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Haldeman, Ehrlichman, Kleindienst resign, Dean fired;
Nixon television and radio statement. * Richardson to be
filed 1 May 73 AMP-B nominated Atty Gen.

Nixon tries for second time to prevent release to Pentagon
Papers trial of details on break-in at Dr. Fielding's
office, invoking national security. First attempt came
after Justice Department received a memo on it from Silbert
~~16~~ 16 or 17 Apr. (See entries for 16 Apr, 7 May.)

NYT 8 May 73

*Stumbles several times at beginning of
speech, after it ends "brushes tears from
his eyes," etc.; following this, odd
encounter with newsmen. ~~xxxxxxxxxxxx~~ AMP-A
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Fielding break-in details; affidavits by Dr. Fielding,
Maria Juarez Martinez; arrest of Elmer Davis a month after
the break-in; at the time of the break-in Davis was in jail.
NYT, KPFA, 1 May 73 (NYTimes, Martin Arnold)

Pentagon Papers trial - Judge Matt Byrne issues ~~affidavit~~ order
to Dean, Gray, Liddy and Hunt, to produce affidavits
concerning any link between Pentagon Papers case and
Watergate break-in; says he will probably require affidavits
and perhaps testimony from Mitchell, Kleindienst,
Ehrlichman, Haldeman, Colson and Mardian.

NYT 1 May 73, Arnold

Judge Byrne announces from bench at beginning of court
session that about a month ago he met with Ehrlichman
(and Nixon "for approximately one minute or less") at
Ehrlichman's suggestion; was offered a new Government
position; told Ehrlichman he could not consider it "until
this case is concluded."

NYT 1 May 73, Arnold

David Young resigns from National Security Council; no
reason given by White House.

NYT 3 May 73 former

Gordon C. Strachan, Haldeman deputy, resigned as
general counsel for U.S. Information Agency.

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Rebozo (Hughes contribution) - Kalmbach says this was the day he met with Rebozo in WH basement, at Rebozo's request, and that Rebozo told him he had distributed portions of the \$100,000 contribution to Nixon's brother, Donald and Edward, and to Rose Mary Woods.

For many more details, see entry/^{21, Mar 74}7 Apr 74, 2 May 74.

KPFA News 7 Apr 74

SFC 8 Apr 74 [NYT, Hersh]

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① - Barry Sussman, on Nixon speaking to newsmen following his announcement of resignations: "Afterward, one reporter wrote [see file], 'Mr. Nixon showed his emotions . . . by walking unexpectedly into the White House press room. Appearing gray and drawn, he said in a low voice: "We've had our differences in the past, and just continue to give me hell when you think I'm wrong. I hope I'm worthy of your trust."'

"The transcript of an earlier conversation, one on April 15, 1973, suggests that this 'emotional' appearance in the press room may not have been as spontaneous as it appeared.

"The President was recounting to Haldeman how Kleindienst had urged him to 'make a Checkers speech at 9 o'clock at night . . . I said, "Now, Dick, I am not going to . I am not going to elevate it that way. If it's going to be elevated, let the press elevate it. I will go out and say it before the press, in the press room, you know."'" [Transcripts, p. 757.]

WXP 11 May 74, Barry Sussman

- On "Checkers speech, see article by Dr. David Abrahamsen, psycho-analyst. "His 'Checkers speech' has become emotionally part of his campaign arsenal."

NYT 11 Jun 74, David Abrahamsen - filed Nixon

② - "The cleverness of the man is almost unreal. He has this uncanny way of sending you forever chasing after smoke - and the wrong smoke at that. The headline stretched across the top of the New York Times [1 May] makes my point very well. 'Nixon Accepts Onus for Watergate, but Says He Didn't Know About Plot.' The truth is, President Nixon's acceptance of 'responsibility' was a definition of his office, not a gesture of magnanimity. More importantly, he did not say he didn't know about the plot. He only left the vague feeling that he had said something like that.

"I want to stress that in accepting these resignations (of Haldeman and Ehrlichman) I mean to leave no implication whatever of personal wrongdoing on their part . . . ' (There's much less there than meets the eye. He didn't say his top aides were innocent of any wrongdoing; he didn't even say he thought they were innocent. He merely uttered the indisputable, that he didn't want to imply their guilt.)"

See article for analysis of Nixon speech.

WXP 7 May 74, William Raspberry

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①- From review by George R. Reedy of book by Theodore H. White, "Breach of Faith: The Fall of Richard Nixon":

"The transition from Haldeman to Haig covered the period from which White draws most of this material on the 'unstable personality' and the staff suspicion that Mr. Nixon was 'close to nervous breakdown' themes. The evidence includes a log of all-night telephone calls and later references to aides detecting 'excessive drinking' and 'many changes in his personality now.' Someone else looking at the same material might just come to the conclusion that he was acting like a man in deep trouble."

For another reference to Nixon's drinking, see entry 9 Feb 75, Nixon (drinking?).

WXP 18 May 75, George E. Reedy