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The issue of national security and national integrity now has become firmly ~~unlike~~ 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 -- by lowering the standards of the highest office in the land.

The Bobby Baker case, involving millions of dollars made by Lyndon Johnson's closest associate in the Senate, involving charges of kickbacks from government contracts, involving charges of political influence peddling and gift-giving, involving even the business affairs of the man who now occupies the White House -- 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~~ but 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 principle assistant to the man who now occupies the White House, was not ruled ineligible, and was not extensively checked and re-checked ~~xx~~ has been the practice in previous administrations.

The case of Walter Jenkins is not the only one of its kind, however,

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 ~~xxxxxx~~ investigation. Under the last Republican administration this emergency clearance technique was used only five times.

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, in light of the Jenkins exposure -- is the case of the experienced and highly honored career employee of the State Department ~~at~~ who tried to bring the attention of his superiors to this increasing laxity of security procedures 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; 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 gone through the gestures, at least, of asking for a full report by the FBI.

The voters of America, to whom these matters may be decisive, ask more than just word of such a request.

They ask, first, that the FBI reports be released prior to election day.

The investigation of the contract kickback, as a matter of fact, hasn't even been heard of since it first came up. Where does it stand? And where will the Jenkins report stand?

Secondly, and just as importantly, the American people have a right to full assurance that these vital reports will be made available without White House censorship, suppression, or distortion.

To accomplish this, I urge the immediate formation of a bipartisan commission, including Mr. Richard Nixon, former Vice President of the United States, the Honorable Gerald Ford,

member of the ~~WARREN~~ Warren Commission and a Congressman from Michigan, and Senator John J. Williams, of Delaware, and three members to be named by the President. It would be the duty of his commission to receive, directly from the FBI, its reports concerning the matters I have mentioned and to make them public within the bounds of national interest and within the time limit of this national election.

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