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WATERGATE

"A palable, damnable lie!" That was John Mitchell reaction today to previous testimony aimed at linking him with the Watergate bugging incident. Mitchell telling the Senate Watergate Committee that - in fact, he had never approved any Watergate scheme. On the contrary he had turned down three such proposals. Mitchell saying his response to the final presentation - was, quote, "very simple: 'this again? We don't need this! I'm tired of hearing about it. Let's not discuss it any further.'"

The former Attorney General freely acknowledged, however, a major role in the subsequent Watergate coverup. "I formed the opinion and the position" - said he - "that I did not believe it was fair to the President to have these White House horror stories coming out during the campaign." Mitchell adding that he also attempted to conceal the true facts from the President himself. Explaining "I knew the actions that he would take - and they would be most

detrimental to the campaign."

Mitchell then going on to say that he was convinced the President was unaware of the coverup - at least 'til March of this year. Question: How can you be certain?

"I think I know the individual. I know his reaction to things.

During the period of time I was in association with him and had telephone contact with him - I don't think he had that

information." Question: Your opinion is based then, "on

your faith and knowledge of the man?" Answer: "I do have

faith in the President. I do think I have knowledge of the

man. I do think that in general discussions in the general

area - it would have come out if the president had

knowledge."

Mitchell insisted that the President was in no way involved. He refuted almost every detail of the testimony of Messers Magruder and Dean.

ATLANTA

Meanwhile, at Atlanta - a meeting of the National Young Republicans; whose Resolutions Committee today was considering a series of proposals dealing with Watergate. Committee spokesmen stressing however - there was little or no sentiment for impeachment or resignation. Adding, that, indeed, all of the resolutions introduced so far - have been favorable to the President; on the theory apparently that he was simply betrayed - by those he trusted most.

HOUSE

Two previously uncommitted House members have just returned from a tour of the proposed route of that Trans-Alaskan pipe line. Congressman Sebelius of Kansas and Congressman Steelman of Texas - saying today they are now convinced the pipe line should be built; and as quickly as possible.

Stelman conceding that such a project - would cause a certain amount of environmental damage. Adding, however, that economic benefits would far outweigh the harm. Sebelius saying: "It is incumbent on Congress to get at it! - we need this energy!"

COUNCIL FOLLOW WHITE HOUSE

From the President's Cost of Living Council - a warning today that food prices will continue to rise; Phase Four or no. Deputy Director James McLaine explaining that actions to boost food supplies will not payoff till later in the year. "It is clear that food prices are going to go up", said he, although "at a moderate rate."

The Cost of Living Council also announced today - the start of a thorough survey of oil industry prices: from the refinery to the corner gas stations. This prompted by recent price increases - which are said to have proved a major contributing factor to runaway inflation.

WHITE HOUSE

The White House - President Nixon met today with Republican Congressional leaders. The President quoted as saying - he would like to end the present price freeze as soon as possible, thereby clearing the way for his Phase Four Economic program. Senate Minority Leader Hugh Scott adding on his own: "There is clearly a desire - to get the freeze over and get into something else."

A few hours later - the President meeting with his top fiscal experts. The purpose - we are told - a "review of the current economic situation." Another indication perhaps - that Phase Four may be just around the corner.

HOOVER LIBRARY

I wonder if there is a shrine in honor of all our Presidents? For Washington, Jefferson, Lincoln there are several. In recent decades they have been created for all our modern heads of state. I have just come from the Hoover Museum and Library at West Branch, Iowa, almost in the middle of the fabulously rich agricultural prairie state of Iowa.

I wish every American could tour this Hoover Museum. You come away with the feeling that here was one of our greatest Presidents. But more than that - when you see the ~~the~~ evidence - the records - you are almost sure to come to the conclusion that Herbert Hoover may rank as one of the most remarkable men who ever trod this planet. The visual evidence is overwhelming.

I wish I had time to go into more details. At any rate if you cross Iowa, the Hoover Museum and Library is a thrilling, inspiring experience. Just off Route Eighty - not far from the booming city of Cedar Rapids.

PORT MORESBY

The combined Territory of Papua and New Guinea in the South Pacific is due to become self governing later this year as you may have heard. As part of the change over - native leaders will assume senior positions formerly held by Australians and Europeans. One of the results - now set forth by Psychologist Michael Price of the University of Papua at Port Moresby.

Doctor Prince reporting that the native administrators, by and large - cannot cope with the sudden stress and strain of their responsibilities; especially those - working in the public service. Doctor Price adding that many of the native leaders - have been forced to take increasing quantities of tranquilizers; becoming "pill poppers" - without even realizing it.

"Too much, too soon!" One thousand different languages are spoken in New Guinea. And now because of prodding from The United Nations they are asked to make

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the impossible jump from the Stone Age to the Jet Age.

Bridge a gap of Ten thousand years! Impossible! And there are still cannibals in New Guinea.!!

KEY WEST

For treasure hunters off the coast of Key West - a discovery they're calling today "the biggest find in Florida history." The proof - in a collection of silver bars, coins, jewelry and cannon balls - which have already been recovered. Salvage Chief Preston Shoup - saying they all came from the Spanish Treasure Ship Nuestra Senora De Atocha, which went down in a raging storm back in Sixteen Twenty-Two - en route from Cuba to Spain.

Florida historians agree its true; this really is the biggest find ever. The Nuestra Senora De Atocha - supposedly carrying more than forty tons of treasure; with a present day value-estimated at somewhere around four hundred million dollars. Or as Preston Shoup put it - "everybody's dream wreck!"

SOVIET GEORGIA

This next - from Soviet Georgia. Russian anthropologists reporting today - a rare find; the fossilized remains of a strange creature - which roamed the earth about three million years ago; an animal much like a horse - except that it also had long fang-like teeth, from whence - would you guess Bill - comes the expression: "Never look a gift horse in the mouth?"

DEMEANOR FOLLOW WATERGATE

Incidentally, former Attorney General Mitchell's demeanor today at the Watergate hearing perhaps best described as "cool, calm and collected." He also answered questions quickly and directly - drawing praise from at least two committee members, one of whom further observed that he was "not like John Dean - always making speeches." Mitchell thus layed to rest earlier reports that he was thoroughly "shaken" - that he had his confidence."

The witness even found it possible - to joke with reporters. When asked about the whereabouts of his wife Martha - saying: "She's in heaven - like all angels." He was then asked: "Is she in Washington?" "I hope not!" - said he. "Is she in the South?" - he was asked. "With that accent"- he replied - "she'll always be in the South."