



**NPACT's Coverage of
The Senate Select Committee on Presidential Campaign Activities
(Senate Watergate Hearings)
Episode Guide**

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Day 1: May 17, 1973 (Transcript can be found in v. 1 bk. 1)

(1, 00:34) Program begins

(1, 01:28) Opening commentary from NPACT anchors Robert MacNeil and Jim Lehrer

(1, 03:12) Clip of comments from Sen. Sam Ervin, Committee chair

(1, 04:10) Clip of comments from Sen. Howard Baker, Committee ranking minority member

(1, 05:00) Line up of Senate Committee

(1, 06:38) Line up of “other main actors”

Line Up (1, 07:35)

(1, 09:25) Senators’ viewpoints

(1, 39:58) Robert C. Odle Jr. (Former Director of Administration of Committee for the Re-election of the President (CREEP))

- explains how CREEP was organized, with John Mitchell making the decisions
- denies destroying files, but showed Gordon Liddy how to use a paper shredder
- hired James McCord
- describes a phone call with Mrs. Magruder
- Magruder’s secret files
- used funds to finance a public demonstration in support of President Nixon’s decision to bomb Haiphong harbor

(4, 58:58) Bruce Kehrli (Staff Secretary, Special Assistant to the President)

- explains how the White House staff was organized
- tells which men reported to H. R. Haldeman and John Ehrlichman

(5, 58:50) Sergeant Paul W. Leeper (Metropolitan Police)

- describes how he and John Barrett caught the burglars in the Watergate complex

(6, 53:14) Commentators wrap up and give tomorrow’s line up

Day 2: May 18 (v. 1 bk. 1)

(1, 01:20) Opening commentary from MacNeil and Lehrer

(1, 01:50) Clip of James McCord

(1, 06:40) Conversation with William Greenhalgh (Georgetown University Law Center) and Alan Barth (Author/Journalist)

- indicates possibility of bribery charges for McCord
- compares the trial to the Alger Hiss/Whittaker Chambers case

Line Up (1, 10:07)

(1, 12:00) Police Officer Carl M. Shoffler

- testifies about apprehending the five men breaking into the DNC headquarters.

(1, 32:27) James McCord (Former security coordinator for CREEP)

- says he only participated because he believed the break-in to be approved by then Attorney General John Mitchell
- describes phone calls from an unnamed caller who told him to plead guilty and stay quiet
- claims John J. Caulfield and E. Howard Hunt told him to plead guilty and wait for executive clemency

(4, 03:20) Closing commentary from MacNeil and Lehrer

- Key question: How far up the chain of command did the break-in plan begin?

(4, 04:40) Conversation with David Wise (author of *The Politics of Lying*)

- Questions about the CIA and McCord's involvement

Day 3: May 22 (v. 1 bk. 1)

(1, 01:50) Opening commentary by Lehrer

- reports on Nixon's released statement of May 22 and advises all viewers to read the President's statement in full when it appears in the morning papers.

(1, 05:40) NPACT correspondent Peter Kaye comments on involvement of John Dean

(1, 06:29) Commentary from Senator Baker on possibility of hearing Dean

(1, 07:03) Commentary from Samuel Dash, Committee Chief Counsel

(1, 07:30) Conversation with William Greenhalgh

Line Up (1, 10:40)

(1, 12:50) James McCord

- Involvement of the CIA
- Bugging the burglars
- Hunt and Caulfield offered clemency
- Department of Justice files
- Demonstration of how to bug a telephone
- No double agent
- Wiretaps for mistrial
- Magruder "perjury"

(6, 17:57) John J. Caulfield (Treasury Department, former White House aide)

- "Operation Sandwedge"
- claims Dean and officials at the "very highest levels" authorized him to grant clemency to McCord, not the President

(8, 15:53) Closing commentary by Lehrer

- With each day, new agencies of the government are pulled into the story

(8, 16:50) Conversation with William Greenhalgh

(8, 22:30) NPACT Correspondent Peter Kaye

- discusses upcoming witnesses

Day 4: May 23 (v. 1 bk. 1)

(1, 1:15) Opening commentary by MacNeil and Lehrer

- Today marks first real conflict in testimony, content that the public didn't already know
- Gerald Alch defends himself against McCord
- Testimony comes close to alleging that Nixon knew about clemency
- Outside the hearing room: Elliot Richardson confirmed as Attorney General

(1, 04:54) Commentary from Baker

(1, 06:00) William Greenhalgh

Line Up (1, 07:00)

(1, 13:40) John J. Caulfield

- A messenger's role
- believed that the President approved, acted out of loyalty
- A "dangerous" call

(2, 27:00) Anthony T. Ulasewicz (former NYC detective)

- made anonymous phone calls to McCord
- says he was paid by Kalmbach

(3, 01:15) Lawyer Gerald Alch (McCord's former attorney)

- contradicts aspects of McCord's testimony
- argues that Fensterwald and McCord have a vendetta against the President

(4, 29:47) Closing commentary from MacNeil and Lehrer

(4, 30:10) Commentary from McCord

(4, 30:40) Peter Kaye comments on schedule

(4, 32:00) Commentary from William Greenhalgh and Alan Barth

Day 5: May 24 (v. 1 bk. 1)

(1, 01:10) Opening commentary by MacNeil and Lehrer

- Alch cross-examined before returning to regularly scheduled witnesses

(1, 02:15) Commentary from Ervin

- Evidence of a conspiracy to manipulate the democratic process, so hearings will be added in June

(1, 03:45) Commentary from Alan Barth (Author/Journalist) and Adrian Fisher (Georgetown University Law Center)

- Barth notes the “terrifying kind of abdication of personal responsibility” in multiple witnesses
- Fisher argues that the problem is not amorality, but over-zealous misplacement of loyalty

(1, 06:26) Clips of Barker and Baldwin defending their participation in the break-in

Line Up (1, 08:09)

(1, 10:18) Gerald Alch

- continues to give testimony refuting McCord
- never suggested the CIA be brought in to the trial
- suggests that the impasse be resolved with a lie detector test

(2, 82:36) Bernard L. Barker (Burglar, former CIA employee)

- denied offering McCord executive clemency
- worked for Hunt, who he believed would provide aid to the Cuban liberation movement
- “I wasn’t there to think”

(4, 21:50) Alfred C. Baldwin III (Former CREEP Aide, former FBI agent)

- recounts details of tapping Democratic Party phones from a motel across the street

(5, 10:00) Commentary from MacNeil and Lehrer

(5, 10:15) Five-day recap from Alan Barth and Adrian Fisher

- Barth and Fisher agree the bipartisan investigation has been important for the American people
- The last two days have shown a failure to discredit McCord

(5, 15:55) Conversation between Peter Kaye and Sam Ervin

(5, 19:50) MacNeil and Lehrer comment on the success of the coverage

Day 6: June 5 (v. 1 bk. 2)

(1, 01:30) Opening commentary by MacNeil and Lehrer

- Committee met in executive session to vote to continue the hearings
- Gemstone papers revealed (clip 1, 02:48)
- G. Gordon Liddy will not testify
- Skipping over Hunt

(1, 05:20) Peter Kaye conversation with Samuel Dash

- explains why Liddy will not be appearing and why Hunt will be questioned later

(1, 06:44) Alan Barth commentary

Line Up (1, 08:03)

Sam Ervin

- reports on the decisions of the committee during executive session
- Committee will not delay the proceedings

(1, 12:50) Sally Harmony (Former secretary to G. Gordon Liddy)

- typed Gemstone files for Liddy
- destroyed her notes and some of his files at Liddy's request
- took Liddy's personal belongings home with her when Liddy was fired
- not aware of bugs

(2, 07:13) Commentary from MacNeil on positive feedback from viewers

(2, 53:16) Robert Reisner (Former aide to Jeb Stuart Magruder, former deputy director of the Nixon campaign)

- removed sensitive files
- knew about cash payments going to "Sedan Chair II"

(5, 12:50) Commentary from MacNeil and Lehrer

(5, 13:50) Commentary from Peter Kaye and Samuel Dash

- discuss when Magruder and Dean will be called

(5, 15:58) Commentary from Alan Barth and Adrian Fisher

Day 7: June 6 (v. 1 bk. 2)

