

# WATERGATE RAID NOW 3 YEARS OLD

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Questions Remain, but U.S.

Attention Has Shifted

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—On the eve of the third anniversary of the Watergate break-in, Washington's attention has turned to other matters—the economy, energy, the Central Intelligence Agency. Watergate is not forgotten.

Five men were arrested inside the Democratic National Committee at the Watergate complex early on the morning of Saturday, June 17, 1972. The subsequent chain of events resulted in the first resignation of a President in the nation's history.

Some questions remain unanswered, including these:

¶Who was responsible for the 18½ minute gap in the tape of the key conversation President Nixon had with his chief of staff, H.R. Haldeman, on June 20, 1972—three days after the break-in?

¶What were the circumstances surrounding the secret fund allegedly controlled by Mr. Nixon's good friend, Charles G. Rebozo?

¶Was there a relationship between Mr. Nixon and billionaire Howard R. Hughes, who gave Mr. Rebozo \$100,000 for the President's re-election?

¶Who was responsible for the faulty transcripts of the White House tapes given to the House Judiciary Committee during its impeachment inquiry?

**When Did Nixon Learn?**

There are even more fundamental questions, which likely will never be answered, including these:

¶As Senator Howard H. Baker Jr., Republican of Tennessee, asked so often during the 1973 Senate hearings: What did the President know and when did he know it? The tapes that led to Mr. Nixon's resignation Aug. 8 pushed the date of his knowledge to five days after the break-in. Did Mr. Nixon know of the bugging in advance?

¶What was the purpose of the burglary? Watergate led to the worst political crisis in American history. Given this risk—which the plotters must have assessed in advance—what was so valuable at the Democratic headquarters?

The great bulk of the prosecutions are over—and the toll

comes to more than 50, including three of Mr. Nixon's Cabinet members and 20 of his White House and re-election aides.

Frank Demarco, Mr. Nixon's lawyer, and Ralph Newman, a documents appraiser, still must stand trial on charges that they conspired to backdate the deed of Mr. Nixon's Vice-Presidential papers to get the President a \$526,000 tax break.

**Plumbers Appeal Waiting**

Several appeals are pending. Oral arguments will be heard by the United States Court of Appeals Wednesday in the White House "plumbers" case—in which the former White House domestic affairs chief, John D. Ehrlichman, and three other persons were convicted of violating the civil rights of the former psychiatrist of Daniel Ellsberg, the Pentagon papers defendant, in a 1971 break-in at the psychiatrist's office.

Written briefs are due in August in the Watergate cover-up case, in which former Attorney General John N. Mitchell, Mr. Haldeman, Mr. Ehrlichman and former Assistant Attorney General Robert C. Mardian are appealing their conspiracy convictions.

A spokesman for the Watergate special prosecutor, Henry S. Ruth Jr., said that indictments could be forthcoming from other grand juries even after the third and final Watergate grand jury expires, but he noted that there was a vast difference between the possibility and likelihood of indictments.

Jill Wine-Volner, an assistant prosecutor who handled much of the tapes investigation, hinted to reporters last month that she believed no indictments were likely in the matter of the 18½-minute gap. Another person in a position to know said he knew of no indication there would be further key indictments.

**Court Bars Nixon Tax Aide**

WASHINGTON, June 16 (Reuters)—Edward Morgan, the former Treasury Department official who pleaded guilty to falsifying President Nixon's tax returns, was barred today from practicing law before the Supreme Court.

Mr. Morgan served four months of a two-year jail sentence and was released in April. He pleaded guilty in November, 1974, to one count of conspiracy to obstruct the Internal Revenue Service in a case involving the former President's back-dating of more than \$500,000 worth of Vice-Presidential papers to take advantage of a tax law on gifts.