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Nixon - Quarter-page letter to editor by Robert L. King, Hillsborough, who writes of personal friendship with Nixon since 1944 and service as "assistant" during Vice Presidency, 1955-57. Describes Nixon as a man who is "constitutionally unable to lie."

Says Nixon's "premoteness" ~~was a key ingredient in giving him~~ and the time it gave him to plan strategy "vis-a-vis Russia and China, has been a key ingredient in the fact of today's peace and hope for the future," although it also was the reason for inattention to what his subordinates were doing. "Perhaps Watergate, painful though it is, is part of the purchase price." (Shorter version, NYT 7 Sep 73.)

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Chotiner identified as "Mr. Chapman," in Jack Anderson column. ~~was a key ingredient in giving him~~ "Chapman's friends" are identified as Lucianne Goldberg and Seymour Freiden, who joined McGovern's campaign and sent secret reports to Chotiner.

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To 27 Aug:

Ervin committee to resume hearings 17 Sep, will spend about a week to conclude first phase, then two weeks each on dirty tricks and campaign spending. ~~Edmisten says~~ Colson to be first witness, and Edmisten says, "Beyond that we really don't know, because we don't know what the committee is willing to do." NYTimes says (unclear whether it is quoting Edmisten) that additional witnesses the committee will consider are Parkinson, Paul O'Brien, Hunt and Bittman. The only one mentioned by Edmisten is Hunt; it is "doubtful" that he will be called unless he is willing to provide the committee with more information than he has been willing to give.

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(A) Letters in response, 31 Aug, pasted with King's. Additional letters ~~filed~~ 10 Sep, filed separately. (SFC.)

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(B) Story by John Hanrahan ~~quoting~~ Theodore H. White reports that Nixon registered 1 Feb 68 at Howard Johnson Inn, Nashua, N.H., as "Mr. Benjamin Chapman."

WXP 14 Jul 73, Hanrahan