(1, 02:25) Opening commentary from MacNeil and Lehrer

- Distribution of cash payments is revealed
- Announcement of Nixon's new appointments to opened vacancies

(1, 04:04) Peter Kaye conversation with Baker

- reports that the schedule will remain for the rest of the summer

(1, 05:12) Clip of Sloan

- discusses meeting with Mitchell

(1, 06:49) Clip of Ervin

- Ervin encourages Sloan

(1, 08:00) Phillip S. Hughes (Office of Federal Elections, GAO)

- explains the new campaign finance law that took effect on April 7

Line Up (1, 10:40)

(1,15:13) Hugh W. Sloan Jr. (Former treasurer of CREEP)

- details cash payments, \$199,000 for Liddy
- Stans: "I don't want to know, and you don't either"
- \$40,000 in my trunk
- "Ehrlichman didn't want to hear"
- Time limit on campaign
- Shredded book
- Dean urged silence due to "very politically sensitive" payments to Liddy
- repeatedly referenced the 1972 Federal Election Campaign Act

(5, 13:19) Closing commentary from MacNeil and Lehrer

(5, 14:00) Phillip Hughes commentary

(5, 18:30) Peter Kaye conversation with Baker

- Baker recaps his argument to overhaul campaign finance regulations

(5, 19:33) MacNeil and Lehrer

- discuss influence hearsay might have on the upcoming trials and on Nixon's ability to govern

Day 8: June 7 (v.1 bk. 2)

(1, 00:55) Commentary from MacNeil and Lehrer

- MacNeil: “Another round of Watergate hearings ended today with fresh and moving insights into the apparent motivation of men prepared to disregard the law because of the depth of their loyalty to President Nixon.”
- On Herbert Porter, who voluntarily perjured himself
- Recap of Haldeman’s deposition in the suit against CREEP

(1, 04:03) Clip of Porter

(1, 05:10) David Austern (Georgetown University Law Professor)

- calls Sloan an excellent witness

Line Up (1, 07:03)

(1, 13:27) Hugh W. Sloan

- claims he remains loyal to the President
- “I had essentially lost” on the cover-up issue
- No guidance to FBI
- singles out Magruder as the only person who told him to do something illegal

(2, 58:14) Herbert L. Porter (Former Nixon campaign aide)

- admits to perjuring himself, “It was a false statement”
- Unlike Sloan, Porter agreed to tell the FBI the lies that Magruder told him to tell
- hired pranksters to disrupt Democratic proceedings
- knew documents were stolen
- acted out of loyalty to Nixon

(4, 27:10) Commentary from MacNeil, Lehrer, and David Austern

(4, 32:00) Peter Kaye talks with Daniel Inouye

- “I think political parties, the political process, the governmental process is on trial here.”

(4, 35:20) Commentary from MacNeil and Lehrer

Day 9: June 12 (v. 1 bk. 2)

(1, 01:00) Opening commentary from MacNeil and Lehrer

- The message from the Committee in the face of criticism: “Full speed ahead and damn the torpedos!”
- Dean and Magruder will testify with immunity granted by Judge Sirica

(1, 02:57) William Greenhalgh

- comments on the problem of the hearings interfering with other trials

Line Up (1, 05:20)

(1, 07:12) Herbert Porter

- details what he spent money on, including “pranksters” to derail the Democratic convention
- Photos of Muskie memos

(2, 33:28) Robert W. Barker (Stans’s lawyer) and Ervin debate the fairness of the Senate hearing

- wants hearing put off until after the Vesco case is underway to ensure a fair trial
- Ervin: “Electoral process polluted”

(3, 7:14) Maurice H. Stans (former Commerce Secretary, Nixon’s chief fundraiser for the 1972 campaign)

- “No knowledge of Watergate”
- says he gave \$75,000 to Kalmbach and Dean, did not know what the money would be used for
- Dean wanted \$22,000

(4, 78:00) Closing commentary from MacNeil and Lehrer

(4, 79:15) Peter Kaye talks with Deputy Chief Counsel Rufus Edmisten

(4, 83:00) Alan Barth and William Greenhalgh discuss

Day 10: June 13 (v. 1 bk. 2)

(1, 02:00) Opening commentary from MacNeil and Lehrer

- Coverage will be interrupted to air Nixon's speech
- Lehrer: This was the first night with substantial tension between the senators

(1, 02:50) Clip of Sam Ervin and Stans

(1, 04:57) Peter Kaye speaks with Howard Baker

(1, 06:55) David Austern and Herbert Alexander discuss

Line Up (1, 9:32)

(1, 11:07) Maurice Stans

- knew some of the money he handled went to the burglars
- Presidential "pep talk"
- Liddy a "good lawyer"
- "Culpability" not discussed
- Ervin dominates the hearing, pursuing Stans, asks: Why destroy cash receipts?
- claims he never brought up Watergate with the President
- No criticism of Sloan
- criticizes publicity of donors to the Republican campaign: "Mire of unrelenting publicity"

(3, 71:12) Closing commentary from MacNeil and Lehrer

- Senator Gurney accuses Ervin of harassing the witness

(3, 72:22) David Austern and Herbert Alexander discuss

Day 11: June 14 (v. 1 bk. 2)

(1, 01:05) Opening commentary from MacNeil and Lehrer

- Magruder talks as a result of a legal deal, granted immunity by Judge Sirica
- Magruder implicates many others, including Mitchell

(1, 02:05) John R. Kramer (Georgetown University Law Center)

- talks about such deals being used frequently in white collar crime

(1, 04:16) Clip of Magruder

- Magruder says that leftist crimes made dealing with problems in a legal way seem ineffective

Line Up (1, 05:20)

(1, 08:28) Jeb Stuart Magruder (Former Deputy Director of CREEP)

- Ervin reports on executive session with Magruder
- believes the President did not know about bugging
- “I knew it was illegal”
- details how plans evolved
- Dean said no indictment
- Haldeman meeting
- “I developed cover-up”
- promises of jobs and clemency aimed to keep people from talking
- Prepped by Dean
- claims that Attorney General John N. Mitchell participated in the planning and cover-up of the Watergate Affair
- claims to have developed the cover-up and to have prevented others from talking

(6, 13:40) Commentary from MacNeil, Lehrer, Alan Barth, and John Kramer

- Magruder’s testimony points toward Haldeman
- Barth: The hearings are a process of healing democracy through self-examination

(6, 19:27) Peter Kaye talks with Samuel Dash

- Reminder that the Committee will also deal with campaign finance and espionage questions

(6, 22:36) Commentary from MacNeil and Lehrer

- By the end of today, that Watergate involved the White House is no longer a conspiracy theory

Day 12: June 25 (v. 1 bk. 3)

(1, 00:18) John W. Dean III (Former White House counsel)

- appears as a result of a subpoena and has previously pleaded the Fifth
- Dean reads lengthy written statement
- This was the first testimony that linked Watergate to the President

(6, 80:00) Commentary from MacNeil and Lehrer

(6, 81:04) Commentary from Senator Baker on the selection of minority council

(6, 83:28) Conversation with John Kramer and Stephen Hess (Brookings Institution, former Nixon aide)

- discuss how Dean's testimony will threaten the president

Day 13: June 26 (v. 1 bk. 3)

(1, 01:55) Clip of John Dean

(1, 02:56) Introduction from MacNeil and Lehrer

- MacNeil: Dean's testimony intact

(1, 05:00) Commentary from Daniel Inouye on the White House questions

(1, 06:10) Commentary from Stephen Hess

- The Senators did not do a good job of questioning Dean

Line Up (1, 07:15)

(1, 08:50) John Dean

- did not try to stop Liddy
- Nixon did not try to stop the cover-up
- expected Nixon to come forward
- drew up a list of 15 people implicated in the cover-up
- implemented a spy plan
- Nixon was "less than accurate" when asked about the cover-up. He knew about the break-in as early as September 15, 1972
- calls the burglary "the opening act of one of America's great tragedies."

