

The Attorney General

SA Lano, during the late evening of October 23, 1972, returned a call to Bernstein, who had called the Washington Field Office saying it was urgent he speak to SA Lano. SA Lano, because of his acute concern over "The Washington Post's" apparent access to FBI information, returned this call hoping to learn from Bernstein his source of information.

Bernstein, at this time, stated he was in a bind because he had a big story to finish and needed to know if his information was correct. SA Lano advised Bernstein there could and would be no comment on his part and suggested Bernstein call FBI Headquarters. Bernstein went on to relate that his story centered around Haldeman of the White House and stated Hugh Sloan (former Treasurer, Finance Committee to Reelect the President) in a debriefing session with AUSA Silbert and in testimony before the Federal grand jury, identified five people, including Haldeman, as having access to certain secret funds.

Bernstein inquired as to why the FBI did not interview Sloan and Haldeman and why AUSA Silbert did not give the FBI the results of Sloan's interview. SA Lano advised Bernstein he was not going to reveal whom the FBI interviewed or did not interview and attempted to hang up when Bernstein refused to identify his source of this information. Bernstein, however, insisted on telling his story and SA Lano, still hoping to identify Bernstein's source, permitted him to continue at which time Bernstein reiterated the above story about Sloan identifying Haldeman. At this point SA Lano inquired "Was this John Haldeman?" to which Bernstein stated he was not talking about Ehrlichman (John D. Ehrlichman, Assistant to the President for Domestic Affairs). Bernstein, seemingly flustered by not getting any answers from SA Lano, thereafter terminated this call.

SA Lano immediately called AUSA Donald E. Campbell who is AUSA Silbert's chief assistant, and told him of Bernstein's call. AUSA Campbell commented Bernstein is on another "fishing expedition" and suggested AUSA Silbert be contacted in the morning.

Shortly thereafter, Bernstein again contacted the Washington Field Office indicating it was urgent SA Lano call him immediately. SA Lano, again hoping to learn Bernstein's source of information, recontacted Bernstein. At this time