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THE ISSUE OF NATIONAL SECURITY AND

NATIONAL INTEGRITY NOW HAS

BECOME FIRMLY EMBEDDED IN THIS

ELECTION CAMPAIGN.

WE REPUBLICANS DID NOT CREATE THE

ISSUE, FORCE THE ISSUE, OR EVEN

FAVOR THE ISSUE. THE MAN WHO

NOW OCCUPIES THE WHITE HOUSE

RAISED THIS ISSUE ALL BY HIMSELF

SECURITY

BY LOWERING THE STANDARDS OF THE

HIGHEST OFFICE IN THE LAND.

THE BOBBY BAKER CASE AS AN EXAMPLE

INVOLVES MILLIONS OF DOLLARS MADE

BY LYNDON JOHNSON'S CLOSEST

ASSOCIATE IN THE SENATE. THE

BOBBY BAKER CASE INVOLVES

CHARGES OF KICKBACKS FROM

GOVERNMENT CONTRACTS. IT INVOLVES

CHARGES OF POLITICAL INFLUENCE-

PEDDLING AND GIFT-GIVING.

IT INVOLVES EVEN THE BUSINESS AFFAIRS

OF THE MAN WHO NOW OCCUPIES

THE WHITE HOUSE

AND THE BOBBY BAKER CASE HAS BEEN SQUASHED

UNDER THE PROTECTIVE WEIGHT OF

POLITICAL PRESSURE.

THE BILLIE SOL ESTES CASE, ALSO INVOLVING

THE OFFICE AND THE INTERESTS OF

THE MAN WHO NOW OCCUPIES THE

WHITE HOUSE, HAS BEEN PARTIALLY

EXPOSED BY THE ROLE PLAYED IN IT

BY KEY MEMBERS OF LYNDON JOHNSON'S

STAFF HAS NOT BEEN FULLY EXPLAINED

OR EXPOSED.

IN BOTH OF THOSE CASES, THE NAME OF

WALTER JENKINS - NOW RESIGNED

FROM HIS POST AS LYNDON JOHNSON'S

OLDEST, CLOSEST ADVISOR - HAS

BEEN REPEATEDLY INVOLVED.

THE JENKINS CASE ALSO RAISES REAL AND

SERIOUS QUESTIONS OF NATIONAL

SECURITY.

BECAUSE OF THAT, IT IS A MATTER OF

PUBLIC CONCERN, DEMANDING PUBLIC

EXPLANATION.

ORDINARILY, A MAN WITH MR. JENKINS'

BACKGROUND WOULD HAVE BEEN

SERIOUSLY CONSIDERED AS INELIGIBLE

FOR CLEARANCE TO DEAL WITH THE MOST

VITAL SECRETS OF THIS NATION.

HOWEVER, MR. JENKINS, AS THE PRINCIPAL

ASSISTANT TO THE MAN WHO NOW

OCCUPIES THE WHITE HOUSE, WAS

NOT RULED INELIGIBLE AND WAS NOT

EXTENSIVELY CHECKED AND RE-CHECKED

AS HAD BEEN THE PRACTICE IN PREVIOUS

ADMINISTRATIONS.

THERE HAVE BEEN TWO LATE DEVELOPMENTS

IN THIS MATTER. FIRST, THE

WHITE HOUSE HAS ORDERED NEW

SECURITY CHECKS FOR ITS STAFF

MEMBERS.

THIS IS COMMENDABLE, OF COURSE. IT ALSO

IS A FRANK ADMISSION OF HOW LAX

THINGS HAVE BEEN FOR YEAR AFTER

YEAR OF THIS ADMINISTRATION.

YESTERDAY, ALSO, THE WHITE HOUSE

RELEASED INFORMATION FROM THE FBI

REGARDING WALTER JENKINS. IT

CLEARED HIM OF ANY ACTIONS THAT

MIGHT HAVE ENDANGERED THE NATIONAL

SECURITY OF THE NATION.

