Nixon's order that Secret Service agents not give testimony to E_vin committee on secret White House tapes is "relayed hurriedly" to Ervin by Shultz. Message is delivered as Ervin, Baker and committee lawyers are beginning a private noon interview of Al Wong, who was chief of Technical Services Division at the time Butterfield said listening devices were installed. Full committee is assembled, confers for an hour with administration officials; votes to ask Nixon directly for the tapes, basing request partly on last sentence of Nixon letter to Shultz, that requests "for information on procedures in the White House will be given prompt consideration when received by me."

Martha Mitchell, in Greenwood, Miss., says, "I haven't told all the details of *California." Will not say whether she still thinks Nixon should resign. Says the public is bored with Watergate hearings.

SFC [UPI] 18 Jul 73

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Tapes (Dean) - Robert C. McCandless, one of Dean's lawyers, says Dean could not be prosecuted if the tapes are not released. "If they don't give up the tapes, I don't see how a trial could go forward. How can you convict a man if vital evidence is being withheld?"

WXP 18 Jul 73, Meyer and Cannon

Krogh appears at closed-door hearing of House Armed Services Subcommittee, which is inquiring into any CIA involvement in break-in of Dr. Fielding's office (Sep71). According to chairman of the subcommittee, Rep. Lucien N. Nedzi, Krogh - in 25 minutes - invoked the Fifth Amendment "about 50 times." SFC 18 Jul 73 [WXP]

Nixon to leave Bethesda hospital 20 Jul. "The only problem was continued malaise, which [Dr. Tkach] described as a physical feeling of tiredness and achiness. 'It is not connected with a depression,' he said in reply to a question."

NYT 18 Jul 73 [AP]

Nixon, health - See clipping and entry, Nixon to leave ...
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A - Committee authorizes Ervin to write to Nixon, to ask cooperation in making available to the committee records and tapes which are relevant to its investigation.

Baker says request is being made "in a spirit of conciliation."

SFC 18 Jul 73 [NYT]