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Mark Lane's "Citizen's Commission of Inquiry" says it will go to court in an effort to force President Ford to release the Rockefeller Commission's information about the CIA's alleged involvement in assassination plots. The Citizen's Commission has filed a request for the material with the White House. Under the Freedom of Information Act, President Ford has 10 days to reply. If the president turns down the request, Lane says, a suit demanding the assassination material will be filed in a Washington Federal Court.

Rodale Press says that U.S. toilet paper manufacturers could save at least 300 million pounds of paper — or 2.5 million trees — annually by trimming toilet rolls one-half inch. The conservation group reports conducting an experiment for one month with its own employees, trimming one half-inch from the sides of toilet rolls used by its workers. Rodale says that unwitting employees wet through the same number of toilet rolls as before, thereby using 11 percent less paper. The 2.5 million trees saved would cover an area four times the size of Washington, D.C.

David Bowie has been making regular visits to the U.C.L.A. Medical Center in Los Angeles to study Kirlian photography. Kirlian photography is the process of recording on film bizarre energy auras apparently given off by all living organisms. Bowie wants to become an expert on the photo process so that he can use it in the movie he's starring in, "The Man Who Fell to Earth." In the film, which is currently being shot near Albuquerque, Bowie plays the part of an extra-terrestrial invader.

Scientists from the NASA Space Agency are gathering in Mountain View, California, this week to discuss the bizarre possibility of converting the planet Mars into a place where humans could emigrate and colonize. Dr. Robert Maceiroy of NASA's Ames Research Center says that the red planet is more like earth than any other in the Solar System and is a logical target for human migration. Dr. Maceiroy and about 25 other space experts will discuss the possibility of bombarding the Martian surface with algae-like organisms which would, in turn, produce oxygen in the Martian atmosphere.

Former New York Times reporter Tad Szulc reports that a tiny laser-beam transmitter was used to bug the Oval Office of the White House in 1970. Szulc, writing in Penthouse Magazine, says that the sophisticated laser bug was planted by a "foreign-born individual employed as a painter by the government and apparently controlled by one of the intelligence agencies."

The device was hidden under a layer of white paint, he says. It was capable of transmitting all conversations in the Oval Office for distances of up to at least half a mile. Szulc says it was not known if President Nixon was aware of the device until it was accidentally discovered by the Secret Service. He states that the bugging of the Oval Office is known around Washington as "Operation Easy Chair." In the same article, Szulc claims that the C.I.A. maintains its own secret list of enemies known as the "bigot file." This file is made up of persons "bigoted" against the agency.

THE DRUMMER softball team still undefeated beat the Divine Light Mission last week 15-11, proving that age-old rumor that God is all hit and no field. Arrangements for future games can be made by calling Bruce Buschel at GL 7-4450.