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Abplanalp speaks out for the first time since financing of Nixon properties became a matter of public controversy, says "If the transaction [at San Clemente] is suspect in anybody's mind, I think it should be examined by the people who are in a position to say yes or no, and we are fully prepared to document the entire thing." ~~Abplanalp's~~ ~~interviewed for~~ Statement is made during interview for Reasoner Report, ABC-TV.

(Earlier clippings on Nixon properties filed Nixon, real estate, starting Sep 72, and continuing through Watergate.)

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Tapes - Jack Anderson: "Sources close to the Supreme Court suggest that the vote on the controversial White House tapes could end in a tie. Justice William Rehnquist, whose vote might break the tie, may have to disqualify himself, they say. Supreme Court sources say the case of the White House tapes involved not only eavesdropping but executive privilege. Rehnquist worked on both questions while he was at the Justice Department." ~~interviewed for~~

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Nixon brief to U.S. District Court (see entry ~~7 Aug~~, Nixon brief, 7 Aug) includes an opinion by Rehnquist in 1971, when he was Ass't Atty. Gen., asserting the privilege of the President to withhold information, "the disclosure of which he feels would impair the proper exercise of his constitutional obligations " Story by Susanna McBee says, "Its quotation raises the possibility that Rehnquist may be asked to disqualify himself if the case reaches the Supreme Court. However, in a case involving military surveillance last year Rehnquist took part in the 5-to-4 decision although he had publicly expressed an opinion on the issue while he was at the Justice Department."

WXP 8 Aug 73, p. 16, McBee