Read the following text. There are a number of words missing. Write ONE word in each gap. The word should make sense in the context and fit in grammatically. Remember to check your spelling.

There is a certain atmosphere surrounding somebody who lives in Washington. I don’t know why but, for some strange reason, everybody seems to think that you know more \[1\] what is going on than they do, and a fellow who makes his home in the nation’s capital can look forward \[2\] being invited to lots of parties. As a matter of fact he can eat and drink for nothing in many parts of the country just \[3\] he happens to live in Washington.

I discovered this when I went up to New York recently and to my surprise was \[4\] to a series of dinner parties. Everyone was most interested in learning about \[5\] was going on in Washington and, to begin with, I was quite honest and admitted I \[6\] no idea. Not only did this disappoint the people I was dining with, it also \[7\] them angry. They couldn’t believe that I didn’t know and assumed I wasn’t \[8\] the truth.

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At the first dinner party the hostess told me when I was leaving, “We didn’t expect you to tell us everything, but I see no reason why you have to protect the Administration.” I decided then and there I would ________ to come up with some inside information, or else I would have to pay for ________ own meals in New York.

So the next morning I went through all the morning papers and also took time to ________ TV for the latest news. When I arrived at the dinner party, I was well prepared to discuss almost ________ . “What do they say about taxes in Washington?” a distinguished lawyer ________ to know, as I picked up my first drink.

“I’ve heard that ________ will probably be a tax cut next year,” I said as I popped an olive into my mouth.

“Can you tell us what the President ________ to do about Latin America?”

“I’m sorry!” I said. “There are some things the President discusses with me that I just can’t ________ about in public.”

“Quite true,” the lawyer agreed. “There’s no point in revealing everything. You’ve probably told us more than you should ________ done anyway.”

For the next three days I had more ________ to dinner parties than I could accept. But it has ________ quite a strain. I have to go on reading so many newspapers and watching so many TV shows from Washington that sometimes I wonder if it’s ________ the trouble.