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NED'S FORWARD

This following in-depth study of Watergate is being brought to you by the same people who brought you the great fictional novel "**The Warren Report**".

This report contains the most recent rumors pertaining to the Watergate scandal and the people involved with it. Having studied Watergate in-depth, I will give only the most pertinent details involved with it. Also, as a special treat, I will bring you some of the most powerful photos related to Watergate. It furthermore must be said that my photographer has caught the essence of Watergate in his photos.

I shall delay no more, read on.



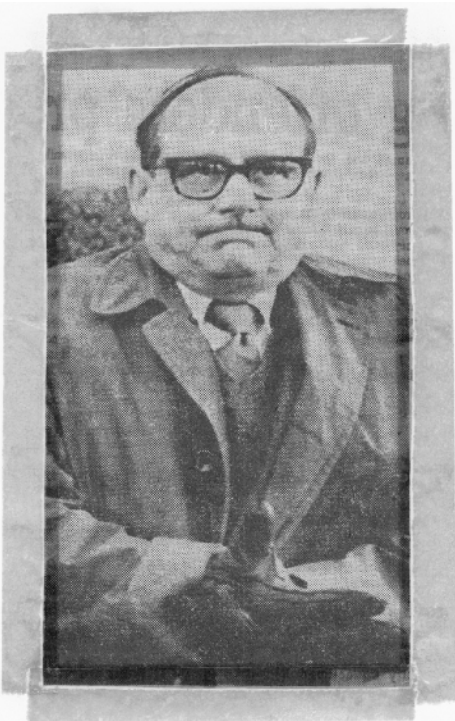
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Chapter 1: The Break-In

On the following page is a photo of Bernard Baker. On June 17, 1972, he and the following people, Virgilio R. Gonzalez, Eugenio R. Martinez, James W. McCord Jr., and Frank L. Sturgis, were found 'visiting' the offices of the Democratic National Committee, located in the Watergate Office Building.

There are two different theories as to why they were there. Theory number one has it like this: They were there to plant bugs and photograph documents. This was put forth by the Democrats and the police, so it is understandably prejudiced. The second theory was put forth by a reputable White House aide, G. Gordon Liddy. He stated that the above mentioned five were on their way to a party, being given by him and the President, when they accidentally went through a wrong locked door on their way to the Mens Room. It further seems that in the confusion, Baker mistook a phone for a hand dryer and accidentally dropped a bug into the receiver, of which of course, he had no knowledge of how it came into his possession. And what of the miniature cameras, well these were to take collector photos of the President to give out to the kiddies and also for autograph purposes.



While both theories do have their points, I am going to have to go with Mr. Liddy's explanation. Why, because even after Watergate Democratic contender Mr. McGovern said, "We have nothing to hide.", so why try to find something? Besides, when I sent for my free autographed photo of the President, it took six weeks to arrive due to the lack of photos in the White House.

PHOTO: Bernard Baker after he is alleged to have received some so-called "Hush Money".

There were rumors circulating about alleged payoffs to the five men captured inside, but I tend to disbelieve them. Why, you



might ask? Firstly, in one of the Nixon tapes we hear, “We could raise the money.... But that would be wrong”. Second, though there was money given to the defendants, in the amount of several hundred thousand, I was assured by a Mr. Dean and a Mr. Haldeman, that this was only their weekly salary. The White House pays very well.

Though I saw little ground to carry on the investigation of Watergate, I apparently missed something, for the investigation did continue.

Chapter 2: The Cover-Up

I want you to look at the below photo. Do the three nice young men you see look like they would lie to you? Regardless of what you think, they have been accused of covering up the White House’s involvement in Watergate and the payoffs.

I’m sure you can imagine what they felt like, so imagine what President Nixon felt. On page 6 you can see with your very own eyes Mr. Nixon’s reaction to the words, “They’ve been caught!”. As anyone can see, there was pain and suffering in Mr. Nixon’s face as the photo was taken. This can lend no doubts but to the fact that he is innocent.



Photo: Gordon Liddy, John Dean III and H.R. Haldeman. These three nice young men have been charged with covering up the involvement of White House personnel in Watergate.

Even though many of Mr. Nixon’s friends have been indicted, he continues to maintain his innocence. Among those indicted are: John Mitchell; John D.