IT DID NOT, OF COURSE, CLEAR UP THE

MATTER OF CARELESS DISREGARD

OF SECURITY PROCEDURES WHICH

IS SO OBVIOUSLY INDICATED BY THE

JENKINS CASE.

THE CASE OF WALTER JENKINS IS NOT THE

ONLY ONE OF ITS KIND, HOWEVER.

MORE THAN ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTY

PERSONS IN THE STATE DEPARTMENT

ALONE, HAVE BEEN GIVEN EMERGENCY

CLEARANCE TO DEAL WITH SECRET

MATTERS WITHOUT WAITING FOR A

FULL FIELD INVESTIGATION.

UNDER THE LAST REPUBLICAN ADMINISTRATION

THIS EMERGENCY CLEARANCE

TECHNIQUE WAS USED ONLY FIVE

TIMES.

UNDER THE NEXT REPUBLICAN ADMINISTRATION,

I PROMISE YOU, I WILL DEMAND

THE HIGHEST STANDARDS OF ALL

OUR FEDERAL OFFICIALS.

as any

AS SHOCKING TO ME AS EVEN THE JENKINS

CASE, WITH ITS CLEAR INDICATION OF LAX SECURITY, ARE THE CASES OF THESE 150 SPECIAL CASES WHO. FOR ONE REASON OR ANOTHER. WERE FELT TO BE ABOVE AND BEYOND THE REQUIREMENTS OF NORMAL SECURITY CLEARANCE.

AND JUST AS SHOCKING EVEN MORE SO,

NOW. THE JENKINS

EXPOSURE SIS THE CASE OF THE

EXPERIENCED AND HIGHLY HONORED

CAREER EMPLOYEE OF THE STATE

DEPARTMENT WHO TRIED TO BRING

THE ATTENTION OF HIS SUPERIORS

TO THIS INCREASING LAXITY OF SECURITY

PROCE DURES IN THE STATE DEPARTMENT.

I REFER TO MR. OTTO OTEPKA, WHO EVEN

NOW IS THE VICTIM OF A FULL SCALE

ATTACK BY THIS ADMINISTRATION

WHICH WANTS HIM FIRED FROM HIS

JOB AND DISCREDITED.

OTTO OTEPKA HAS HAD HIS PRIVACY INVADED,

BY ILLEGAL WIRE TAPPING, AND HAS

HAD A FORMERLY SPOTLESS CAREER

ENDANGERED FOR THE SIMPLE REASON

THAT HE TRIED TO DO HIS ASSIGNED

JOB AS A SECURITY OFFICER IN THE

STATE DEPARTMENT,

HE FACES THE WRATH OF THIS ADMINISTRATION FOR TRYING TO ALERT HIS SUPERIORS

TO LAXITY IN SECURITY THAT IS

SIMILAR IN MANY RESPECTS TO THE

LAXITY WE NOW SEE IN THE PROCEDURES

OF THE WHITE HOUSE ITSELF.

IN BOTH THESE GRAVELY SERIOUS AREAS,

THE MATTER OF POLITICAL KICKBACKS

THROUGH BOBBY BAKER, AND THE

LAXITY OF SECURITY IN THE

JENKINS CASE - THE MAN WHO NOW

OCCUPIES THE WHITE HOUSE HAS GENE

TERCOGH THE GESTURES, AT LEAST.

FBI.

THE JENKINS REPORT, WHICH TOOK ONLY

A FEW DAYS TO PREPARE, HAS BEEN

RELEASED. THE BOBBY BAKER

REPORT HAS BEEN WEEKS IN THE

PREPARATION. + me mill Mobally nem see it.

AND WE MUST NOT FORGET THAT THE

INVESTIGATION ORDERED BY THE

WHITE HOUSE IS INTO JUST A SINGLE

AREA OF BOBBY BAKER'S ALLEGED

IMPROPER ACTIVITIES.

