

Re NYT 11/22/72 FPI story. Reminds me of the farmer's phrase, college-educated ignoramuses. They asked complex questions lending themselves to the kinds of tricks played. I have never - not once, including from State - had such a device used on me. And they don't understand what for the government is very plain English if they think the Nixonian "declassification" order is any more than an overt authorization for secrecy not previously sanctioned. I studied it when it was issued. It is the old problem of the whore changing her ways. These guys, who have built careers as sycophants, don't really know anything else and don't know how to go about getting what is not leaked or fed to them. Perhaps the lawyers know the law, but these reporters do not because it requires that each agency post the basis of its charges and if they can identify the records, there is no real prospect of fantastic charges. Or, if they are made, there is basis for a worthwhile civil suit over them.

Interesting that Super Raut/Hunt's David Young gets involved in this through his SuperKrauting. HW 12/16.72