

Didn't get to read Vivian Cadden's McCall's 7/73 piece, Martha Mitchell: The Dat the JUL 23 1973  
Laughing Stopped, until tonight. I found it interesting, with one valid if perhaps over-  
draw point that had escaped me, McCord. I'd be reluctant to believe this is the only reason.  
But there is no doubt it could have been an important emotional thing for Martha. And if  
she didn't know already the idea of being that was up, it would have told her. Vivian  
doesn't say it, but those early days were the critical ones, the time, stolen to let the  
enormity of it work in, the period when the shock was cushioned...Isn't it interesting  
that LaRue was not asked about this by Ervin's committee? Or about his knowledge of any  
of that incident, although he testified to being with Mitchell pretty steadily... Vivian  
get's a bit thin when she says knowledge was denied Martha by keeping her busy. At all  
those parties nobody talked about WG?

I knew Vivian and Joe before they came to Washington and for a short time after they  
did. Pat Jackson got me up in the middle of the night to meet with them when they arrived,  
early a.m. of the day they appeared before the Dies committee. They listened to nothing,  
knowing all. Dies wrecked their group. They, personally, were saved by Eleanor Roosevelt's  
quiet entry into the hearing room, a nice gesture.

Vivian or Joe had money, from where and how they lived in D.C. Later she went to  
work for Marcantonio. That relationship cooled and I think ended soon after she gave him  
as her work something he had asked me to do, one of my exposes of the period.

Eight bathrooms? That was some New York Apartment. But with what came from those  
two Mitchells from time to time, maybe they needed most of them!

Come to think of it, the committee didn't ask Kalmbach anything about this either,  
and he was in on it.

First time I knew that "...when the Vice-President didn't want to do anything they  
called on Martha Mitchell... to dedicate anything..." Don't remember any dams she  
dedicated. Or hearing of Agnew talking back. HW 7/21/73

If your Sundays don't carry Parade and Anderson's (unread) piece, scratch, I forgot you are getting the  
Post. It was a great futility for me for HOURS, hearing snatches, unattributed. Began during the wee  
small, when I roused to hear the close of the piece carried by Westinghouse. The station faded. Twice  
after getting up I heard the same closing few words, more frustration. I kept that station on an old  
portable while I wrote (productively, in interruptedly trying to listen, until it had to switch to  
its daytime antenna pattern. The DC inde had no word of it. When I left for a walk Lil suggested that  
WxPost's all-news might carry it because they use Westinghouse news. It is audible clearly for the  
500 feet of the lane and the third of ~~ix~~ a mile to the main road, still a narrow country one up the  
mountain. On that road there is no continuous stretch of more than 50 feet where the 50kw signal can be  
heard. I twisted and turned seeking directional compensation, to no avail. No mention. Until the moment  
I mounted the steps to enter the house. They and only then did I know it was in Parade, which I was taking  
with me. Lil started reading it while I skimmed the heads, preparatory to resuming writing. Her first  
comment was a question, was Anderson now part of the bugging? HW 7/22/73.

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Anderson, Parade 7/22/73, tells of  
getting an advance tip from former  
reporter William Haddad. The name is  
familiar but I can't place it. Mean  
anything relevant to you? The story is  
not unfamiliar. Perhaps Anderson used  
it earlier. Also interesting is The  
November Group as Haddad's accurate  
source. Nothing I recall has come out  
on this. I suspect it is more likely  
a single one of those deodorant  
merchandisers who had advance knowledge

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