THE VOTERS OF AMERICA, TO WHOM THESE

MATTERS MAY BE DECISIVE, ASK MORE

THAN JUST THE CLEARANCE OF ONE

MAN WHO COULD HAVE BUT APPARENTLY

DID NOT JEOPARDIZE NATIONAL

SECURITY.

WE ASK FOR ACTION AND EXPLANATION IN

THIS ENTIRE AREA. AND, IN THE

BOBBY BAKER CASE, WE ASK PROMPT

REVELATION ALSO.

IN ADVANCE TEXTS OF MY REMARKS TODAY

WHICH WERE RELEASED YESTERDAY

I STRESSED THESE POINTS.

I HAD GONE FURTHER, HOWEVER, AND HAD

SUGGESTED THAT WE BE GIVEN

FULL ASSURANCE THAT REPORTS IN

THE JENKINS CASE AND THE BAKER

CASE BE MADE AVAILABLE WITHOUT

ANY QUESTION OF WHITE HOUSE

CENSORSHIP, SUPPRESSION, OR

DISTORTION.

AFTER ALL, IT IS THIS ADMINISTRATION

WHOSE OFFICIALS HAVE DEFENDED

THEIR RIGHT TO LIE TO YOU IN ORDER

TO PROTECT THEIR OWN SECURITY.

MY SUGGESTION WAS THAT THE PRESIDENT

APPOINT A BIPARTISAN COMMISSION,

INCLUDING MR. RICHARD NIXON,

FORMER VICE PRESIDENT OF THE

UNITED STATES, THE HONORABLE

GERALD FORD, MEMBER OF THE WARREN

COMMISSION AND A CONGRESSMAN FROM

MICHIGAN, AND SENATOR JOHN J.

WILLIAMS OF DELAWARE, PLUS THREE

MEMBERS TO BE NAMED BY THE

PRESIDENT. IT WOULD BE THE

DUTY OF SUCH A COMMISSION TO

RECEIVE, DIRECTLY FROM THE

FBI, ITS REPORTS CONCERNING

INVESTIGATIONS OF IMPROPER A.

ACTIVITIES INVOLVING THE WHITE HOUSE.

SUCH A COMMISSION, THEN, COULD MAKE

THE INFORMATION PUBLIC WITHIN

THE BOUNDS OF NATIONAL SECURITY

AND THE TIME LIMITS OF THIS

ELECTION.

WITH THE BOBBY BAKER REPORT-I SHOULD

SAY THIS SINGLE AND PRELIMINARY

BOBBY BAKER REPORT --- STILL NOT

MADE PUBLIC, I CANNOT HELP BUT

FEEL THAT THE PRESIDENT MIGHT

WANT TO STUDY MY PROPOSAL.

THE ISSUANCE OF YESTERDAY'S SUDDEN

REPORT ON WALTER JENKINS DOES

NOT REMOVE ALTOGETHER THE NEED

FOR AN EFFECTIVE MEANS TO ASSURE

THE PEOPLE OF AMERICA THAT ALL

THE FACTS, EVEN IN THESE TWO OF

MANY POSSIBLE AREAS, ARE GETTING

THROUGH.

THE POLITICAL SECURITY OF ONE POLITICAL

PARTY IS, OF COURSE, DEEPLY

INVOLVED AND THERE ARE THOSE WHO

MIGHT WISH TO SEE THE ISSUE

DISAPPEAR. I WISH THE ISSUE

WEREN'T THERE MYSELF. BUT IT IS.

AND WE DID'NT INVENT IT.

THE SECURITY THAT IS MOST IMPORTANTLY

INVOLVED IS OURS, AND OUR NATION'S.

THE SECURITY OF INTEGRITY IN THE

WHITE HOUSE ITSELF, AS WELL AS

THE PROTECTION OF THE SECURITY

OF THE NATION.

PLEDGE TO YOU THAT FROM THE DAY I ENTER THE WHITE HOUSE, TO THE DAY I LEAVE— I WILL WORK TO RESTORE THAT INTEGRITY AND PRESERVE THAT SECURITY.