

Watergate



Watergate Complex



Democratic National Committee Headquarters



Nixon: 1972 Reelection



CREEP
(Committee to Re-Elect
the President)

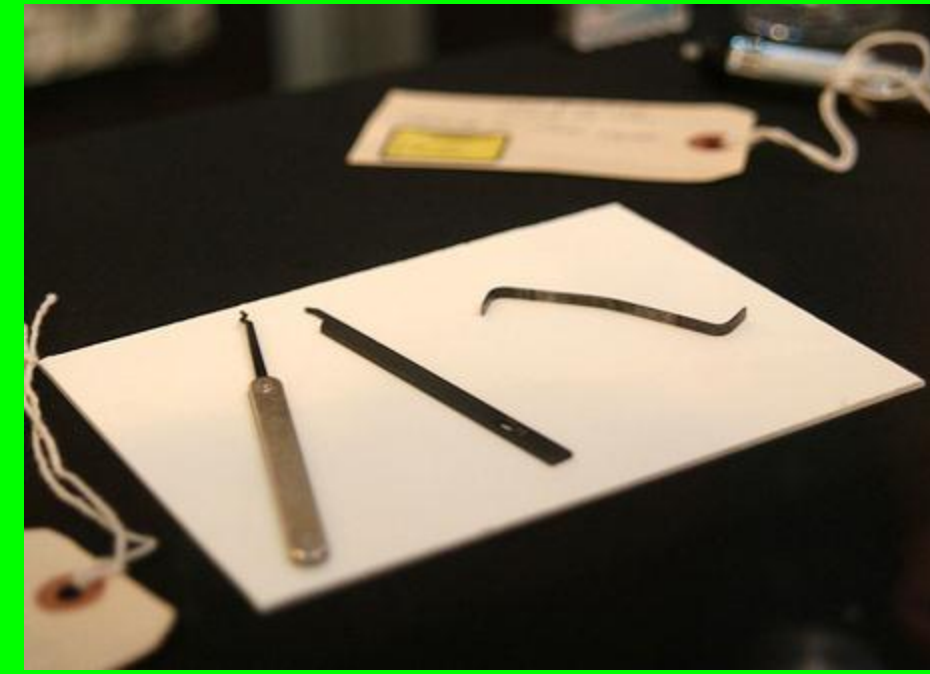
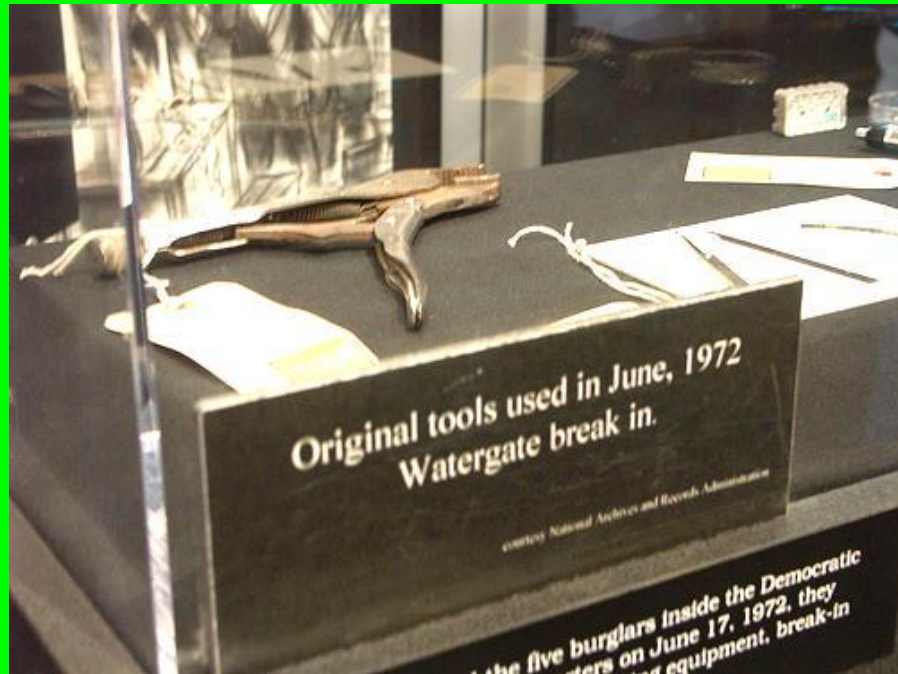


