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Notes on People

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J. Fred Buzhardt, who headed Richard M. Nixon's Watergate defense until he had a heart attack, has suggested that the American public and the news people have set moral standards for public servants "that are really mythical." In an interview with The Charlotte (N. C.) Observer, the lawyer from Beaufort, S.C. said:

"Would you rather have a competent scoundrel or an honest boob in office? You can make a strong argument that, for a President in this day and time, you don't want a babe in the woods. He's got to deal with some pretty rought-and-tumble people."

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