Congressional Investigations Critical of the Executive Branch that Generated Twenty or More *New York Times* Front-page Stories, 1947-1990. (Table 2.1 from *Divided We Govern*, at pp. 13-25)

**Coding:**

UNI – unified party control

DIV – divided party control

2- or 3-digit number preceding each entry: number of days of *NYT* stories

the prose entries: brief documentation of the charges and the investigations

**1947-48 – Truman – Republican Congress – DIV**

29 - Improper influence in airplane contracts. Senate War Investigations Committee. Chaired by Owen Brewster, R-Me; at subcommittee level by Homer Ferguson, R-Mich. Featured Elliott Roosevelt, Howard Hughes, generals, Hughes’s flying boat. 1947


**1949-50 – Truman – Democratic Congress – UNI**


67 – Disloyalty in the State Department. Special subcommittee of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, set up to investigate charges by Joseph McCarthy, R-Wis. Chaired

1951-52 – Truman – Democratic Congress – UNI


1953-54 – Eisenhower – Republican Congress – UNI


1955-56 – Eisenhower – Democratic Congress – DIV

21 – Inadequate air-power planning. Special subcommittee of the Senate Armed Services Committee. Chaired by Stuart Symington, D-Mo. Featured Defense Secretary Charles Wilson, open interservice rivalry, charges of falling behind the Soviets. 1956.

1957-58 – Eisenhower – Democratic Congress – DIV


1959-60 – Eisenhower – Democratic Congress – DIV

None


1963-64 – Kennedy/Johnson – Democratic Congress – UNI


1971-72 – Nixon – Democratic Congress – DIV


1975-76 – Ford – Democratic Congress – DIV

69 – Dubious covert operations by U.S. intelligence agencies. Select Senate Committee to Study Government Operations with Respect to Intelligence Activities. Chaired by Frank Church, D-Id. Featured CIA, FBI; reports of moles in the media, secret dossiers and wiretaps, mail surveillance, burglaries of leftist offices, and plots to assassinate foreign leaders. 1975-76.

46 – Dubious covert operations by U.S. intelligence agencies. House Select Committee on Intelligence. Chaired by Otis Pike, D-N.Y. Featured CIA, FBI, reports of files on domestic dissidents and members of Congress. 1975-76.

1977-78 – Carter – Democratic Congress – UNI
26 – Old shady bank dealings by Bert Lance, Director of the Office of Management and Budget. Senate Governmental Affairs Committee. Chaired by Abraham Ribicoff, D-Conn. Featured Ribicoff call for Lance to resign, Lance’s resignation.

1979-80 – Carter – Democratic Congress – UNI


None

1983-84 – Reagan – Republican Senate, Democratic House – DIV


1985-86 – Reagan – Republican Senate, Democratic House – DIV

None


1989-90 – Bush – Democratic Congress – DIV