“Plumbers”

The Break-In
at the DNC
Headquarters
June 17, 1972
2:30 am arrest



5 Burglars Arrested at DNC

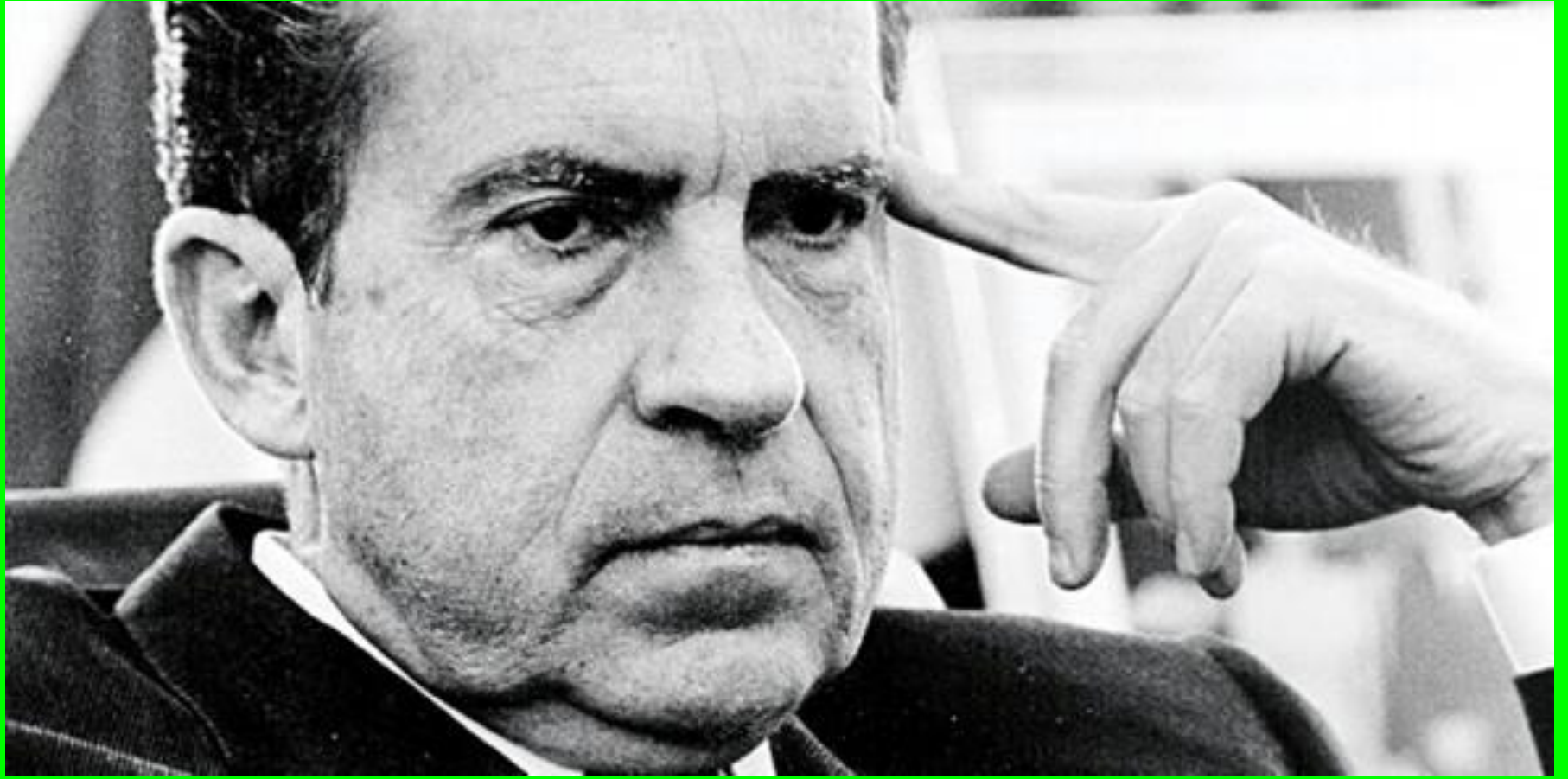




Security Guard Frank Willis

12:30 AM	1:00 AM	With paper and the Door annex outside off office bldg was open	1
1:47 AM	1:55 AM	cut all lights out in hall	17 2
		call police found tape in door call police two make a inspection on the inspection at 5	4
		St. Sgt Jackson made	

No Way President Was Involved?



