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Excerpt from Part IV, The American Assassins  
(Robert F. Kennedy and George Wallace)

Dan Rather -- The second question that comes up most often in the [Arthur] Bremer case asks: What could the Watergate tapes reveal about the shooting? George Wallace has said, "In a way, I am a victim of Watergate." Among the tapes at issue in this case are those recorded on the White House taping system on May 15, 1972, the day Wallace was shot. What prompts us, and Wallace, to ask about those tapes is the Watergate testimony of White House plumber E. Howard Hunt. He was questioned by Georgia's Senator Talmadge about the clandestine operations he engaged in at the direction of presidential counsel Charles Colson.

Talmadge -- And did he suggest to you that you go break in Bremer's apartment after George Wallace was shot down in Maryland?

Hunt -- He suggested that I review the contents of Mr. Bremer's apartment.

Talmadge -- ...? Hunt -- ~~Bremer~~ -- I argued against it. I subsequently received word from him, or from his secretary, I can't recall which, that this was no longer required.

Rather -- Colson's call came direct from the White House, where he spent the evening with President Nixon. But he denies ordering Hunt to Milwaukee, saying, in a memorandum for file written a month later, after the Watergate break-in, that he wanted only to discuss Bremer's psychological makeup with Hunt. Both Colson and Hunt denied our requests for interviews. Colson made other phone calls that night, relaying presidential orders to the FBI, but it is precisely the performance of the FBI that leads to other questions in the case.....

[next segment deals with FBI and Secret Service allowing Milwaukee reporters into Bremer's apartment, leaving his diary and other supposedly incriminating evidence for them to inspect, then returning an hour later to seal it all off].

[Wallace never quoted ~~ninety~~ directly]

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