

Witness: John Mitchell (2)

11 Jul 73 (1)

Mrs. Mitchell calls UPI to say Mitchell is being completely honest with Ervin committee and "absolutely correct in all of his testimony [and] ... telling the truth." (See entry SFC 12 Jul 73 for 22 Jun.)

Colson refuses to give Ervin staff any further interviews before his public testimony; his lawyers reported to have said he will not meet with committee staff again, ^{UNLESS} he can first inspect the committee's interviews and evidence involving Hunt; arrangement rejected by committee staff.
NMT 11 Jul 73, p. 24

Julie Eisenhower, asked about apparent conflicts between White House press officers and herself about whether Nixon had discussed resigning, ^(she says) "This was something that came to mind, was discussed and dismissed. It never went beyond ~~formal~~ informal stage."

Colson, in Detroit, says resignation was discussed with family; "I also think he is enough of a believer in the country, a real patriot in the genuine sense, that if he thought it would be better to resign, he would."

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See also comment by David Eisenhower, SFC 27 Aug 73

Tapes - This is the date given for Bull's removal from SS EOB safe a tape covering all conversations in Nixon's EOB office 11 through 16 Apr 73, which should include Nixon-Dean conversation 15 Apr. See entry 1 Nov 73.

Pacifica, Paz Cohen, transcript, 1 Nov 73

- Fred Graham says 1 Nov 73 that Buzhardt told reporters (no date - today?) that the tape for that date [15 Apr] "probably went to Haldeman - that's my speculation." Haldeman (in letter from his lawyer, Strickler, to Ervin committee 10 Aug) says Bull delivered to him, 11 Jul 73, three tapes (dates of tapes not specified), which he returned 12 Jul. Paz Cohen; "Through questioning of Zumwalt [1 Nov], Ben-Veniste brought out that a tape covering the period of April 11 th to 16th was removed on July 11th and returned July 12th. He also said that from his notes he could not ascertain that the critical April tape had ever been returned."

CBS News, Fred Graham; Pacifica, Paz Cohen. 1 Nov 73

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Milk fund - WH lawyers file affidavit in U.S. District Court, declining on the ground of executive privilege to disclose the contents of nearly 100 official documents asked for in Nader lawsuit. (Suit was filed Jan 72.) Garment's affidavit says Nixon claim of immunity is based on the belief that release of such evidence "would be injurious to the public interest." Affidavit says WH is also invoking the privilege protecting "the lawyer-client relationship" between Nixon and his legal staff.

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