Ehrlichman, John Dan III; H.R. Haldeman; E. Howard Hunt; Robert C. Mardian; Charles Colson;



and Herbert Kalmbach. As the evidence continues to pile up to the fact that there was indeed a cover-up, it must be said that our President has stuck to his guns. To emphasize this point, Mr. Nixon was recently asked if he had anything to do with a cover-up. His reply was, "I'm hurt you should even ask... so don't".

Photo: President Nixon's expression upon hearing, **"They've been caught"**.



Chapter 3 - Senate Watergate Panel

The American public and Senate not being satisfied by the reasonable answers given by the White House (such as "No comment.") were forced to set up a special Senate Watergate Panel.

The panel consisted of many fine patriotic American politicians such as: Senators Sam Ervin, Daniel Inouye, Howard Baker, Ted Kennedy and Counsel Rufus Edminton. The following photo shows the panel during a typical Watergate session. It might be noted that Senator Inouye is keeping very tight lipped after having made a monkey our of himself by saying, "You're a damn liar" to a defendant in front of several million television viewers. Senator Kennedy is further shocked by the news that someone broke into the Democratic Headquarters. Senator Baker is thinking of finding a new hair stylist, while Sam Ervin is busy covering up the delicate ears of Deputy Counsel Rufus Edminton after Senator Inouye's last remark - all while whistling a jaunty tune in order to pretend he did not hear Senator Inouye's remark himself..

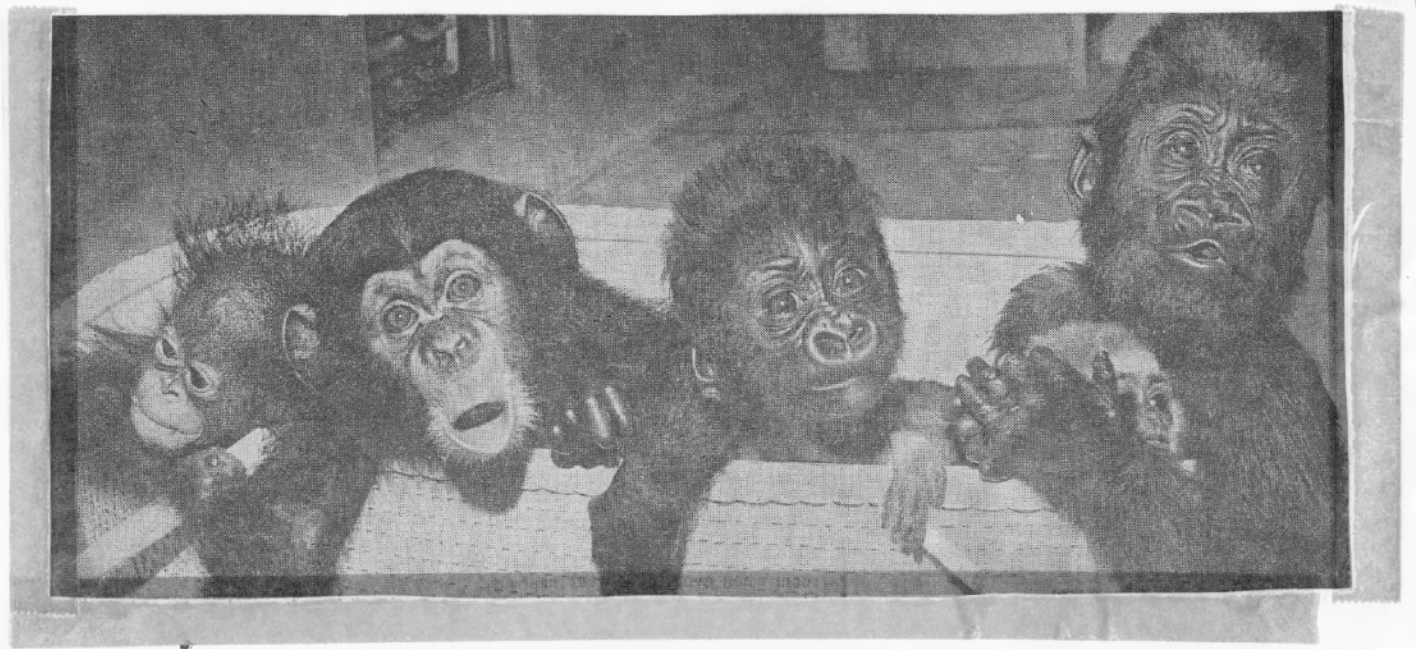
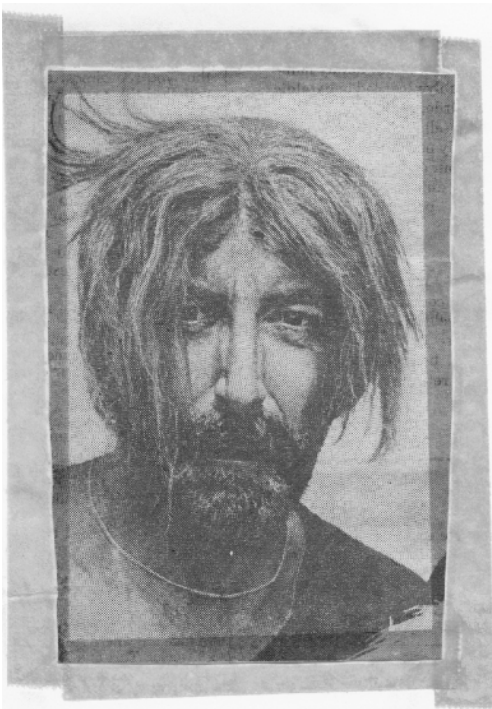


