Hanig - 10/21/73

Wait by the product - a good line -

I. FACTS

Before last weekend, in midst of the crisis, decided to try to prevent the upcoming crisis. Crisis - even though we won confident we'd won the case. Lack of confidence in Pat & others abroad. Hold us fast - move very politicized. Decided to seek a compromise.

No call to E&K to discuss. Cox - was our option discuss here at 8am with at 8:15. Was rejected. Decided to make tapes await Stevens for whatever he wanted.

Stevens asked us to prepare a detailed complete summary which he could use as he saw fit.
Whatever the explicit

Sears & roebuck held
in 1962 effort was made
to get Cox to agree - an
effort was made previously
if failed. What Cox
wanted was a total
authority to vendable thru
our P depots where he
could make some kind
of need to know case.
Cox wanted to keep this
an impending crisis of
the body politic.

Cox agreed completely
in fact that compromise
was amended to meet
some ER objections.
ER then after we went
that clapping a deal
challenged some reservation
that the corps & has
agreements at confirmation
of giving of Cox. This
didn't happen for Rex
challenged P in public.
They Cox wondered how he
could be Cox's ex czar.
3.

Also a concern abt documents and their handling.

key point: P said not all.

E: Documents + covvabag.

Not all documents.

ER then began to feel that Cox ought to be able to

demand, later, other tapes

and videos, etc.

But - correct - that we

were breaching all documents.

ER didn't digest going.

Cox

ER talked about Monday.

ER negotiated compensation.

It helped to develop it.

The was concerned not abt

handling other tapes but Q

further clarification to Cox.

ER met w/P Saturday

15 nov - exchange &

concern. decided to

resign.
Ruek refused to fire  
Lot because it was a 

matter of conscience. 

Mutually accepted fact 
that any officer who can't 
carry all orders must leave. 

Any either way — to those who'd fire him say he was fired — to others say he resigned.

EL & Ruek were close. 

He once stayed because 
EL asked him to — when 
EL knew they were back 

needed to go to.

Bobie is outstanding. 

@ lawyer is very highly 

regarded —
5.
Try to be objective & truthful -

Peterson may take over the investigations -

4th Branch of Govt

Cite Peterson handling of V.P. Case

Office of Special Prosecutor becomes inconsistent w/ dept of govt -

It’s P’s involvement led to creation of Special Office - now use way found to reveal the tapes & their contents. There is no need for continuing the office.
6. Presence of FBI – much sensitive material – some that we have turned over. Acting A.G., sent us FBI to ensure that no evidencing material disappeared.

On Friday night the Cox staff took summary of the cases home with them.

FBI came there as well when they will send in to 6th to protect against theft of H.E. papers.

Compromise with within spirit decision of appellate court. Appellate Court keeps that I had the authority to meet the whole case because this was a contest among individuals of executive branch.
To exercise prudent power and direct the appeal of this principle to the courts.

My stance—ought to accomplish result without entirely compromising these principles.

File

A. I gave an order in a constructive way.

B. Cox threw down the gauntlet—unfair to concur. 4th Branch of Gov’t telling P to go to Hell—ME crisis.
S.

Gene Plan

Tea party - court Santos & House - concentrates effort in Southern Uses - two friends & savings -

Independence of Santos to friends - resisted to the head & P. He was extended - they upset to lengths that OK lead gone

Proctor was to be limited to WP who came up & went way beyond the system became unworkable -

On top what's turned over - Don't pre-judge the product see the final result - Don't call it Teascent or Summary - Call it Product -
Old the 3-3 weeks –

Cloud jury – appoint a special prosecutor –
a technical & that can’t be handled –
long dated text.

Don’t put any confidence in Scipio –

The bell – wait til you see the product – all will be revealed –
let’s wait til then –