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A Watergate pattern may be useful for current unauthorized-access investigations: the initial event looked like a burglary, but surveillance equipment, burglary tools, sequentially numbered cash, and a suspect tied to Nixon's reelection organization changed the investigative question. Later FBI findings connected it to a broader campaign of spying and sabotage; the discovery of recordings then created a path to test conflicting accounts rather than rely on denials.

For an incident-response team, the practical takeaway is not attribution-it is disciplined escalation: separate observed artifacts from inference, preserve competing explanations, and seek corroboration across independent records before treating an event as coordinated.

Would a short chronology organized around those evidence transitions be useful for your current review?