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“Can there be any doubt at this point of the terrible cost of secrecy and concealment as the avenues of information and access have contracted? . . . From the secret bombing of Cambodia to Watergate and all its dire consequences, secrecy has exacted a heavy price But insofar as the [media's] questions [to President Nixon] reflected hostility, I believe this came from a long pent-up frustration. So much had been withheld, so much denied that was later shown to be true.”

Marquis Childs, journalist, “The White House and the Media,” speech at

Johns Hopkins University, excerpt in *The Washington Post*, April 27, 1974.