

The Attorney General

Bernstein stated a Columbia Broadcasting System news wire was reporting that Acting Director Gray had advised the President to reopen the White House investigation of the Watergate affair. SA Lano advised Bernstein that the FBI investigation of the Watergate affair was continuing and even the Acting Director had so stated. Thereafter, Bernstein stated "That name you mentioned earlier, John, I wasn't talking about Ehrlichman, I was talking about Haldeman." SA Lano then commented, "Yes, Haldeman, Richard, Robert or John, like I said I do not know first names," and with that terminated the conversation when it was obvious Bernstein was shopping for information.

During the afternoon of October 25, 1972, Bernstein and Woodward approached SA Lano in U. S. District Court, Washington, D. C., and said they were in a bind over a story they had written in that day's newspaper based on SA Lano's statement. SA Lano informed Bernstein and Woodward that he had made no statement whereupon they produced a typewritten paper containing parts of the foregoing telephone conversations between SA Lano and Bernstein, particularly the part wherein SA Lano said "Yes, Haldeman." This was made to appear that SA Lano was confirming Haldeman as a name furnished by Sloan whereas SA Lano was in fact confirming that he knew who Bernstein was talking about. SA Lano categorically denied to Bernstein and Woodward that he had ever made a statement confirming Haldeman as a name furnished by Sloan whereupon Woodward stated he was on the other phone and heard the entire conversation with Bernstein.

The foregoing typewritten paper prepared by Bernstein and Woodward is an obvious vicious fabrication by them wherein they have taken SA Lano's comment completely out of context to suit their unfounded news story concerning H. R. Haldeman.

AUSA Cambell was immediately advised of Bernstein's and Woodward's typewritten paper and they were thereafter summoned to AUSA Silbert's office. At this time Bernstein and Woodward stated they were under pressure because of the story they printed October 25, 1972, based on the "source's information," which information may have been wrong. AUSA Silbert asked Bernstein who his source was and Bernstein stated he did not wish to release that information at this time. Bernstein stated, however, "The Washington Post" was under pressure to identify this source and they will have to report that the source is SA Angelo J. Lano of the Washington Field Office.