June 23, 1972: Cover Up Began



Problem: No Evidence of Nixon's Actions

Bob Woodward and Carl Bernstein Washington Post Reporters



Secret Contact: “Deep Throat”



October 10, 1972

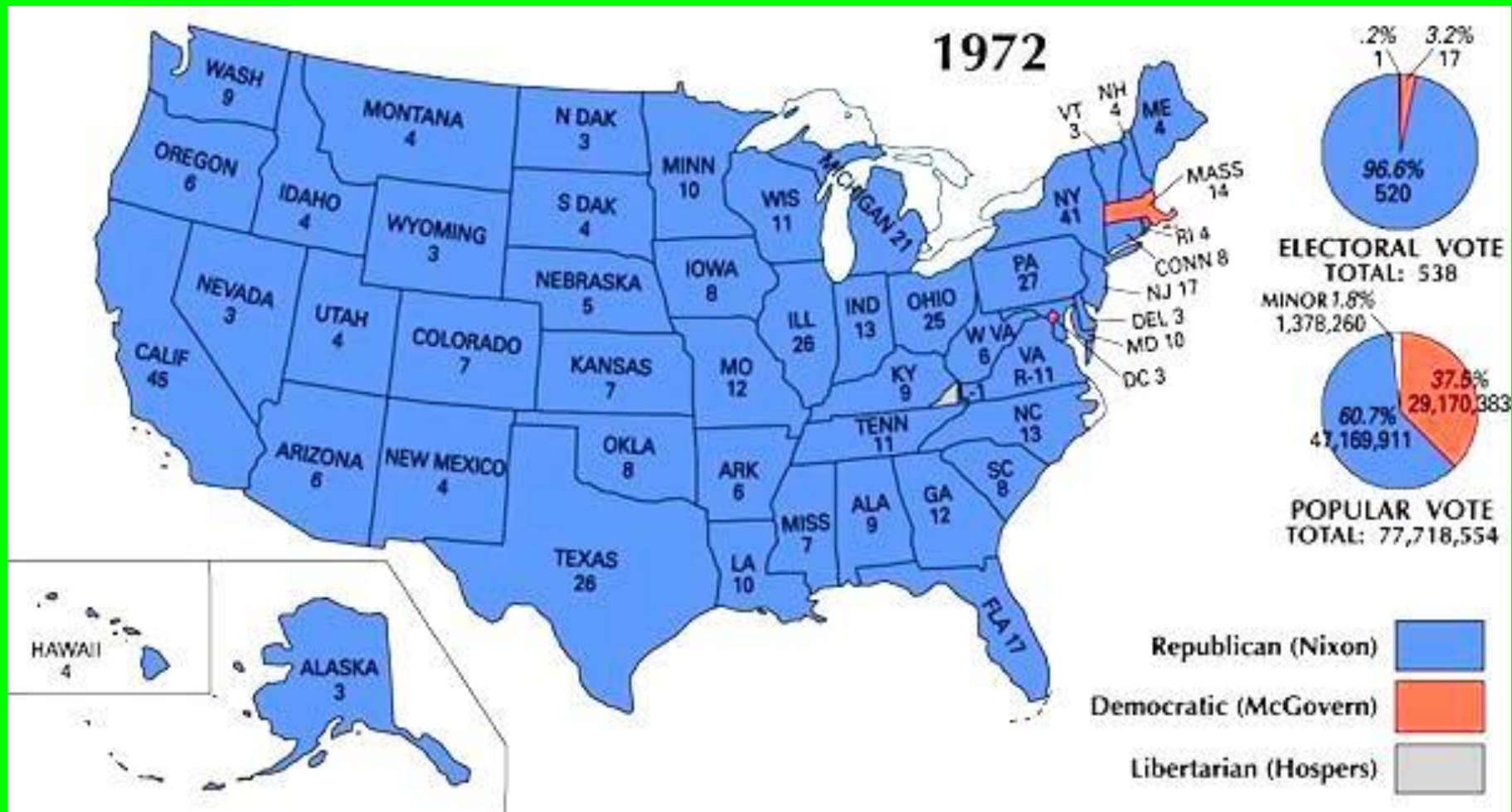
FBI Connected Break-In to CREEP

**The Committee
to Reelect
the President
1972**

Did Nixon Need Information from the DNC to win the 1972 Election?

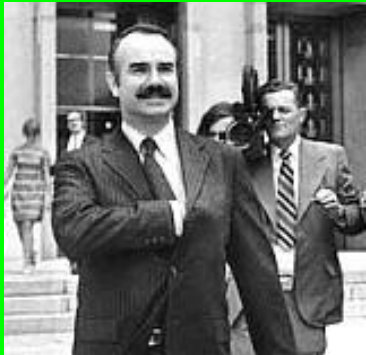


1972 Election: Nixon Landslide



Watergate Keeps Leaking

Nixon Advisers Got in Trouble



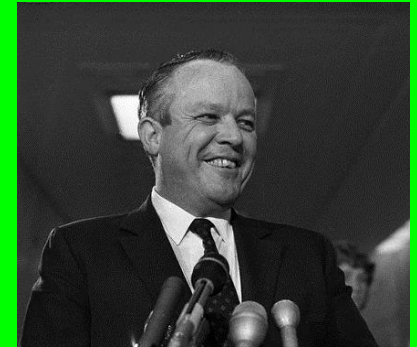
G. Gordon Liddy
Low Level Aide



James McCord
Low Level Aide



H.R. Haldemann
John Ehrlichman
Top Aides



Richard Kleindienst
Attorney General

“Where there is smoke, there is fire.”

White House Counsel John Dean Fired April 30, 1973



Senate Committee Hearings Summer of 1973

- Said Nixon had discussed the Watergate cover-up over 35 times
- Stated there was a White House Taping System