(5, 60:20) Commentary from MacNeil, Lehrer, Stephen Hess, and John Kramer

- Kramer: The President knew about the legal implications, White House Press Secretary Ron Ziegler and Assistant Attorney General Henry Petersen not involved
- Hess: "flabby cross-examination" did not challenge Dean

(5, 64:45) Peter Kaye reports on the so-called "Dean Papers"

(5, 66:34) MacNeil: final comment

- Nixon has not been watching the hearings

Day 14: June 27 (v.1 bk. 3)

(1, 01:10) Opening clip from Daniel Inouye reading White House statement

- Dean is at fault for the cover-up

(1, 03:14) Opening commentary from MacNeil and Lehrer

- White House J. Fred Buzhardt attempted to pin the main blame on Dean and former Attorney General Mitchell in a statement and a series of questions read by Inouye
- Learned about enemy list

(1, 05:25) Peter Kaye reported on Enemies List

Line Up (1, 07:37)

John Dean

- New batch of documents, including one that indicated attempts to make the IRS “more politically responsive”
- More memos, including the “Enemies List”
- claims he did not withhold any information from the President
- Inouye uses a White House memo to cross-examine the witness

(5, 76:50) Closing commentary from MacNeil, Lehrer, William Greenhalgh, and Stephen Hess

- White House now dividing and pointing fingers
- Gurney pinned Dean down that there could be other interpretations of Nixon’s statements
- Greenhalgh: reading the White House statements was a mistake
- Lehrer: “Unofficially, we’re all involved in the verdict”

Day 15: June 28 (v. 1 bk. 4)

(1, 01:20) Opening clip, Sam Ervin asks Dean a question

(1, 03:24) Opening commentary from MacNeil and Lehrer

- Committee could not shake Dean's argument that Ehrlichman and Haldeman knew
- Weicker: The White House is attempting to tamper with the Committee

(1, 04:30) Peter Kaye and Howard Baker

- Baker: More information from the White House is necessary

Line Up (1, 06:25)

(1, 08:00) John Dean

- answers more White House questions
- planted no stories with journalists
- restrained "crazy schemes" suggested by others
- details Nixon's reaction to his "Cancer on the Presidency" argument
- Ervin questions the Administration's "intellectual fear" of anti-war demonstrations
- "IRS perverted to harass people"
- White House "counter-offensive" against Democratic lawsuits
- told the President that the cover-up could not be contained indefinitely

(4, 03:29) Statement from Weicker

- Weicker details going to the federal prosecutor about White House pressure on the Committee

(4, 35:18) Closing commentary from MacNeil and Lehrer

- After 4 days, Dean's opening statement held
- No one on the Committee is willing to summon the President

(4, 36:48) Peter Kaye and Howard Baker discuss pressure put on Weicker

- Baker denies that he has been pressured, but says the Committee will investigate

(4, 39:11) Commentary from MacNeil, Lehrer, David Austern, and Stephen Hess

- Austern: Dean is a good witness
- Hess: Might all come down to March 13 meeting

Day 16: June 29 (v. 1 bk. 4)

(1, 01:16) Quote clip from Dean

- “There’s a terrible cloud over this government that must be removed”

(1, 03:02) Opening commentary from MacNeil and Lehrer

- Dean’s only misstep (a confusion about the names of hotels) was explained
- Three people quit the case

(1, 04:03) Clips of Ervin, Baker, and Weicker all naming historical precedents for Presidents (Lincoln and Wilson) testifying before Senate committees

Line Up (1, 07:22)

(1, 11:30) John Dean

- Mayflower vs. Statler Hilton
- Dean invoked Fifth Amendment before the grand jury
- “Change of heart on Huntley”
- “Extensive surveillance of Senator (Edward) Kennedy”
- McCord’s diary found by Caulfield and destroyed
- “You just don’t lie to the President,” and so he told him about the cover-up
- “The truth is my ally”
- Improper use of campaign funds
- “I tore up the check”
- Kalmbach burned notes
- Several trips to Miami in October

(4, 77:25) Closing commentary from MacNeil and Lehrer

(4, 78:19) Peter Kaye speaks with Senator Weicker

- wants the President to make a statement, but will not subpoena him or demand that he testify
- ready to hear others challenge Dean’s story

(4, 81:22) Commentary from Stephen Hess and David Austern

- Austern: Unproductive week, repetitive questions
- Hess: Boring week
- MacNeil: The senators seemed to get distracted
- Lehrer: Muses on how history will see John Dean

Day 17: July 10 (v.1 bk. 4)

(2, 00:00) John N. Mitchell (former Attorney General)

- The first reel of this day's testimony is missing. As a result, MacNeil and Lehrer's line-up is not available.

(5, 58:12) Closing commentary from MacNeil and Lehrer

(5, 59:00) Peter Kaye and Senator Gurney

- How discrepancies can be resolved

(5, 61:10) Conversation with Stephen Hess and David Epstein (Georgetown University Law Center)

- Epstein: Mitchell only disagreed with previous witnesses in "he said, he said" situations
- Hess: Mitchell seems to be against Ehrlichman and Haldeman
- MacNeil: Unlikely that the President will be further implicated.

Day 18: July 11 (v.1 bk. 5)

(1, 00:38) Opening clip of Ervin

- indicts Nixon and Mitchell for lying to the American people

(1, 02:38) Opening commentary from MacNeil and Lehrer

- Mitchell adamantly claimed innocence
- Long list of hindsight claims

(1, 03:56) Commentary from David Epstein

- Is this a trial?

Line Up (1, 05:26)

(1, 07:32) John N. Mitchell

- “The President is never above the laws”
- President’s good name is “protected by the facts”
- Nixon’s reelection would have been hurt by revealing the “White House horrors”
- Not informing the President was a mistake
- disapproved of Liddy’s plans
- “I apologized” for not having control of campaign workers
- He said he would not lie to protect the President and wouldn’t have to
- He did not discuss destroying files with anyone
- The break-in to Ellsberg’s psychiatrist produced “nothing”

(5, 64:43) Closing commentary from MacNeil, Lehrer, Stephen Hess, and David Epstein

- Hess: Baker asked the most important questions today at the theory level. Which decisions should the President be making? Are people limiting information to the President?
- Epstein: Did he use a “doctrine of selective executive information” as attorney general?
- Hess: Discusses the balance between bureaucracy and voter accountability

(5, 71:00) Peter Kaye and Howard Baker discuss

- Mitchell has given conflicting accounts of important information

(5, 73:27) Lehrer commentary

- Mitchell no patsy, but wants to push all the blame on to other people

Day 19: July 12 (v.1 bk. 5)

(1/5, 00:29) Opening commentary from Sam Dash

(1/5, 02:13) Opening commentary from MacNeil and Lehrer

- Mitchell and Moore left a trail of problems and contradictions
- Two executive sessions today

(1/5, 03:18) Peter Kaye

- Sam Ervin will speak with Nixon to discuss separation of powers and White House documents
- Will end up at Supreme Court if unresolved

(1/5, 04:25) Commentary from Howard Baker

- believes the Committee can find a middle ground without going to the Supreme Court

Line Up (1/5, 05:45)

(1/5, 08:36) John Mitchell

- rejects Dean's testimony that they attempted to influence the judge
- He "would have laid out chapter and verse" if the president ever asked him about Watergate
- approved Liddy's hiring
- did not raise money to pay off the Watergate conspirators

(3/3, 47:30) Senator Ervin announces a phone call with the President

(3/3, 54:27) Richard A. Moore (Special Counsel to the President)

- gives a written statement
- encouraged Dean to tell the President all, but he maintains that the President did not know
- conducted Segretti probe
- Dean was often cryptic

(4/2, 84:14) Closing commentary from MacNeil, Lehrer, Stephen Hess, John Kramer, and Peter Kaye

- Nixon is in the hospital, so meetings with Ervin will be delayed
- Hess and Kramer: Mitchell comes out looking bad

(4/2, 92:25) Peter Kaye with Mitchell's attorney William C. Hundley

- Mitchell has not said anything that could be used against him in court

(4/2, 93:58) Closing commentary from MacNeil

Day 20: July 13 (v. 1, bk. 5)

