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big debate is Mitchell innocent --- definitely he ~~xxxxxxx~~ learned some things in those 10 days (of invest.) period between raid and Liddy firing---"he was just sick and everyone (FBI brass) said he ruined" because of what his guys & did (La Rue is big guy---Maridan now hates La Rue because of what learned) some FBI "big hitters" laughing that Mitchell caught want him out because "he put gray in and that ruining us."

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"this could ruin the admin. I mean ruin" ---e.g. one of those guys caught in hi-jacking last year worked for McCord---you can check that out ~~xxxxx~~ kept calling these guys "nuts."

won't talk about segretti, or a^y others "everything is a part" of those 1,900 leads not one ~~max~~ that became anything was a bum---all CREEP-related.

- ① Hunt group reported to Colson (maybe he didn't know about bugging --- ~~max~~ "no proff.") "but Colson was getting daily up dates."
- ② Nov. group report to Magruder
- ③ Conv. group to Timmons ~~max~~
- ④ Primary State group to Porter.

"here are stories floating ~~xx~~ all about town ---check every ~~xxxx~~ one---each is good."

if sloan ever writes his memoirs---could blow case---wondered if we talked to sloan---everybody ~~x~~ says we have Martha mitcehl knows nothing apperently---"but that doesn't mean she'll ~~WONT TALK.~~" (check that carpet guy ---Duncan, they did ~~x~~ intelligence work on him) get to Mitchell---feeling is that he "will have to talk to you guys, you're his sword of Damocles (sp.??) I think." "He's a prick."

check in Texas more---more fund stories ~~max~~ I tell. gathering states: Illinois biggest, NY. , NH' mass. , calif, texas, fla., d.c. ** McCloskey and Ashbrook can even tell you ~~xx~~ something

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(I pushed for some numerical count on ~~max~~ how many intelligence gathers "You can safely say morethan 50" he said from "what i conclude" but reports are divided and never put to gather "except on gray's desk--- and that we don't like."

Hunt op. not really to check leaks to news media but to give them out~~R~~ ---recipients include, anderson, novak, Wash. P_{ost} , NY times.) leak of LEAA report to Chic. Tirb. was a Hunt job. ---anonmous leaks and calls

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keep checking

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remember "You don't do those 1500 interviews and not have something on your hands" it's a lot, "but please be balanced and send out men to check everything---alot of it is routine."

"these not brilliant guys" and much of Rep. intelligence-gathering activities was routine stuff --- check out everyone working for candidates---some of that reported directly to Stans or someone in "treat shop" ---very concerned w. fund raising, check to see if any Demo out rounding up money every indication "now this is from talk and limited region report reading" that half of rep. security fund was on intelligence gathering for fund raisers

some of this was "offensive" believe to check people out and sort of "semi-black mail" to get money."

Gray has said "that Mitchell involved and knew" but what extent is unclear "things got out of hand" was favorite statement from heavies (at FBI) if Mitch. involved in any illegal "then only Pres. and Mitchell know that."

Mitchell conducted his invest for 10 days and "was going crazy---we had guys assigned to him to help" w. Rep. invest. found all sorts of new things. irony that Hunt assigned to invest. for 1/2 day---then pulled off and fired (June 18) "told to pack his desk and leave town forever." by Ehrilichman "no less a person than that."

keeps saying to check every lead " could write stories next xmas." or ~~xxxxxxx~~ well beyond that. TO

** four basic personnel groupings for the operation :
1. Hunt 2. Novl group but stopped early ---not know when but "early" 3, convention group
4. primary states.

"no names but everyone in the book"

* ** have established that not one of "games" we unearthed was free lance---this imp. every one was tied in. rumor that opening a grand jury on west coast to look into non-watergate flings.

(rat fucking means double cross---so be careful, he suspects it a reference to infiltration into a ~~xxxxxx~~ Demo. campaign as double agent.

(osher e.g. to check---"those guys" who set up draft Teddy ---one was a Hunt operative. give thorough going over.

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XXXXXX "believe" that that eagleton drunk driving business
was a Hunt-like set up FOR BOTH "NO LOSERS"
they'll do that to you. but U.S. att. here can be trusted
"know" they are happy w. what you're doing---they
in trouble at Justice, because of all leaks

"I don't know about segretti---I just don't know. I can't
tell you anyway."

I asked if we could be 100 per cent sure. XXXXXXXXX
he said "no." I asked how sure. "Never sure, but
I'm telling you not one of our good leads
was not" CREEP-related.

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"maybe you turned up " a nut. they hate the news x
media and will set you up.

they had non-corroborative testimony before grand jury
they went crazy---if not limit to watergate proper
never would have finished, believe me.

Heard that the govt. wants to sue you guys to get at your
sources---they single out the Post. that hearing
is reliable, he said.

I asked what we can do "write what you can provide evidences
for in court --- prime facie."

Will there or is there a witch hunt "No, just the normal.
Some people are happy because this put Mitchell
in a sweat. He'll fight back notice that
in ITT they fought, clear-my-name junk . . .
none of that here so youre on to it."

---don't quote any of that "not one word" in paper...
"this is just for your background

no documents "I'd never do that on this case."