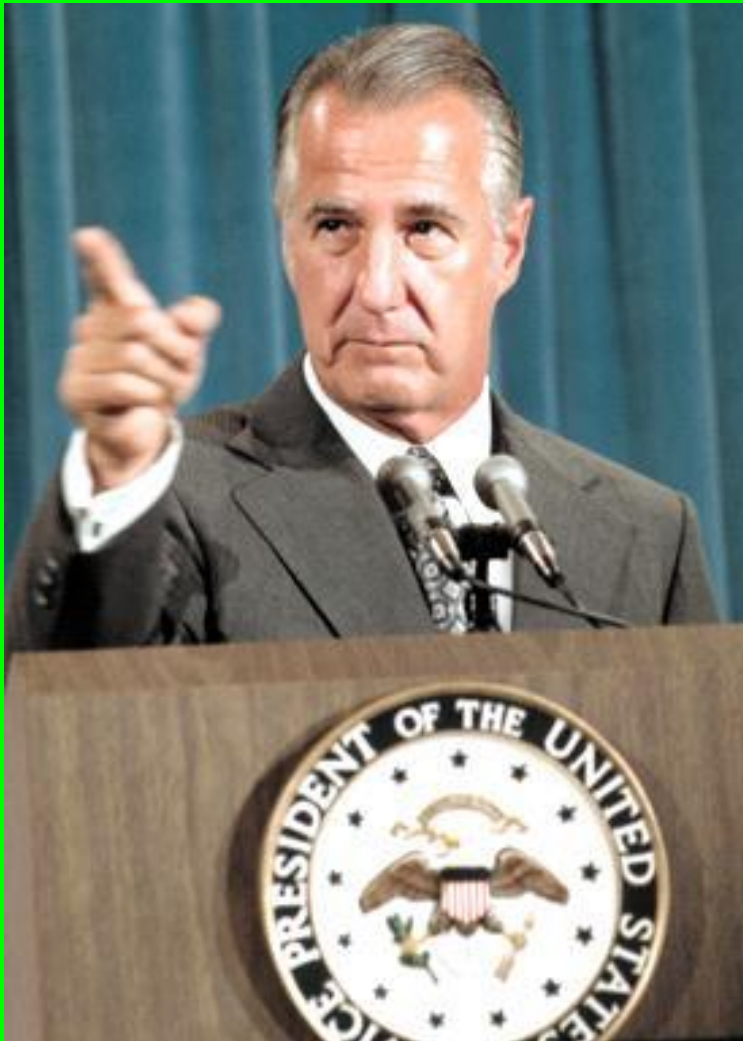
**Former Nixon Lawyer
John Dean**

Nixon Refused to Turn Over Tapes

July 23, 1973



Spiro Agnew Resigned October 11, 1973



Agnew's resignation had
nothing to do with