Photo: Senator Howard Baker, Senator Ted Kennedy, Senator Inouye, Deputy Counsel Edminston and Senator Sam Irvin. Mr. Kennedy, **“Senator Inouye said a no-no, Senator Inouye said a no-no!”**



During the Watergate hearings, several people were questioned about their involvement in the break-in and cover-up. Some were questioned once, others many times. The Watergate panel was not going to be made a monkey of and dived into the mess before them.* At all times the Panel fought to maintain a friendly atmosphere between themselves and the people being question. While the questions were often probing, the were careful not to upset the person being questioned. Indeed, in a photo captured of Mr. Liddy, the ever-pleasant questioning is apparent.

Photo: Mr. G. Gordon Liddy, **“I know nothing, I know nothing, please turn off the lights, I know nothing...”**

*Apparently the janitor missed that room the night before.



Chapter 4: The Tapes - Missing, Blank, or Otherwise

When President Nixon was finally forced to turn over some of his tapes, including his favorite Bing Crosby mixed tape, it was found that there were some flaws in a few of them. It seems that a few were missing, a few had blank spots (In one case one tape even had something recorded) and some were even all there.

When it was found that a few tapes were missing, people jumped to the conclusion that President Nixon was responsible. But it just isn't so, for as you can tell by the photo below,



the search Mr. Nixon instituted was complete.

Photo: An exacerbated Mr. Nixon is observed after having searched his **'Domestic Affairs'** cabinet.

There are now two theories about what happened to the lost tapes.

The first one involves a sinister force; this I believe is the most likely one. This involves having an unknown person running around the White House stealing tapes, other important documents, and Mr. Nixon's golf tees. The second, clearly less likely, theory is that one of the five to six people that had access to them stole them to cover themselves from the special investigation then in progress. I find this totally unbelievable because of the high quality of men Mr. Nixon employs.

While the tapes that were missing remained missing, it was found that some of the tapes that were turned over had unexplained gaps in the recordings. The main tape in question contained an 18.5-minute gap. Audible during this gap was only a hum and, occasionally, an undistinguishable voice in the background. One noted authority in this field,



Mr. Art Buchwald, has come to the conclusion that this gap was, in reality, a natural unretouched tape recording. His theory is that Mr. Nixon, like many great men, enjoys humming to himself and that this tape capture one of these moments. The background voices, according to Mr. Buchwald, are Pat and Tricia wondering what to do about his monosyllabic humming.

There is another theory, but I must say it doesn't hold much water. According to six tape experts, the gap could only have been caused by four to nine erasers of the tape. But what's six tape expert opinions compared to Mr. Buchwald's logical explanation.

Thus, having made a full comparison between the two, I have to agree with Mr. Buchwald. Further, I see no other recourse but to give Mr. Nixon a well-deserved Grammy for his fine performance of "Can't Hold a Tune Cause I Ain't Got No Song".

Chapter 5: Operation Candor

Nixon was not about to let Sam Ervin and Company to drag his name through the mud of Watergate, so he came back with a campaign to clear himself: Operation Candor. Nixon was not about to let himself be made a fool of by Watergate, he was determined to do it himself. As shown in a dramatic photo, Mr. Nixon is shown leading his staff during Operation Candor. Among the people in the background are John Dean III (taking notes of course), Mr. Colson, and Rose Mary Woods who, unfortunately, is in somebody's arms.



