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Susan Agnew - Column by Betty Beale gives more details on threats against Miss Agnew, including quotes from Dr. William Walsh (for which no dates) criticizing Dr. Dennis Lucey (Project Hope's liaison man with the Brazilian police) and the Brazilian police for denying stories about the threats.

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Agnew is reported to have told friends he will stay in office even if indicted; believes his resignation or even a "leave of absence" might be interpreted as admission of guilt.

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Agnew, speaking at a Republican dinner, St. Charles, Ill., criticizes Ervin for doing a "rain dance" at the hearings in the hope it would produce "a warm summer rain to make Democrats grow," says Ervin and some other Democrats on the committee were trying to "milk this issue dry." "Those embittered critics of this administration and this party who could not discredit us at the polls in November will make every effort - no matter how reckless - to discredit us now." (Nixon, at press conference 22 Aug, asked to name those he had said in his radio and television address of 15 Aug were trying to exploit Watergate, replies, "some political figures [Democrats?], some members of the press, perhaps" In the same answer says, "There are a great number of people in this country that didn't accept the mandate of 1972.")

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OVER-A

Tom Wicker, in column for 11 Sep, says that in speech ~~Sturgis, xixz Miami, xpladszixzozentz (above)~~ (above) Agnew "sounded like nothing so much as a nattering nabob of Nixonism," ~~and~~ that if he is indicted Nixon could bring great pressure on him to resign, and that Agnew "had good reason, therefore, to parrot the White House line that its enemies are out to get Mr. Nixon." ~~Lists~~ Wicker lists five separate instances in which ~~White House staff members~~ people connected with the White House or CRP have been convicted, indicted, or are coming to trial; says at least a dozen officials of the Administration have resigned or been fired in connection with Watergate and related scandals. "This record alone is more than enough to refute the Agnevia assininity that 'embittered critics' are merely doing through Watergate what they could not do at the polls."

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★ From editorial, NYT: " Mr. Agnew characterized Watergate as "the misguided actions of a few zealots." Yet the disclosures have already led to dismissal of virtually the entire senior staff of Presidential advisers, the indictment of two former Cabinet officers, the replacement of the acting director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the resignation of the Attorney General. "

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Nixon (emotional stability) - See John Osborne on Nixon's
appearance before VFW 20 Aug.

~~See also entry of Nov 73, on slapping incident~~
The New Republic, 8 Sep 73, John Osborne