Investigations. Dean was the only White House official to be fired during the controversy. Subsequent cover-up, and professional associations. Former Attorney General Richard Kleindienst during the campaign. Kleindienst has come under a great deal of criticism over the alleged FBI cover-up of the Watergate affair, and related activities by the Nixon re-election campaign committee. In his letter of resignation he stated that he was leaving after he had learned that "persons with whom I had had close personal and professional associations" could be involved in the scandal. Kleindienst continued, saying that he was not convinced that an impartial and thorough investigation could be carried out as long as he had knowledge of those associations.

Magruder, as assistant to CRP director Mitchell during the campaign, was implicated early in the Watergate investigation, and was soon decided to follow the precedent set by convicted conspirator James McCord — testimony in the hopes of receiving leniency of the court. Magruder's testimony before the grand jury in the past two weeks had named both Haldeman and Ehrlichman as being involved at the White House.

In addition to the six resignations announced on Monday, three former White House officials left their positions before the current wave of investigations had begun. Former Attorney General and CRP director John Mitchell resigned shortly after the Watergate break-in last June. Evidence has now linked Mitchell to planning sessions prior to that during which the bugging of Democratic headquarters had been discussed. Mitchell asserts that he vetoed the proposal every time.