

This is a speech I made in

only in Committee - abt St. Clair's
role -

"Stonbrooks" - then fathered
me later as being too strong

for Keweenaw - out of Cabot

3/2/74

I'm afraid that Mr. St. Clair is suffering from a sad misunderstanding of the impeachment ~~xxx~~ inquiry. I guess that as counsel to the President he can't bring himself to realize that he can't set the ground rules for our inquiry.

Mr. St. Clair's suggestion that he and any associates play an active role in our inquiry must be ~~rejected~~ rejected. Our inquiry is not the arena for an adversary proceeding. *I thought it was clear that* What we're doing is searching for the evidence and there is no opposition ~~side~~ role ~~xxx~~ in the script. I would hope that we can somehow convince Mr. St. Clair that the only proper ~~role~~ ^{way} for him to present Mr. Nixon's case now is to cooperate and provide the Committee with all the evidence we need.

Based on that evidence, the full House will decide whether Mr. St. Clair's highly praised adversary talents are needed. ~~xxx~~ If the President is impeached, Mr. St. Clair will get the chance to demonstrate for us his renown trial techniques. But if that comes, it will be further down the pike and ~~xx~~ there is no ~~x~~ useful purpose in permitting Mr. St. Clair to give us a preview during the inquiry stage.

His request to come on board and help us with the inquiry, along with his other recent actions, trouble me.

I've been reading about what a great lawyer he is. But it seems to me that if Mr. Nixon is innocent, ~~xxxxxx~~ Mr. St. Clair is doing a lousy job ~~xxxxxx~~ in this, his most celebrated of cases.

The delaying tactics and the preaching of the gospel of impeachment according to St. Clair ~~xx~~ seem aimed at obstructing our investigation, which *might* be the perfect way to represent the President if he's guilty.

X It ~~also~~ seems that Mr. St. Clair has become a full-fledged member of the President's orchestrated p.r. machine and ~~is joining~~ ^{has joined} the workgang assigned with ~~us~~ driving a wedge between the committee and our staff and ~~has~~ between Democrats and Republicans.

X Despite our strict confidentiality procedures, which Mr. St. Clair seemed to think so important, he ~~has~~ allowed our letter requesting info from the white house to be deliberately leaked to the press.

last week we discussed his lack of confidentiality Mrs.

Q Now we see that he's coming up to the Hill to meet with members and, for all we know, discussing matters that many members of our committee are not yet privvy to. I also notice that Mr. St. Clair seems to restrict his so-called briefing sessions only to Republicans. For a man who sees himself representing the presidency it seems to ~~be~~ ^{is} he's forgetting about more than half of his audience.

X It all adds ~~up~~ ^{it} up to tell me that Mr. St. Clair must agree with the President that separation of powers is a ~~wide~~ ^{wide}, one-way avenue leading only away from the White House. Although the Pres goes on TV to tell the public that the Constitution bars his compliance with our request for info, the Pres counsel is not at all adverse to ~~work on the Hill to make his role one of defining our inquiry and prejudice members.~~ ^{to make his role one of defining our inquiry and prejudice members.}

X I wonder whether Mr. St. Clair is practicing law or playing politics? Is he the President's counsel or the President's lobbyist?

X I resent the thought that as the Committee ~~has~~ takes great care to conduct an objective and fair investigation, the President ~~has~~ sent a political stormtrooper here to ~~defend~~ represent him.

X I hope this is not the case, but M.r. St. Clair's indiscreet actions speak much louder than his judicious words.

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This brings ~~to~~ me to several questions I think we need answers to--

1) I would like you (Doar) to find out from Mr. St. Clair what kinds of guidelines he is operating under. In so far as both he and Nixon are gravely concerned ~~about~~ about our procedures, and in light of the release of the confidential letter and Mr. St. Clair's "briefing sessions," I think its important that we know ~~what he is doing~~ just what their plans are.

2) Mr. St. Clair has told us that before our request for info will be met, we must first study all the evidence now available.

Does M.r, St. Clair ~~mean~~ mean that if the grand jury evidence is tied up in the courts for an indefinite period of time, the committee will be denied other evidence until all appeals are adjudicated?

~~If I know~~

I;d also like to know hwo M.r St. Clair, in his self proclaimed role of umpire, proposes ~~to~~ be sure that we've met his demand. Does he plan to hand out a test to all members to insure that we've done our homework?

3) I'm also confused because Mr. ST. Clair tells there has not been a flat refusal to ~~deny~~ the committee's request sofr inforamton. However, the Pres has been pretty clear on TV on this score.

Is this a micky mouse game, don't they consult with/one another, or is this just an attempt to cloud the issue, a slight of hand with the goal that Watergate will disappear in a cloud of confusion.

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