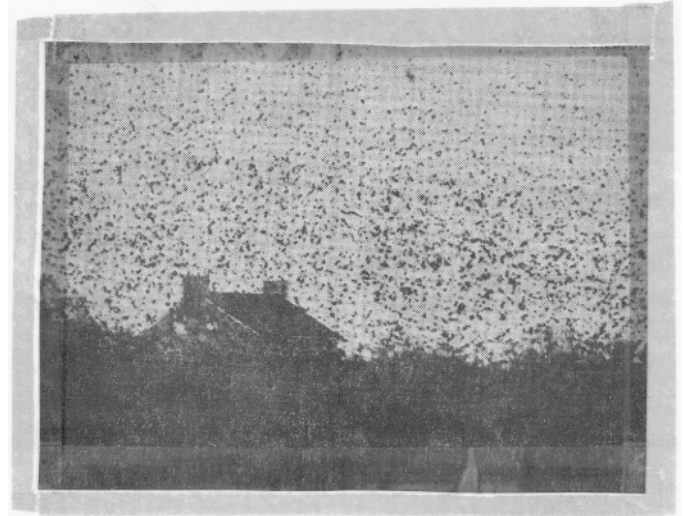
Photo: Mr. Nixon (Right Center) leading fellow White House Aides into **Operation Candor**

The results of Operation Candor can be seen by the way in which President Nixon's supporters are



flocking to Washington and the White House proving He is nor for the birds (photo below).

Photo: President Nixon's supporters are seen flocking to Washington and the White House during Operation Candor. Said one supporter, **"This proves he ain't for the birds"**.



In an effort to prove his innocence, Mr. Nixon took to a series of speeches in different parts of the country. The reactions to his speeches were wide and varied but could be summarized by the below photo in which the three members of the Senate Watergate Panel responded to one impassioned speech.



Photo: Sam Ervin, Howard Baker and Rufus Edmiston after one of President Nixon's speeches. Senator Ervin had this to say about the speech, **"It was great, he-he, haw-haw, he-he!"**

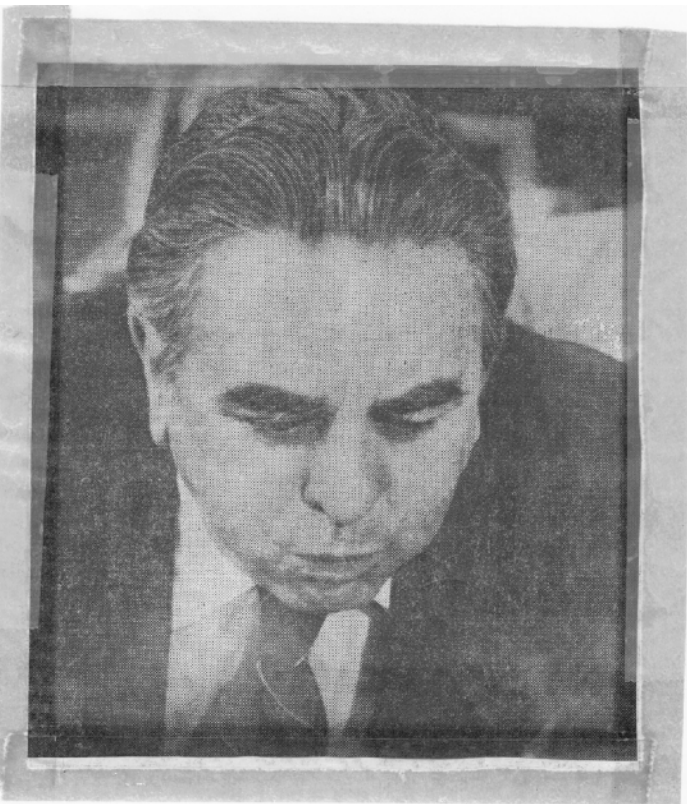
Sadly, Operation Candor disappeared almost as suddenly as it appeared. It is not known for sure, but it has been rumored that the White House Aide that conceived of Operation Candor is no longer employed but mind you this is

only a rumor as other White House sources state that the Aide is currently vacationing in Siberia.