(1, 00:29) Richard A. Moore clip

- wishes he had gone to the President with information about the cover-up

(1, 01:25) Opening commentary from MacNeil and Lehrer

- Both Moore and Mitchell couldn't prove that the President didn't know
- Nixon reported to be healthier, Ervin still hopes to meet with him

(1, 02:53) Sam Ervin and Peter Kaye discuss Constitutional issues

- claims he will subpoena the President if he is not forthcoming

Line Up (1, 05:38)

(1, 07:40) Richard A. Moore

- became suspicious when Dean became involved in the L. Patrick Gray hearings
- never took his suspicions to the President since he had only gossip
- advised Nixon to bring in "outside counsel" once he learned of the cover-up
- "No one briefed me" at the White House
- His role in the White House is to be "a utility infielder"
- There is "nothing to indicate the President knew" about Watergate
- Ervin: "Didn't you suspect something rotten within the Committee to Re-elect?"
- No "Dean Report" on Watergate
- never discussed Segretti with the President
- Ziegler's defenses could be categorized as "a weasel denial"

(6, 24:44) Closing commentary from MacNeil, Lehrer, Stephen Hess, and David Epstein

- Moore and Mitchell are both friends of Nixon, say they told him nothing
- Hess: Baker wants to know what did the President know? Ervin wants to know what the President should have known?
- Epstein: The case of presidential negligence is still open

(6, 29:35) Sam Ervin and Peter Kaye

- Ervin does not believe his questioning was too harsh

(6, 32:55) Commentary from MacNeil and Lehrer

- Discuss the senators as public personalities

Day 21: July 16 (v. 1 bk. 5)

(1, 00:24) Opening clip from Kalmbach

- did not regard his actions as unethical because he acted on orders

(1, 01:57) Commentary from MacNeil and Lehrer

- Kalmbach explains payments to the Watergate Seven

(1, 03:17) Clip of Butterfield revealing the tapes

(1, 04:39) Clip of Baker

- The Committee will meet in executive session and will likely request the tapes

Line Up (1, 05:52)

(1, 07:03) Sam Ervin reads a quote from Nixon's book

(1, 11:36) Richard Moore

- The President had reasons for remaining confident in Dean even after the cover-up

(2, 51:24) Alexander P. Butterfield (Administrator of the FAA and former White House aide)

- confirms Dean's suspicion that his conversations with the President were recorded
- reveals the existence of recording devices in the Oval Office and four bugged telephones
- The tapes were to be used in defense of the President (and for historical purposes) and were secret

(3, 56:19) Herbert W. Kalmbach (one of Nixon's personal lawyers)

- Ehrlichman told him to "go forward" with fundraising plans to pay off the Watergate Seven
- explains how the money was distributed

(4, 78:24) Closing commentary from MacNeil, Lehrer, Bob Kharasch (Attorney and Author), and David Epstein

- Epstein: "Best evidence rule" applies to the tapes
- Kharasch: "Everyone was running on his own set of rails"
- Epstein: The committee is relying on public pressure

(4, 84:20) Peter Kaye speaks with Sam Dash about the tapes

- Dash: Nixon can't claim executive privilege since they can point to exact dates and times of what they want to hear and know they contain no national security issues

Day 22: July 17 (v. 1 bk. 5)

(1, 01:10) Clip of Senator Ervin reading Nixon's letter

- Secret Service officers should not appear before the Committee

(1, 02:47) Opening Commentary from MacNeil and Lehrer

- The struggle over the tapes overshadowed Kalmbach

(1, 03:59) Peter Kaye discusses the tapes

- Began with the subpoena of four members of Secret Service, who arrived but refused to testify
- In executive session, the Committee decided not to press them, but to send a letter

Line Up (1, 05:47)

(1, 07:29) Herbert Kalmbach

- gave \$220,000 to Ulasewicz to give to burglars' families, which was "absolutely improper"

(2, 33:58) Committee asks for cooperation from the President

(2, 46:15) Herbert Kalmbach

- did not know it was "Stop George Wallace" money
- assumed that they had an obligation to pay the men since someone high up in the Administration had given the plan the "green light"
- Ehrlichman taped a phone call without Kalmbach's knowledge
- "I was used" by top White House aides to take the fall for Watergate

(4, 85:05) Closing commentary from MacNeil and Lehrer

- The White House: Handing over the tapes would be a violation of the separation of powers

(4, 85:50) Conversation between Peter Kaye and James H. O'Connor (Kalmbach's Attorney)

- The proceedings have been fair to his client

(4, 87:45) Conversation with Stephen Hess and John Kramer

- Hess and Kramer discuss the tapes and lack of personal responsibility in the White House

(4, 92:31) Closing commentary from Lehrer

- "We have a right to hear those tapes."

Day 23: July 18 (v.1 bk. 6)

(1, 01:17) Clip of Anthony Ulasewicz (former NYPD Officer)

- describes moving money for Kalmbach

(1, 03:08) Opening from MacNeil and Lehrer

- Fred LaRue volunteered at the Nixon campaign, has already pleaded guilty, contradicted Mitchell

(1, 04:23) Clip of LaRue

- LaRue discussed his meetings with Liddy, who volunteered allowing himself to be killed

(1, 05:50) Stephen Hess discusses the witnesses

- Ulasewicz plays “the role of a fool in a Shakespearean play” giving wisdom
- LaRue gives testimony on “the stuff of which men go to jail”

Line Up (1, 07:23)

(1, 09:20) Anthony Ulasewicz

- describes bringing money from Kalmbach to the Hunts, who then distributed the money
- He had “a shaky feeling” by September, but continued following Kalmbach’s orders
- recounted that part of his job was to gather information on the sexual habits, drinking, and domestic problems of potential appointees
- collected information on potential campaign contributors

(3, 61:30) Fred C. LaRue (former aide to Mitchell at CREEP)

- speculated that the Watergate break-in was approved when Magruder got a call from Colson
- Mitchell suggested “a good fire” to burn incriminating material
- Money paid to the Watergate Seven was not blackmail, but could have been politically damaging
- made a final payment this year on Mitchell’s orders

(5, 63:14) Closing commentary from MacNeil, Lehrer, Stephen Hess, and John Kramer

- Now have three accounts that must be squared: Mitchell’s, Magruder’s, and now LaRue’s
- Kramer: Open questions:
 - Who authorized the break-in?
 - Who made the commitments to pay the Watergate Seven?
 - Why were the payments made? Were they humanitarian or blackmail?
- Hess: LaRue contradicted Mitchell on the point of destroying documents

- Hess: The money distributed went well beyond family need and support

Day 24: July 19 (v. 1 bk. 6)

(1, 01:22) Opening clip: a “vintage sermon” from Sam Ervin

(1, 03:35) Opening commentary from MacNeil and Lehrer

- Telephone hoax: someone pretending to be Treasury Secretary George Shultz

(1, 05:00) Peter Kaye describes the hoax by the phone booth

(1, 05:57) Clip of Ervin describing the hoax

(1, 06:57) Clip of Baker describing the hoax

(1, 07:59) MacNeil and Lehrer

Line Up (1, 10:11)

(1, 11:50) Fred LaRue

- says Magruder knew the break in was planned
- describes his role delivering money to Watergate defendants

(2, 38:06) Robert C. Mardian (Aide to Mitchell and Counsel to CREEP)

- His role was like being “caught in quicksand”
- says Mitchell was present when a “dirty trick” budget was approved

(3, 22:58) Ervin and “the hoax”

- Ervin announced that Shultz called, 20 minutes later he retracts that statement

(3, 55:00) Mardian continues

- Liddy implied that Nixon had authorized the Ellsberg break-in
- Liddy shredded information
- never asked Dean to see FBI reports of the Watergate investigation
- did not know that Magruder was committing perjury
- Dean told him that Colson was clean of the Watergate scandal
- Ervin: President should have exerted “moral leadership”

(5, 34:00) Closing commentary from MacNeil, Lehrer, Stephen Hess, and Jack Murphy (Georgetown University Law Center)

