



Nixon s Super-secretaries: The Last Grand Presidential Reorganization Effort (Paperback)

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Texas A M University Press, United States, 2012. Paperback. Book Condition: New. Reprint. 229 x 150 mm. Language: English . Brand New Book ***** Print on Demand *****.The Watergate scandal of 1973 claimed many casualties, political and otherwise. Along with many personal reputations and careers, President Richard Nixon s bold attempt to achieve a sweeping reorganization of the domestic portion of the executive branch was also pulled into the vortex. Now, Mordecai Lee examines Nixon s reorganization, finding it notable for two reasons. First, it was sweeping in intent and scope, representing a complete overhaul in the way the president would oversee and implement his domestic agenda. Second, the president instituted the reorganization administratively-by appointment of three super-secretaries -without congressional approval. The latter aspect generated ire among some members of Congress, notably Sam Ervin, a previously little-known senator from North Carolina who chaired the Government Operations Committee and, soon after, the Senate s Select Committee on Presidential Campaign Activities-known to the public as the Watergate Committee. Asserting that Nixon s reorganization effort represents a significant event in the evolution of the managerial presidency and public administration, Nixon s Super-Secretaries presents the most comprehensive historical narrative to date concerning this reorganization...



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