"Prediction that Watergate indictments are imminent (before Special Prosecutor's arrival)" [See text p]

PRESS RELEASE

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I WISH TO MAKE AN ANNOUNCEMENT TODAY CONCERNING THE WATERGATE CASE. AT MY REQUEST, THE PROSECUTORS I HAVE ASSIGNED TO THIS CASE -- EARL J. SILBERT, MY PRINCIPAL ASSISTANT, SEYMOUR GLANZER AND DONALD E. CAMPBELL -- HAVE PRESENTED TO ME THEIR ASSESSMENT OF THE CURRENT STATUS OF THEIR INVESTIGATION. AFTER REVIEWING THEIR PRESENTATION I AM ABLE TO REPORT TO YOU THE FOLLOWING.

THE INVESTIGATION UNDERTAKEN BY MY PROSECUTIVE

TEAM IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE FEDERAL GRAND JURY IS SUBSTANTIALLY

COMPLETE. AS MANY OF YOU ARE BY NOW PROBABLY AWARE, THE

MAJOR BREAK-THROUGH IN THE INVESTIGATION REPORTED IN THE NEWS

MEDIA A LITTLE OVER A MONTH AGO WAS DIRECTLY ATTRIBUTABLE TO

THE CONTINUING EFFORTS OF THESE PROSECUTORS. IN THIS REGARD

THEY HAVE FOLLOWED A STRATEGY THEY FORMULATED PRIOR TO THE

RETURN OF THE FIRST INDICTMENT IN THIS CASE AND THE TRIAL OF

THE DEFENDANTS NAMED THEREIN. CONSISTENT WITH THEIR EFFORTS

AND THEIR STRATEGY, THE PROSECUTORS HAVE INTERVIEWED MOST OF

THE IMPORTANT WITNESSES AND POTENTIAL TARGET DEFENDANTS ON

ONE OR MORE OCCASIONS AND THE MAJORITY OF THEM HAVE APPEARED

BEFORE THE GRAND JURY. THE PROSECUTORS HAVE DEVELOPED AND

OUTLINED BEFORE THE GRAND JURY A COMPREHENSIVE AND COHERENT

THEORY OF PROSECUTION. ONE KEY MEMBER OF THE CRIMINAL