- Hess: Continuing to build a strong case for obstruction of justice

- Murphy: Mardian was a strong witness, hopes the senators will follow up on some loose ends
- Lehrer: “This is no longer a Constitutional or a legal question, it’s a public relation question”

Day 25: July 20 (v.1 bk. 6)

(1, 00:31) Clip of Gordon C. Strachan

- Strachan describes distributing money

(1, 02:00) Opening from MacNeil and Lehrer

(1, 03:29) Sam Dash discusses whether or not Cox or the Committee will subpoena the tapes

(1, 04:40) Conversation with Clark Mollenhoff (columnist)

- Witnesses are lawyers who are trying to involve incriminating or disbaring themselves, or further incriminating those not already implicated

Line Up (1, 07:05)

(1, 08:45) Robert Mardian

- His “oath as a lawyer” prevented Mardian from passing along information he learned from Liddy
- retrieved “sensitive surveillance logs” to prevent J. Edgar Hoover from acquiring them
- Liddy was involved in the Pentagon Papers case
- President told him that his ability to govern was challenged by news leaks
- tried to see Clark MacGregor (Mitchell’s replacement at CREEP), who would not talk to him
- While he worked there, the Justice Department “never requested any wiretap”

(4, 21:50) Gordon C. Strachan (Former White House aide, former assistant to Haldeman)

- Strachan reads a written statement
- Magruder said CREEP had a “sophisticated political intelligence system”

(4, 46:14) Closing commentary from MacNeil and Lehrer

- The President will respond to requests for the tapes by Monday
- G. Gordon Liddy will continue not to talk

(4, 47:55) Peter Kaye speaks with Sam Dash

- Ehrlichman, Haldeman, and Colson will testify next, Liddy will not

(4, 50:35) Conversation with Mollenhoff and Epstein

- Epstein: All witnesses this week compared with Dean's testimony. Strachan contested Magruder
- Mollenhoff: Expects that both the Committee and the grand jury will subpoena the tapes and Nixon's position will become untenable

Day 26: July 23 (v.1 bk. 6)

(1, 00:55) Opening clip from Senator Sam Ervin

(1, 02:18) Opening commentary from MacNeil and Lehrer

- MacNeil: "Today Watergate moved from the realm of political scandal to political crisis" after Nixon refused to hand over the tapes.
- Unanimous vote to serve two subpoenas, the first time Congress has subpoenaed a President
- Overshadowed Strachan's testimony, which supported Dean's account
- Key excerpts of Nixon's letter

(1, 06:10) John Kramer comments

- No one else could be prosecuted if Nixon refuses to release the tapes

Line Up (1, 08:51)

(1, 10:30) Gordon Strachan

- On orders from Haldeman, told Liddy to transfer operations from Muskie to McGovern
- Haldeman told him "make sure our files are clean."
- "Haldeman aware of Colson's dirty tricks"
- "I believe John Dean would be telling the truth"

(3, 15:34) Presidential tapes

- Ervin reads Nixon's letter
- Ervin gives constitutional arguments why the tapes should be released

(3, 32:45) Gordon Strachan

- White House plans to withhold Republican money
- Moore had access to FBI files on Segretti
- "24-hour tail" on Ted Kennedy
- "A feeling of distrust" of White House staffers toward CREEP
- Colson's office called "the Office of Dirty Tricks"

(4, 73:00) Closing Commentary from MacNeil and Lehrer

(4, 74:00) Peter Kaye talks with Arthur Miller (Committee Consultant, Professor) about the subpoena

(4, 74:45) Conversation with Stephen Hess and John Kramer

Day 27: July 24 (v. 1 bk. 6)

(1, 01:42) Opening clip from Senator Ervin and Ehrlichman

(1, 03:09) Opening commentary from MacNeil and Lehrer

- Ehrlichman was “combative and confident,” claimed only Dean spent time on the cover-up
- Ellsberg break-in constitutionally justified
- Cox has expanded his list

(1, 05:21) Peter Kaye discusses Bush’s statement, clip of Bellino defending himself

- George Bush issued a statement that Republicans had been spied on in 1960
- Carmine Bellino purported have illegally gathered information, he denied the charges
- Kaye is skeptical of the claims

(1, 07:50) Conversation with Haynes Johnson (Washington Post)

- Can the President authorize illegal acts?

Line Up (1, 09:08)

(1, 10:27) John D. Ehrlichman (Nixon’s former chief advisor for domestic affairs)

- Opening statement to “refute every charge against him”
- gathered intelligence for Nixon in 1960
- J. Edgar Hoover had “scuttled” previous intelligence gathering plans
- investigated the Pentagon Papers because of suspected “ties to the Communist Party”
- Magruder involved soon after Watergate
- Plumbers to be kept secret to prevent leaks
- “Morally certain” that he never assured Kalmbach that raising money was proper

(5, 38:30) Closing commentary from MacNeil, Lehrer, John Kramer, and Haynes Johnson

- Johnson: “Watergate is an attitude after all, not just a series of isolated criminal activities.” Got a good sense of the attitudes that produced the whole affair, but did not answer many big questions.
- Lehrer: “Nobody’s in collusion in this. Everybody’s out for himself.”
- Kramer: Ehrlichman contradicted the President on the legality of the Ellsberg break-in

Day 28: July 25 (v. 1 bk. 6)

(1, 01:23) Opening clip of Talmadge and Ehrlichman

(1, 02:30) Opening commentary from MacNeil and Lehrer

- Most of the day spent discussing the legality of the Ellsberg break-in
- Ehrlichman accused Dean of lying, and Mitchell of having a hazy memory
- Nixon met with Republican congressional leadership today

(1, 04:35) Peter Kaye discusses the subpoenas

(1, 05:25) Clip of Sam Ervin on the subpoenas

(1, 06:35) John Kramer discusses constitutional issues

Line Up (1, 08:35)

(1, 09:45) John D. Ehrlichman

- John Wilson (Ehrlichman and Haldeman's lawyer) and Ervin debate constitutionality
- never discussed clemency
- did not propose the destruction of documents
- had "no part in any cover up"
- attacks J. Edgar Hoover

(3, 16:46) Closing commentary from MacNeil, Lehrer, Alan Barth, and John Kramer

- Barth: Legislative and executive branches on a collision course
- Kramer: John Ehrlichman vs. the world

(3, 23:35) Clip of Sam Ervin

- Ervin: The Committee is not out to get the President

(3, 24:43) MacNeil closing statement

- Ehrlichman's argument "just doesn't add up."

Day 29: July 26 (v. 1 bk. 7)

(1, 00:30) Opening clip of Committee

- Passing a motion to take the President to court

(1, 02:15) Opening commentary from MacNeil and Lehrer

(1, 03:30) Senator Baker speaks with Peter Kaye

(1, 04:42) Conversation with Jack Murphy

- Independent law suit from Archibald Cox will come first

Line Up (1, 06:40)

(1, 09:34) Presidential tapes

- Ervin reads Nixon's letter
- Vote unanimously
- Ervin: The President is not above the law

(1, 56:46) John D. Ehrlichman

- explains why it was necessary to gather information on Ellsberg
- explains why Dean stayed
- Stans avoided the grand jury to keep him from the news media
- "I was not omniscient"
- Watergate was a "manageable political liability" because it only involved CREEP

[Last reels are missing]

Day 30: July 27 (v. 1 bk. 7)

(1, 01:20) Opening clip from Weicker and Ehrlichman

- Ehrlichman discusses the need to reveal personal facts about candidates to the public

(1, 03:00) Opening commentary from MacNeil, Lehrer, and Jack Murphy

- Ehrlichman: Magruder involved, Kalmbach's not, Ulasewicz performed a positive public service
- Murphy: Pay attention to Senator Gurney

Line Up (1, 05:45)

(1, 08:00) John D. Ehrlichman

- details his Watergate investigation for the White House
- told Magruder was pushing Liddy for more intelligence information
- Hunt provided a printer for Segretti's dirty tricks
- Dean wanted Nixon to negotiate "blanket immunity" for White House staffers
- No mention of shredding documents
- The President wanted Ehrlichman to deal with Vernon Walters, rather than Richard Helms
- told Dean to let Gray "hang there"
- called the Justice Department on behalf of the President to keep them from charging Stans

