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Your memo dated 4/9/74, "Nixon Uber Alles, or more on how the tapes were erased." In the last third of the page you say, "Just prior to the fixing of the Uher so it could not record there was the Florida weekend of 11/1/73, that is GL's great haste in which he left everyone behind. I wonder if this is the weekend testified to, where Rose Mary worked on those tapes and Bull handled them? There is such testimony about a Florida weekend."

On the first sentence, yes, it was on 1 Nov that Nixon left in such a hurry. Abplanalp was also present that weekend; no story, only a photo of Nixon, Rebozo and Abplanalp on Rebozo's houseboat, the three bunched together, looking very beleaguered. Photo taken 3 Nov.

On the second sentence, are you thinking of the weekend of 4 Oct 73? (That was a Thursday, but it was the Columbus Day weekend,) and the day Nixon flew to Key Biscayne.) It was at 1 and 2 a.m. of 5 Oct that Bull was so busy opening and closing, opening and closing Rose Mary Woods' safe; there were eight reels of tape in the safe, but there is nothing in the story about her working on them. ^(ERASE) Bull testified to all this 18 Jan 74, and it was at this hearing Ben-Veniste whispered to Sirica that what happened at Key Biscayne this weekend "is extremely important." This story is in WXPost 20 Jan 74, George Lardner Jr.

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WXP 17 Jan 74, Lardner: "Miss Woods has said [that on this weekend] she continued summarizing subpoenaed tapes for the President with the Uher recorder."