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Ervin, just before committee's lunch recess, receives phone call supposedly from Treasury Secretary George P. Shultz, to say that committee would be given tapes of presidential conversations and that Nixon would meet with Ervin during the coming week to discuss procedures (to be used in turning over the tapes?). Ervin announces this as afternoon session opens but very shortly after that makes second announcement to say the call was apparently a "hoax," that WH had called the committee, after which Ervin called Shultz, who told him he had not spoken to Ervin.

Nixon, in the hospital and due to leave the following day, begins drafting letter to committee which, according to "informed sources," will say he will not release the tapes in question. No indication whether this draft was started before or after "hoax" call. Letter is to be sent to the committee Monday morning [23 Jul], before any meeting is set with Ervin.

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Tapes - "Sources on Capitol Hill" say Laird has told congressional leaders he believes pertinent sections of the tapes should be released. Among proposals suggested by other White House aides who ~~was~~ think Nixon should make the tapes public is the appointment of a special reviewing officer who would listen to the tapes and decide which were relevant. Possible candidates, two former Republican senators, John J. Williams of Delaware and John Sherman Cooper of Kentucky. Dash says committee "would settle for nothing less" than the full tapes; would not accept a summary or a report on their contents.

NYT 20 Jul 73, Apple

Hunt/Colson - Column by Jack Anderson on phone call from Hunt to Colson,*demanding money.

WXP 19 Jul 73 *"not long after the November election,"

Second Watergate grand jury empaneled by Sirica at Cox's request, to begin deliberations 15 Aug. This jury will investigate charges of illegal contributions by corporations, extortion by federal officials, conspiracy and obstruction of justice.

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Rebozo (bank) - See entry 17 Oct 73.

Colby - Senate Armed Services Committee says it will
reopen public hearings to hear testimony against Colby.
See entry 10 May 73, William E. Colby.