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Dean talks to Shaffer.

From summary of statements made by Dean in closed-door meeting with Senate investigators 16 Jun 73 - NYT 21 Jun 73

Ehrlichman directed by Nixon to begin new investigation.

From excerpts of WH statement on Nixon-Dean conversations, given to Ervin committee - NYT 21 Jun 73; Ehrlichman, in deposition in Democrats' suit, 22, 23 May - NYT 6 Jun 73, p. 34

Nixon-Haldeman - Personal involvement by both in postcard poll aimed at undermining support for Gov. Edmund G. Brown, in Nixon 1962 campaign for governor of California.

Neither Nixon nor Haldeman were defendants in subsequent lawsuit, but judgement by Judge Byron Arnold, 30 Oct 64, ruled that the postcard poll was amended and finally approved by Nixon personally, and that Nixon and Haldeman approved the plan and project.

KPFA News, 30 Mar, 73

McCord to have been sentenced today (see entry 23 Mar). His lawyer, Gerald Alch, asks Sirica for 30-day delay in sentencing to allow McCord to talk to senators on Ervin committee and to the grand jury; Sirica grants delay until 15 Jun. (Alch, separate entry.) On sentencing, see NYT 31 Mar 73, Rugaber entry 8 Jun 73.

Liddy, although having been granted immunity from prosecution by Sirica, refuses to answer questions before grand jury; his lawyer, Peter Maroulis, says Liddy is being asked to testify before the same grand jury which has already indicted him, a violation of his right against self-incrimination.

WXP 31 Mar 73, Osnos

Gerald Alch is reported ready to quit because he thinks new attorney, Fensterwald, is making McCord into a political patsy to embarrass Nixon. Story says another of McCord's lawyers has already resigned because of Fensterwald's appearance.

Frederick, Md., Post, 31 Mar 73, AP

30 Mar to 9 Apr 73

Gallup poll, taken during this period, "shows a further decline[in Nixon's popularity], with 59 per cent ~~and~~ expressing approval of the way he is handling the job. This percentage compares with 65 per cent in a mid-February survey and a high point of 68 per cent in January, recorded during a time of profound relief among Americans following the Vietnam peace settlement.

"Interestingly the Watergate affair has yet to emerge as a significant source of dissatisfaction with the President's performance in office."

See story for comparison of other figures given for Nixon's high and low points, the highest 68 per cent and the lowest 48 per cent.

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