Watergate

- Income tax evasion
- Accepting bribes

Atmosphere:
Smoke is everywhere

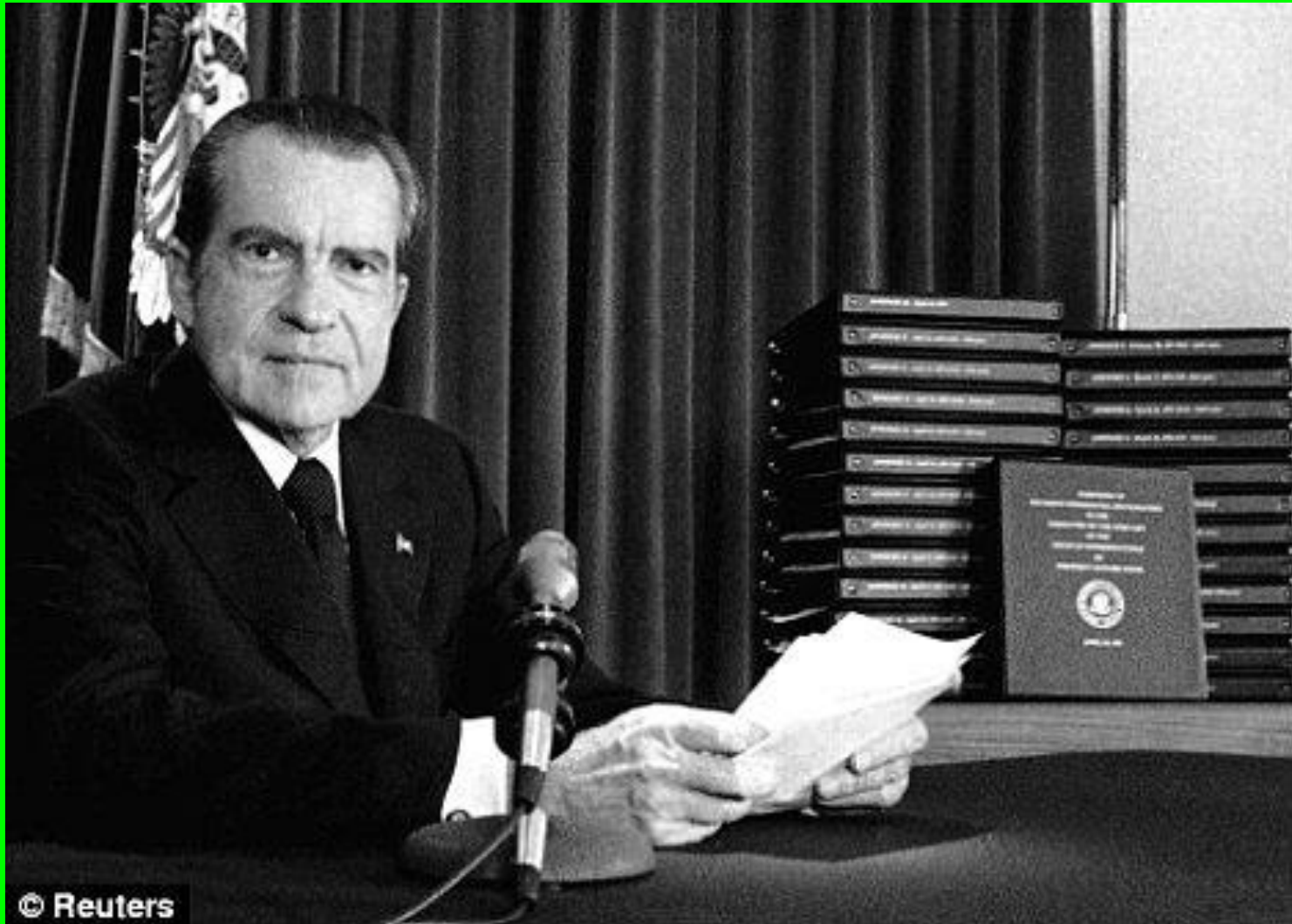
New VP: Gerald Ford



“I am not a crook”
November 17, 1973



Nixon Continued to Turn Over Transcripts of Tapes