(5, 17:34) Closing commentary from MacNeil and Lehrer

(5, 18:25) Peter Kaye speaks with Rufus Edmisten (Deputy Chief Counsel) on the schedule

(5, 19:50) Conversation with Jack Murphy and Clark Mollenhoff

- Murphy: The questioning improved today, Mollenhoff agrees
- Mollenhoff: Critical that Maurice Stans was not required to testify before the grand jury

Day 31: July 30 (v. 1 bk. 7)

(1, 01:36) Opening clip of Haldeman

- testifies that he has listened to the relevant tapes

(1, 03:10) Opening commentary from MacNeil and Lehrer

(1, 04:20) Peter Kaye clip with Ehrlichman

- Ehrlichman felt that he'd accomplished what he wanted to

(1, 05:12) Commentary on the testimony

- Committee has voted to continue with the first phase

Line Up (1, 06:19)

(1, 15:40) John D. Ehrlichman

- didn't tell the President about the Ellsberg break-in because there was nothing he could do
- left for image reasons, not because of any "legal liability"
- calls claims that he ordered Gray to destroy documents "perfectly silly"
- "Colson was there" when the safe was open
- A call to Dean "was not a cover-up"
- advises young people to "come and do better" in Washington

(5, 23:44) H. R. Haldeman (Nixon's former Chief of Staff)

- reads statement
- Segretti's initial plan had "nothing wrong"
- listened to tapes

[Last reels are missing]

Day 32: July 31 (v. 1 bk. 8)

(1, 00:24) Opening clip of Haldeman and Weicker

- Haldeman loses his cool

(1, 02:35) Opening commentary from MacNeil and Lehrer

- Haldeman once described as the most important man next to Nixon
- Discussion of the tapes

(1, 04:35) Peter Kaye clip with Senator Baker discuss the tapes

Line Up (1, 05:48)

(1, 08:10) H. R. Haldeman

- refers to himself as “a just taskmaster”
- \$90,000 to Colson for “black projects”
- “willing to accept Dean’s explanations”
- “I don’t know that I can judge” whether campaign funds should go to criminals
- “The President and I were right” about the March meeting with Dean
- “Magruder did not inform me” about perjury problems
- “Most shocking” information Dean gave to the President: Hunt’s demand for money
- didn’t consult White House about his testimony
- given other tapes, but did not listen to them
- \$1,000,000 left over from 1968 campaign

(7, 55:35) Closing commentary from MacNeil, Lehrer, and John Kramer

- Longest day yet (After 3 AM on the East Coast)

(7, 58:00) Peter Kaye spoke with Weicker about long hours

(7, 59:00) Lehrer closes

Day 33: August 1 (v. 1 bk. 8)

(1, 00:21) Opening clip of Haldeman

(1, 02:38) Opening commentary from MacNeil and Lehrer

(1, 04:30) Peter Kaye discusses ITT case

Line Up (1, 05:55)

(1, 07:40) H. R. Haldeman

- White House and IRS pass on only information “from friends regarding foe”
- Dean got “pat on the back” for his work in the investigation
- Billy Graham rally
- “no allegation of wrongdoing” from FBI checks
- “put out the story” tying peace demonstrators to McGovern
- “never any Anti-Nixon demonstrators paid”
- “not in a position to justify” whether money should have gone to the burglars
- The Committee should investigate whether the McGovern campaign used “Communist money or not”
- Watergate not as bad as “monumental leaks of critical proportion”

(6, 55:38) Closing commentary from MacNeil, Lehrer, Jack Murphy, and John Lofton (Editor, GOP Newsletter)

- Open question: What ITT got from the government in exchange for the donation?
- Lofton: “As a Republican, I certainly don’t approve of the types of tactics,” Democrats have an incentive to delay Colson’s testimony
- Murphy: Haldeman an excellent witness
- Lofton and Lehrer: Is this a lynch mob for President Nixon?

(6, 62:38) Clip of John J. Wilson (Erlichman and Haldeman’s lawyer) calling Senator Inouye “that little Jap”

(6, 64:30) Closing comments from Peter Kaye

- Not much will be resolved without the tapes

Day 34: August 2 (v. 1 bk. 8)

(1, 01:41) Opening clip of Montoya questioning Richard Helms

(1, 03:15) Opening commentary from MacNeil and Lehrer

- Today, two former CIA operatives, Helms denied the CIA's involvement in Watergate

(1, 05:10) Peter Kaye clip

- reads from a transcript between Hunt and Cushman, set up by Ehrlichman

Line Up (1, 07:30)

(1, 12:30) Richard M. Helms (former CIA director)

- felt "obliged" to prepare a profile of Ellsberg
- gave orders to "do absolutely nothing" that would damage the reputation of the CIA
- Martinez on CIA retainer at time of burglary
- Hunt wanted Paris secretary
- Dean wanted bail money and salaries for the burglars
- We gave the FBI "everything"

(5, 37:40) General Robert E. Cushman (Former Deputy Director of the CIA)

- Hunt wanted "false papers" for Liddy
- Ehrlichman would restrain Hunt
- Hunt wanted a camera in a tobacco pouch
- Profile on Ellsberg was first done on an American in years

(6, 04:12) Closing commentary from MacNeil, Lehrer, Jack Murphy, and John Lofton

- New phase of Senators trying to fill-in the blanks after principle witnesses
- discuss whether or not it was odd to go to the CIA so soon after the break in

(6, 10:20) Peter Kaye talks with Dick Cavett

- Cavett is an avid watcher of the hearings

(6, 12:55) Closing commentary from MacNeil

- Committee has more credibility than Nixon

Day 35: August 3 (v. 1 bk. 9)

(1, 01:20) Opening clip of L. Patrick Gray

- regrets destroying documents

(1, 03:01) Opening commentary from MacNeil and Lehrer

- describes Gray's schedule to help audience keep dates straight

(1, 06:30) Discussion with Jack Murphy

Line Up (1, 08:30)

(1, 10:13) General Vernon A. Walters (Deputy Director of the CIA)

- "Dean kept pressing" Gray to call off the investigation
- told Dean "I would resign"
- not aware of McCord letters

(3, 56:30) L. Patrick Gray III (former Acting Director of the FBI)

- cancelled interviews at Dean's urging
- "Walters could give me nothing in writing"
- "Mr. President, people on your staff are trying to mortally wound you"
- destroying items in Hunt's safe "a grievous misjudgment"

(5, 35:40) Closing commentary from MacNeil and Lehrer

(5, 36:30) Peter Kaye talked with Sam Dash

(5, 40:22) Conversation with Jack Murphy

(5, 43:15) Peter Kaye discusses McGovern surveillance with Senator Weicker

Day 36: August 6 (v. 1 bk. 9)

(1, 00:23) Opening clip from L. Patrick Gray

(1, 01:20) Opening commentary from MacNeil and Lehrer

(1, 02:45) Peter Kaye discusses case to get the tapes

(1, 04:00) Discussion with Jack Murphy

Line Up (1, 05:27)

(1, 08:30) L. Patrick Gray

- Gray gave files to Dean
- McCord not interviewed by FBI
- Petersen: “Pat, I’m scared”
- Burning of Hunt papers
- Dean in on FBI interviews
- Conflict with President’s statement
- wanted John Dean to “shut up”
- Left with a “broken heart”
- “A madman’s horror”
- The FBI Watergate investigation

(6, 00:55) Closing commentary from MacNeil, Lehrer, Jack Murphy, and David Wise

- Murphy: Worrisome information about the President, the FBI, and the Justice Department
- Wise: Government entities will either be too independent or too partisan
- Conversation with “Mr. Average American”

Day 37: August 7 (v. 1 bk. 9)

(1, 01:30) Clip of Petersen

(1, 03:00) Opening commentary from MacNeil and Lehrer

- This is the end of phase one, gives Nixon time for a rebuttal

(1, 04:40) Conversation with Peter Kaye and Howard Baker

- still don't know what the President knew and when he knew it

(1, 06:34) Conversation with Hugh Sidey (*Time*) and Jack Murphy

- Murphy: Discusses proceedings of Cox's case, Nixon claimed executive privilege

Line Up (1, 09:26)

(1, 12:15) Richard G. Kleindienst (former Attorney General)

- Meeting at burning tree
- Judge Byrne and the Ellsberg trial
- Meeting with the President
- The triumphs of Watergate
- Resignation as Attorney General

(4, 27:25) Henry E. Petersen (Assistant Attorney General)

- Meetings with President Nixon
- Defense of the prosecutors
- "Nobody acts innocent"
- Who got the President's order to investigate?
- President's taping is o.k.