Chapter 6: In the Courts

Not much can be said about Watergate in the courts due to the fact a certain Judge by the name of Sirica has not allowed much out to the press. At one time Sirica was a little-known Judge of questionable quality, now, thanks to Watergate, he is a well-known Judge of questionable quality. Shown below is a WHG exclusive of Judge Sirica as he heard he was appointed the Chief Watergate Judge.



The court in general has proved the fairness of the judicial system. When one court rules in favor of Nixon, another court rules in favor of the Special Prosecutor. Though Mr. Sirica has stepped down as the Chief Watergate Judge (though he still the Judge of Record in the case) we are sure that his successor will continue on in Judge Sirica's tradition.... But we hope not.

Photo: Judge John Sirica on hearing he was named Chief Watergate Judge.

Chapter 7: Conclusion in Defacto

On June 17, 1972, at about 2:30 am, five men were discovered in the offices of the Democratic National Committee located in the Watergate Hotel. Almost immediately after it became known that they were caught, Ex-Attorney General John Mitchell met with Robert C. Mardian in Beverly Hills, California. Mr. Mitchell instructed him to have G. Gordon Liddy to try to then Attorney General Richard Kleindienst to release the aforementioned five men. Mr. Kleindienst rejected the "offer". Still within 48 hours of the break-in John Ehrlichman, a top



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White House Aide, told another White House Aide, John Dean III, to get word to E. Howard Hunt to leave the country, while in the meantime, Mr. Ehrlichman was destroying documents tying the White House to the break-in.

Later the above-mentioned Aides decided that they needed money to keep the five men quiet. Mitchell and Mardian told Dean that the CIA might be a good source for it. Later it turned out that Nixon's political fund raisers were a much better source. Herbert Kalmbach, Mr. Nixon's personal lawyer and fund raiser, led the drive for the funds. There were eleven deliveries of cash to the defendants through several people for a grand total of \$402, 500; all in cash. While the demands for money became insatiable, another even bigger problem sprang up. Two men, James McCord and Howard Hunt, demanded Executive Clemency. They were later assured it would be given. Dean and Haldeman met with Nixon in the White House where they told him that the demands for money might run as high as \$1,000,000. It was at this point Nixon was recorded as saying, "The money could be raised, but that would be wrong".

The above brief of the Watergate scandal does indeed show that there was a cover-up and a payoff of hush money to the five men involved in the break-in. The main question of the investigations now in progress are whether the President was involved or not in the cover-up and payoffs. We at the World Headline Gazette do feel that Mr. Nixon knew of the cover-up almost from the beginning. As for planning the break-in itself, we feel he was unaware of the plan. As proof of this, the discussion of where to get the money, had the President been involved, the payoffs would probably have been made much soon, for they would have had ready cash from which to get it. Furthermore, the prompt influence of the President might have kept the investigation from going as far as it had. We do feel that the President did become aware of the payoffs, for otherwise why would he have discussed payoff money at all with Dean and Haldeman.

While I do feel Watergate does carry serious implication for our political system, we also feel that the sensationalism of the Press, Watergate Panel, Impeachment Hearings, and Court actions, it has received up to now, have also made it one of the greatest comedies to date. The American public may not be so swayed, as summed up by the following photo of a typical American.



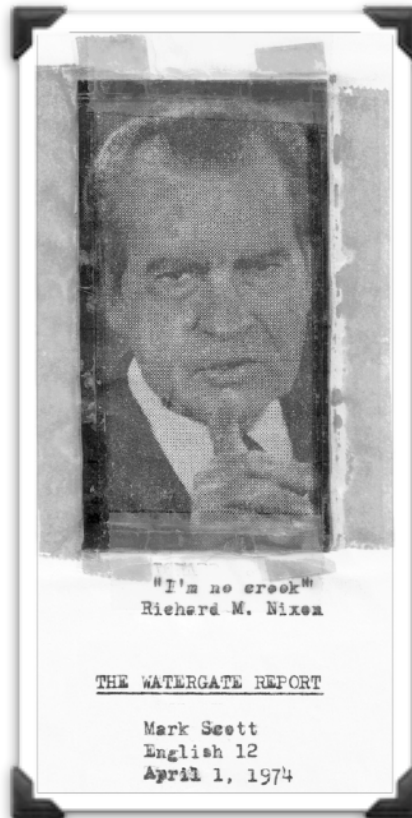
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Photo: Archie (John Doe) Bunker, average American citizen:

“I don’t give no damn about no Watergate.”



“I’m no creek”
Richard M. Nixon

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