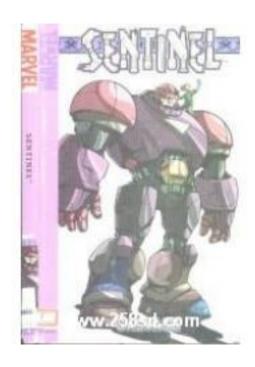
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PREFACE TO THE
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 W xNow almost everything about Presidentsi¼Œ I suggest
 in these pagesi¼Œ but far too little about tile Presidency. That
 paradox has not changed markedly during the eight years
 since this book was written -- four years of Lyndon Johnson
 and almost four of Richard Nixon. We have had a super-
 ~ abundance of information about the man in tile oval officei¼Œ
 his wifei¼Œ daughtersi¼Œ sons-in-lawi¼Œ his daily routinei¼Œ moodsi¼Œ
 i entertainmentsi¼Œ travels. But we know all too little about the
 vast gray executive establishment that expandsi¼Œ proliferatesi¼Œ
 and partially devours the decision-making apparatus of the
 rest of the

governmenti¼Œ hehind tile pleasantly deceptive \"low
br > profile\" of the White House.
br > Perhaps it was not surprising that tile executive office
br > should become bigger and more institutionalized during
br > Johnson s full term in the White House. Liberal Democratic
br > Presidents are expected to he \"strong\" chief executives; John-
br > son had a huge agenda of domestic and foreign policy goals;
br > and in any event the momentum of tile Roosevelti¼Œ Trumani¼Œ
br > and Kennedy Administrations could be expected to put pres-
bureaucracy. The test would
br > come when a Republican entered the White House with the
br > aim not only of curbing big government ill general but of
br > curtailing the \"unbridled executive power\" that good Re-
br > publicans are taught from tile cradle to abhor.
br > President Nixon faced and- from a conservative Repub-
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