(6, 47:27) Closing commentary from MacNeil, Lehrer, Sidey, Murphy, and Peter Kaye

- Murphy: We know what happened, but we don't know who was responsible
- Sidey: Nixon has been damaged
- Kaye and MacNeil discuss whether the case has been blown out of proportion

Day 38: September 24 (v. 1 bk. 9)

(1, 01:06) Opening clip of Sidney L. James (NPACT Board Chairman)

(1, 02:52) Clip of E. Howard Hunt

(1, 03:52) Opening clip of Lehrer

- Lists events since the hearings adjourned

(1, 05:35) Conversation with Hugh Sidey

- The Administration is distracted from a whole host of other problems by Watergate

(1, 06:40) Lehrer comments on tapes, lists key events

(1, 07:24) Jack Murphy comments on the courts activity in this affair

(1, 08:30) Commentary from Peter Kaye

- Hunt's testimony underwhelming

Line Up (1, 09:59)

(1, 11:30) E. Howard Hunt

- believed acting on "authority within the power of the President"
- Colson asked him to "fabricate cables"
- Liddy said Mitchell wanted intelligence
- "Penetration agent" in Muskie camp
- "Seamy activities for White House"
- "I Said: 'Let's Junk it'"
- Colson aware of Gemstone?
- No protest at CIA

(5, 33:10) Closing commentary from Lehrer, Kaye, Hugh Sidey, and Jack Murphy

- discuss public opinion of the hearings, Hunt as a scapegoat, Charles Colson's participation, partisanship, and attorney/client privilege

Day 39: September 25 (v. 1 bk. 9)

(6/1, 00:35) Opening clip of Baker questioning Hunt

- Hunt: The CIA has always been involved in domestic affairs

(6/1, 01:48) Opening commentary from Lehrer

- Difficult day for Hunt

(6/1, 03:07) Peter Kaye discusses “Fat Jack” or John Buckley

- An informant who met with Hunt to swap money for Muskie information

Line Up (6/1, 04:30)

(6/1, 06:26) E. Howard Hunt

- Theory that Baldwin had “intimate ties to democrats”
- asked Barker for telegrams
- CIA a support agency?
- “Handbook for the Gemstone Operation”
- “Photographically stolen” documents
- “Chase plane”
- Mitchell “insistent on second entry”
- No clemency offer
- “A two-way street?”
- On cables: “U.S. will support coup”

(1/6, 26:50) Closing commentary from Lehrer and George Will (Editor of *National Review*)

- discuss Hunt’s information on Colson
- Will: Describes risk of congressional committees without a clear legislative mandate

(1/6, 34:25) Peter Kaye discusses scheduling changes

- Caulfield is ill
- Reagan is “sweating out” an immunity plea

Day 40: September 26 (v. 2 bk. 10)

(1, 00:38) Opening clip of Patrick Buchanan

(1, 01:37) Opening commentary from Lehrer

(1, 02:44) Peter Kaye reads some of Buchanan's memos

(1, 04:20) Henry Trehwitt (*Newsweek*) discusses the importance of Pat Buchanan

Line Up (1, 05:25)

(1, 07:00) Patrick J. Buchanan (Speechwriter and presidential aide)

- "Character assassins" on the Ervin Committee staff
- "Assault strategy" and "attack book" from Democrats
- IRS "biased against conservatives"
- Muskie victory "little short of catastrophe" for America
- President ordered "no comment" on Eagleton
- O'Brien campaign manual
- "We put McGovern 34 points behind"
- "Ghosted" abortion letter, telegrams

(5, 43:41) Closing commentary from Lehrer and Trehwitt

- Trehwitt: Underscored how difficult it will be for the Committee to write new legislation to control campaign practices
- Lehrer: Have changed from hard facts to political philosophy

(5, 49:29) Peter Kaye gives commentary

- Dick Tuck (Democratic political trickster) should not be compared with Segretti, dirty tricks are nothing new, but out of hand in 1972

Day 41: October 3 (v. 2 bk. 10)

(1, 00:33) Clip of Dash questioning Segretti

(1, 01:30) Opening commentary from Lehrer

- Segretti apologized for tricks played on the Democrats
- hired by Strachan and Chapin
- Bomb threat hoax in the middle of Segretti's testimony

(1, 02:44) Peter Kaye reports on dirty tricks phase

Line Up (1, 03:50)

(1, 06:00) Donald H. Segretti (CREEP's "dirty tricks" man)

- List of Nixon advance men from 1968
- Chapin wanted Muskie followed
- "Democrats against bosses" a fake
- Three false press releases
- Dean offered Jamaica job
- No "satisfactory answer" for why he got involved
- Attorney-client privilege problem
- Dean suggested he keep a "low profile"

(5, 36:54) Closing commentary from Lehrer and Professor Richard Smolka (American University)

- Smolka: Segretti's tricks fit in with a long history of dirty tricks
- Lehrer: Where is the line between good politics and dirty tricks?

(5, 42:55) Peter Kaye and Fred Thompson discuss upcoming witnesses

Day 42: October 4 (v. 2 bk. 11)

(1, 01:10) Opening clip from Martin D. Kelly

(1, 02:27) Opening commentary from Lehrer

- Kelly and Benz both Segretti helpers. Kelly contrite, Benz not.

Line Up (1, 03:47)

(1, 05:23) Martin Douglas Kelly (Assistant to Segretti)

- took out radio ads to “insult Cubans”
- His pranks “part of American politics?” “No”
- paid a student \$20 for a nude walk

(2, 39:00) Robert Benz (Assistant to Segretti)

- hired infiltrators for Muskie, Jackson
- Benz argues over campaign ethics, claims “always opponent research”
- Ervin: Never has there been such “rascality on a national scale”

(4, 09:03) Closing commentary from Lehrer

(4, 09:32) Peter Kaye speaks with Jules Witcover (*Washington Post*)

- Witcover: Most primaries not hurt by dirty tricks

(4, 14:44) Peter Kaye discusses

- Dirty tricks phase has not caught on

Day 43: October 9 (v. 2 bk. 11)

(1, 01:28) Clip of John Buckley (“Fat Jack”) displaying camera

(1, 02:40) Opening commentary from Lehrer

- Buckley believes everything he did was acceptable in American politics

(1, 04:04) Peter Kaye discusses Buckley and Carmine Bellino

Line Up (1, 05:24)

(1, 14:15) John R. Buckley (former Office of Economic Opportunity official, “Fat Jack”)

- received “press releases, internal memos, and speech drafts” from the Muskie campaign
- rendezvous during lunch hour
- “No idea how you can prohibit” political espionage
- “Thousands of spies in executive branch”
- “No problem with conscience”

(3, 36:10) Closing commentary from Lehrer and Mike McClister (Political consultant)

- McClister: Espionage is not routine in American politics

(3, 44:33) Peter Kaye discusses future witnesses

- Democratic dirty tricks will be investigated

Day 44: October 10 (v. 2 bk. 11)

(1, 00:56) Opening clip of McMinoway

(1, 01:46) Opening commentary from Lehrer

- Spiro Agnew resigned today

Line Up (1, 04:00)

(1, 07:00) Michael W. McMinoway (Sedan Chair II, undercover agent in McGovern campaign)

- needed a diary “to keep people straight”
- McGovern supporters in anti-Muskie rally
- “A familiar face” in McGovern suites
- “Was it fraud?” “no”
- drove democrats who “exhibited immoral activities in the car”
- Humphrey heckled at nursing home

(4, 32:18) Frederick J. Taugher (former campaign coordinator for McGovern)

- Anti-war activists used McGovern phones
- “over-zealous?”

