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Nixon's hospitalization and recent photos have created impression in Western European political and diplomatic circles that Watergate and other domestic and foreign problems may be proving too much of a strain. Kingsbury Smith in undated story from Rome uses phrases such as "nervous breakdown."

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Allard K. Lowenstein (former Democratic Representative, New York) calls for investigation into puzzling incidents in his political career, and says there should be an examination of many events, from elections to assassinations, that may not have happened in the way that is now generally accepted.

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Butterfield calls Baker, 2 p.m., goes to Baker home (this is a Sunday). Asks if he will be called to testify at public hearings, is told he would be. Tells Baker he is to leave 17 Jul for trade conference, Soviet Union; Baker says he will call Ervin and tell him of Butterfield's travel plans.

Baker asks Butterfield if he had informed WH of what he had told committee staff; Butterfield says no, Baker says, "Well, you should."

Butterfield tries to reach Garment, but he is out of town; does reach Buzhardt, informs him of what he had told committee staff. When Garment returns, he, Buzhardt and Butterfield discuss the matter by phone in the evening.

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