

Vorenberg Notes
for
Two Weeks ending 2/28/74

These notes confirm yet another secret meeting between Jaworski and Sirica.

Partial Expanded Transcription

2. Jaworski is meeting with Sirica – Sirica liked the format of Lacovara’s Report

- Sirica hasn’t committed to any specific course of action
- 2-26 – Jaworski discussed their grand jury scenario
 - The grand jury agreed to their approach, asking only three questions
 - They also named the President in their bill of particulars –
- Jaworski says he urged Sirica not to hold a hearing that will give the White House a chance to delay
- The staff is to screens the sections – permitted to put what is urgent in the Road Map

Author’s Interpretation

2. Jaworski reported on his meeting(s) with Judge Sirica and that Sirica had liked the format of Lacovara’s report. It is not clear whether this is a reference to Lacovara’s brief on why the grand jury should be allowed to issue a sealed report, which Jaworski promised to provide Sirica in their 2/11 meeting (See Appendix E), or whether this refers to a draft of the Road Map itself. In either event, it indicates yet another secret meeting with Judge Sirica – and the improper sharing of documents whose disposition the Judge will soon be asked to rule upon.

The 2/26 reference, where Jaworski reported on the Grand Jury scenario, is unclear. This may be yet another discussion with Sirica, since Jaworski’s actual presentation to the grand jury is believed to have occurred a week earlier. In any event, the grand jurors seemed happy to go along with whatever the prosecutors recommended, asking only three questions – agreeing to name President Nixon in their bill of particulars and to issuing a sealed report to the House Judiciary Committee.

Jaworski then reports that he urged Sirica not to hold a hearing on the Road Map. Here is yet another example of prosecutors seeking to work things out

advance, in secret, with the judge. Since the hearing issue is not mentioned in Jaworski's 2/12 memo, Jaworski must be referring to a separate conversation with the judge, perhaps one of the same ones alluded to above – but the order of presentation suggests this was a separate conversation, such that Jaworski could also share the grand jury's recent actions with the judge.