Rose Mary Woods



- 18 ½ minute gap

United States v. Nixon

July 24, 1974



United States 8 – Nixon 0

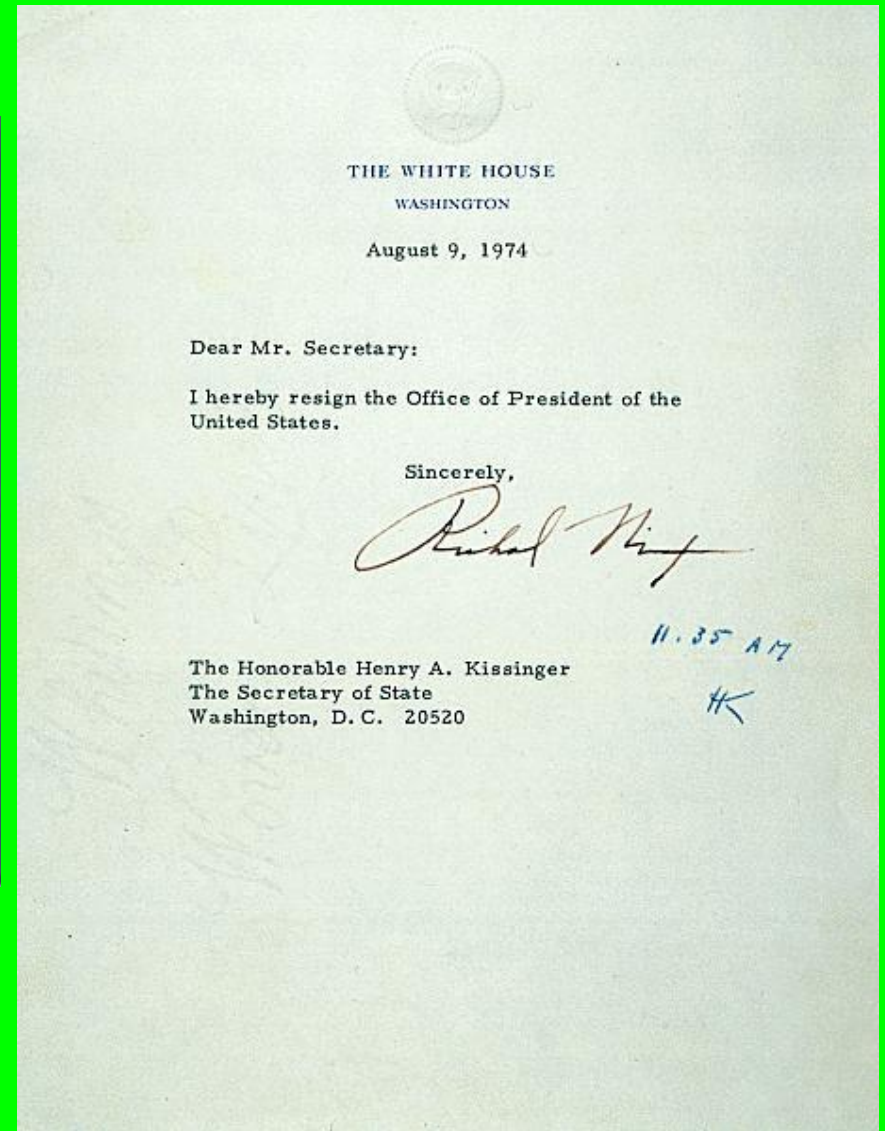
Smoking Gun Tape: August 5, 1974 (released)

