

APPENDIX A

"Sugar coating Dean's destruction of evidence" [See text p]

WATERGATE SPECIAL PROSECUTION FORCE

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Memorandum

TO : FILES

DATE: November 2, 1973

FROM : George Frampton *GTF*

SUBJECT: Interview with John Dean

In an interview this afternoon with John Dean, I questioned Dean about the contents of Howard Hunt's safe. Dean disclosed, for the first time, that he had probably destroyed the "Hermes" notebook which Hunt has claimed was located in Hunt's safe.

Dean related that sometime in late January 1973 Dean discovered, in a file folder in Dean's office safe containing the President's Estate Plan, two thin cloth-bound notebooks with cardboard covers and lined pages, containing some handwriting. Dean at that time recalled that these had come from Hunt's safe. Dean did not look at the contents and cannot recall what might have been in them. He assumed it related to the Ellsberg break-in. He shredded both notebooks in his shredder.

At the same time, Dean also discovered a "pop-up" address book containing some names, with each page "x-ed out." Dean threw this into his waste basket.