In the interest of the integrity of scholarship, let us recall that besides Seminar 5 already discussed, Lacan addressed specifically Freud’s notion of Nachträglichkeit many times. Often Lacan refers to this notion using, as Jonathan House notes, the adverbial form nachträglich. Note that in 1972 this notion is not used as retroactivity or retrospective modification and very much like Laplanche, Lacan gives to this notion a foundational status in psychoanalysis.

For those curious to know where and when, I quote the specifics:

Seminar 1, session of 2 June 1954 (reach the child by way of the adult)
Seminar 15, session of 22 November 1967 (nachträglich and symptomatic action)
Seminar 16, session of 7 May 1969 (nachträglich and the seminar)
Seminar 16, session of 25 June 1969 (nachträglich and unary trait and S1)
Seminar 19, session of 8 March 1972 (elaborated as different from retroactivity or retrospective modification)
Seminar 19, session of 10 May 1972 (nachträglich and revelation)

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