Nixon: When you get in these people when you...get these people in, say: "Look, the problem is that this will open the whole, the whole Bay of Pigs thing, and the President just feels that" ah, without going into the details... don't, don't lie to them to the extent to say there is no involvement, but just say this is sort of a comedy of errors, bizarre, without getting into it, "the President believes that it is going to open the whole Bay of Pigs thing up again. And, ah because these people are plugging for, for keeps and that they should call the FBI in and say that we wish for the country, don't go any further into this case", period!

(This took place June 23, 1972-six days after the Watergate break-in)

10mm

August 9, 1974 – Nixon resigned



Nixon Farewell







August 9, 1974 – President Ford



Who was “Deep Throat?”



W. Mark Felt (05/31/05)

Results of Watergate

Negative

- President broke the law – lied
- Credibility gap widened

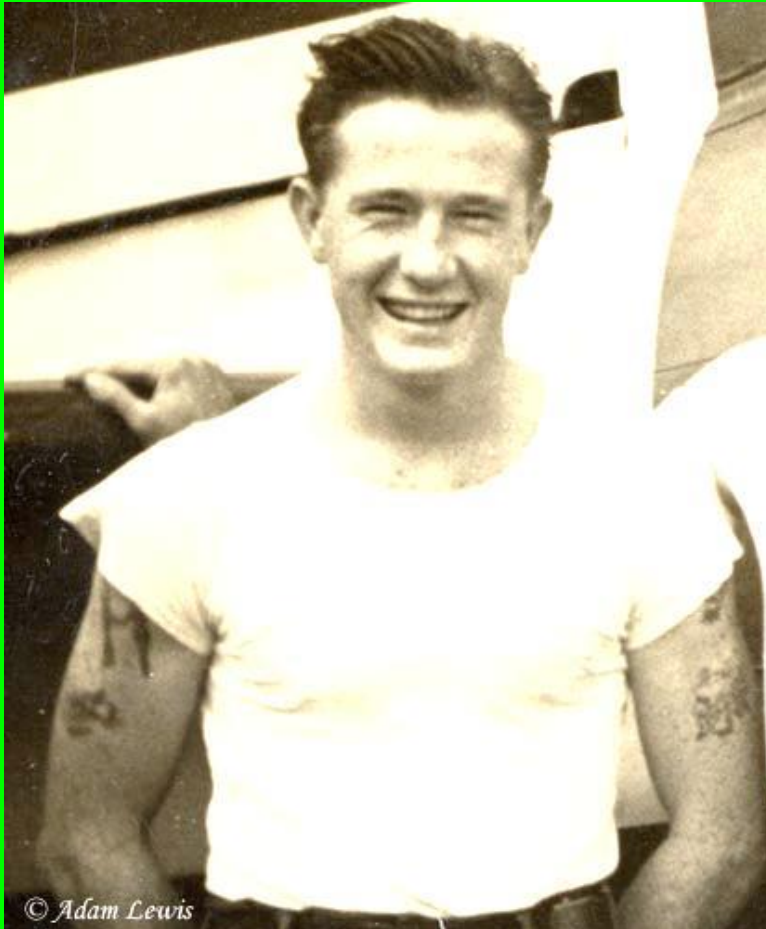
Positive

- No one is above the law
 - Checks and balances worked

Watergate: True or False Review

1. President Nixon broke the law. 1. T
2. CREEP was a legitimate organization. 2. T
3. John Dean was one of the Washington Post reporters who broke the scandal. 3. F
4. President Nixon knew about the White House taping system. 4. T
5. Woodward and Bernstein did a lot of their investigative reporting without outside help. 5. F
6. Very few of Nixon's aides were guilty in the Watergate Scandal. 6. F
7. Rose Mary Woods erased the Watergate tapes on purpose. 7. ?

Howard “Reds” Arrington Died March 31, 2007



White House Plumber
(1946 – 1979)

- Worked for 7 different presidents
- Worked over 30 years in the White House

The Watergate Exhibit