(5, 43:45) Lieutenant Kenneth Hickman (L.A.P.D.)

- Non-violent demonstration, no bombs exploded

(6, 09:25) Closing commentary from Lehrer and Howard McCurdy (American University)

- McCurdy: “Every candidate who wants to win has got to have some kind of intelligence gathering apparatus.”

Day 45: October 11 (v. 2 bk. 11)

(1, 01:25) Clip of Mankiewicz

(1, 02:57) Opening commentary from Lehrer

- Two witnesses today claimed the Democrats did nothing as bad as Nixon

(1, 04:00) Clip of H. R. Haldeman

- describes dirty tricks he believed that the Democrats committed in the 1972 campaign

(1, 05:56) Peter Kaye reports on the Committee's schedule

Line Up (1, 08:04)

(1, 09:49) Richard Stearns (McGovern Coordinator)

- “Absolute outrages” of the Nixon campaign
- “Fiercely independent” local workers
- Republicans “calculated campaign to smear me”
- Muskie accountability project, never used

(3, 10:56) Frank Mankiewicz (McGovern Campaign Director)

- Letter designed to make Americans “mad at Muskie and McGovern”
- “Nothing believable”
- Kalmbach bought computer company
- monitored price commission

(5, 12:54) Closing commentary from Lehrer, John Lofton, and John Kramer

- Lofton and Kramer: Democrats tore themselves apart, not Republican dirty tricks.
- The Committee needs to refocus itself

Day 46: November 6 (v. 2 bk. 12)

(1, 01:56) New opening

(1, 02:15) Opening commentary from Lehrer from the Hearing Room

- Senators will attempt to meet with Nixon to discuss the missing tapes
- Gurney wrote in a letter that the Committee was a disaster

(1, 03:47) Peter Kaye discusses Executive Committee meeting arranged by Dash and Thompson

(1, 04:27) Ervin explains his position to reporters

Line Up (1, 07:40) [Middle reels missing]

(1, 10:01) Truman Campbell (Republican Central Committee in California)

- Nixon rally disrupted by violence, “a frightening experience”

Michael Heller (college student, Democrats for Nixon)

- Anti-Nixon pamphlet: “Nixon brings ovens to the people instead of people to the ovens”

Representative Tim Lee Carter (R-Ky.)

- Enemies “no more fanatical” than demonstrators

Paul Brindze (law student, McGovern campaign)

Jeremiah P. Sullivan (Boston police officer)

- Guests spit on, police injured at GOP fundraising dinner
- U.S. funds for President’s protection

Howard Baker reports on 30 affidavits introduced to the record

(2, 32:30) Closing commentary from Lehrer

(2, 32:49) Peter Kaye speaks with Howard Baker

- discuss partisanship and how the Committee can meet with the President
- Baker does not think the President should resign

Day 47: November 7 (v. 3 bk. 13)

(1, 01:53) Clip of Priestes

(1, 03:28) Opening commentary from Peter Kaye from the Hearing Room

(1, 04:44) Peter Kaye and David Dorsen (Assistant Chief Counsel) discuss upcoming witnesses

Line Up (1, 09:09)

(1, 10:30) William H. Marumoto (former presidential aide)

- “Brown mafia”
- Not on Nixon team, funds cut off
- “An incredible insult to Spanish speaking people”

(4, 36:35) John J. Priestes (Miami contractor)

- \$25,000 campaign contribution to Stans to end FHA troubles (Stans denies it)

(6, 14:00) Closing commentary from Peter Kaye and Phil Cailey (Knight Newspapers)

- Priestes part of a tangled controversy in Florida, although CREEP seems to have returned his money

Day 48: November 8 (v. 3 bk. 13)

(1, 01:58) Clip of Fernandez

(1, 02:38) Opening commentary from Lehrer from the Hearing Room

- Investigation of Edward Gurney

(1, 04:00) Peter Kaye discusses Gurney

- *Miami Herald* reporting on troubles involving Gurney's campaign finances
- Priestes may have given cash to Gurney, who has refused comment

Line Up (1, 05:57)

(1, 07:12) Benjamin Fernandez (former organizer of National Hispanic Finance Committee for CREEP, economist)

- “appalled, shocked, and disgusted” with Priestes’ testimony
- Stans: “This man’s in trouble up to his ears”
- troubles with NEDA

(3, 39:00) Closing commentary from Lehrer

(3, 39:40) Peter Kaye speaks with Stephen Hess

- Hess: Fernandez motivated by benign reasons, Priestes motivated by *quid pro quo*.
- Hess: This is one area where there could be legislation that gives a concrete solution

Day 49: November 13 (v. 3 bk. 13)

(1, 01:50) Opening clip of Clark

(1, 02:37) Opening commentary from Lehrer

(1, 03:28) Peter Kaye discusses Executive Committee meeting about meeting with President Nixon

(1, 04:45) Clip of Kaye interview from September 1972 with Eugene Wyman (Democratic fundraiser)

- *Quid pro quo* happens rarely, but businesses often support candidates for favorable legislation
- Campaign financing is getting out of control

Line Up (1, 07:30)

(1, 09:05) Matthew E. Clark, Jr. (Director of Purchasing, American Shipbuilding Co.)

- Corporate campaign contributions disguised as bonuses
- made false statements to conceal

(2, 14:15) Robert Bartlome (Company Secretary, American Shipbuilding Co.)

- “Bonuses” sent to Kalmbach at CREEP
- False expense voucher system to raise political money

(2, 63:53) Closing commentary from Lehrer

- Discussion of upcoming witnesses from corporations

(2, 64:40) Peter Kaye and Mike McClister (political consultant) discuss campaign finance

(3, 06:25) “Watergate Special PS” with Peter Lisagor (*Chicago Daily News*) and Jim Polk (*Washington Star News* investigative reporter)

- Extra commentary since the hearings are shorter

Day 50: November 14 (v. 3 bk. 13)

(1, 02:08) Opening from Lehrer

- Today, corporation executives discuss illegal campaign contributions

(1, 03:35) Peter Kaye speaks with Rufus Edmisten

- Edmisten: A representative sample called in of corporations pressured to contribute money

Line Up (08:15)

(1, 09:45) Orin E. Atkins (Board Chairman of Ashland Oil Company)

- Stans asks \$100,000 for Nixon campaign
- knew it was illegal, but motivated by “a desire to be heard in Washington”

(1, 78:00) Claude C. Wild Jr. (Vice President for Government Affairs of Gulf Oil Company)

- Contributions to ensure proper Washington treatment
- Combined public and private financing favored
- Watergate will act as a deterrent in the future

(3, 46:05) Closing commentary from Lehrer

(4, 46:20) Peter Kaye speaks with James Polk

Day 51: November 15 (v. 3 bk. 13)

(1, 01:03) Clip of Spater

(1, 02:05) Opening commentary from Lehrer

- Why did these men contribute?
- Nixon will not meet with the Committee, but offered to meet with Ervin and Baker

(1, 03:13) Clip of Ervin speaking with reporters

Line Up (1, 04:33)

(1, 06:43) Camilo Fabrega (head of the Panamanian office of Braniff Airways)

- Braniff: “Laundered” \$40,000 through Panama company

(1, 22:50) Neal Robinson (Assistant Treasurer of Braniff)

(1, 40:40) George A. Spater (former President and Board Chairman of American Airlines)

- American: “Laundered” \$55,000 through Lebanon Company’s Swiss bank account
- Solicitation made by Kalmbach
- Company thought they might “get it in the neck” if he did not contribute

(3, 13:12) Russel DeYoung (Board Chairman of Goodyear Tire and Rubber Company)

- Goodyear: “Laundered” \$40,000
- asked, but not pressured, by Stans

(3, 48:37) Closing commentary from Lehrer

(3, 48:56) Peter Kaye speaks with Bob Jackson (*L.A. Times* Reporter)

(2, 54:33) Lehrer closes