

"Defense Secretary James R. Schlesinger and the Joint Chiefs of Staff kept unusually close control over lines of command in the last days of the Nixon administration to insure that no unauthorized orders were given to military units by the White House. A senior Pentagon official, quoted in The New York Times,*said the decision to monitor closely all orders from any source was taken by Schlesinger in consultation with Gen. George S. Brown, chairman of the Joint Chiefs, to prevent any of a series of hypothetical situations from developing."

*Not in file. The report presumably was published 24 Aug 74.