee Hearings on possible articles of impeachment, Rayburn House Office Building, Room 2141, 3 p.m. today and usually 9:30 or 10 a.m. to anywhere from 4:30 to 8 p.m.

There is no public seating for this, but the corridor leading from the committee room to the elevator acts as a stage at the opening and closing of sessions and whenever there is a call for a vote or quorum in the House of Representatives.

Congressmen come racing out at this time, and members of the press race after them with microphones, cameras or ballpoint pens. Choice statements are also made in the center of the corridor, where the television cameras are. Rep. Joseph J. Maraziti (R-N.J.) is usually the first one at the television cameras, often with a statement to the effect that there is no evidence of the President's guilt.

Not all members of the committee can be seen arriving or departing, as they have a back entrance from the committee room to congressional offices. They generally eat in their offices or the House dining room.

The public may eat in the Rayburn cafeteria on the B level, and there are bathrooms at the corners of the building.

Suggested side tours: The Lawyers' Circuit

The Special Prosecutor's Office is at 1425 K St. NW. in an unmarked office on the 9th floor, guarded by a closed-circuit television camera, at the opposite end of

the corridor from the Grocery Manufacturers of America, Inc., who have a marked door but no camera.

On the 10th floor, there is another unmarked door with a law library, where you might catch assistant prosecutors Jill Wine Volner or Richard Ben-Veniste looking something up. The staff members usually eat at neighborhood middle to lower-priced restaurants: the Empress, the Peking, Rothschild Cafeteria.

Jaworski lives at the Jefferson Hotel and eats often at Harvey's restaurant (18th and K Streets NW). St. Clair lives at the Fairfax Hotel, and you might catch either one or Mr. and Mrs. Ehrlichman at some of the middle-to-upper priced restaurants around: La Bagatelle (20th and K Streets NW), the Rive Gauche (Wisconsin and M Streets NW), the Madison (15th and M Streets NW), Chez Camille (De Sales Street NW, off Connecticut Avenue), the Hay-Adams (16th and H Streets NW).

Watergate and Environs

This is the plushest tour, if you go the full route—as Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Ellsberg once did for the fun of it—by staying at the Watergate Hotel. Eating and bathroom facilities are plentiful, and the souvenir possibilities range from postal cards and "Watergate bug" pins to condominiums. For a slightly less expensive outing, there is the Howard Johnson Motor Lodge across the street, where receivers for the Democratic National Committee bugging in the Watergate were placed.

The Homes of Richard Nixon

Especially for nostalgia buffs, this consists of the various Washington area residences the President has occupied since he began working his way up through the government: 3919 Old Dominion Blvd. Apt... 12, Alexandria, and Beverly Park, Alexandria, which the Nixons listed as addresses in 1942; the Broadmoor Hotel, Connecticut Ave. and Porter Streets NW, where they were in 1947; the Park Fairfax at 3533 Gunston Rd., Alexandria, 1948 to 1951; 4801 Tilden St. NW, 1951 to 1957; 1403 Forest Lane NW, 1957 to 1961; and the White House, 1600 Pennsylvania Ave. NW, 1969 to present.