

14 Sep 73 ①

Tapes - White House has no comment on compromise suggested by Appeals Court; ~~WXP: "Despite the silence at the White House"~~ Warren says legal advisers are studying it. WXP: "Despite the silence at the White House, some observers believe that the memorandum might become the basis for a compromise settlement that would avoid a further legal battle over the issue of the tapes."

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Barker, Sturgis, Gonzalez and Martinez ask U.S. District Court to ~~vacate~~ allow them to withdraw their guilty pleas and set aside their convictions, saying in motion filed by their attorney, Daniel F. Schultz, that "The pleas were premised on false assumption which had been fostered on them by others, including co-defendant E. Howard Hunt, and, ultimately, high officials in the executive branch of the government." Ask for jury trial.

Final ruling on their sentences is apparently due 17 Sep (see entry on Sturgis, 7 Sep 73).

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Agnew - Richardson has decided to let evidence against Agnew go to the federal grand jury; according to government sources the purpose is to review ~~of~~ the substance of the case thus far, and not to seek an indictment at present.

SFC [NYT] 15 Sep 73 WXP 15 Sep, Cohen, on legal options.

Agnew - Decision to enter into plea bargaining negotiations with Justice Department (see entry 21 Sep) was apparently made today. One of Agnew's lawyers, Judah Best, says (no date) that Agnew's lawyers met today in Washington. "We reached certain conclusions . . . and will implement them."

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Dwight E. Dobbs, who had put up three billboards in the Champaign-Urbana area, Illinois, supporting Nixon and criticizing the press, says (presumably today) that Nixon called him 13 Sep to thank him, quotes Nixon as saying the sign encouraged him when he really needed encouragement. Conversation lasted 15 minutes, "just one man to another." See entry 15 Sep.

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\* For differences of opinion on what the Appeals Court meant in its memo, see NYT 15 Sep 73, Weaver.

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Nixon - Evans and Novak say poll of two all-white precincts in San Fernando Valley ("the middle class suburbia of southern California which has steadfastly voted for Richard Mr. Nixon for a generation") shows widespread disbelief in Nixon's Watergate explanations and overwhelming disapproval of his refusal to surrender the tapes. Those interviewed give Nixon only 30% approval. By better than 2 to 1, they do not think more highly of him after his press conferences and other public appearances; by nearly 3 to 1, they do not think the reporters were disrespectful of him; by better than 3 to 1, they want Ervin committee's hearings continued.

Date of polling not given. Questionnaire was prepared for Evans and Novak by Oliver Quayle polling organization, but interviews seem to have been conducted by Evans and Novak.

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Ervin committee hearings - National Citizens Committee for Fairness to the Presidency files suit in U.S. District Court to halt public hearings, on behalf of all of the citizens of the U.S. because the hearings "have deliberately and inequitably disrupted the domestic tranquility of the U.S. by undermining the confidence of the citizens . . . in the integrity of the administration of the Department of Justice and the (nation's) judiciary." Group claims 40,000 members.

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~~and other information is postponed, to be given in a separate  
time to be prepared as early as possible, other details, including~~

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Vesco's extradition from the Bahamas has been held up because of inaction by American officials, according to the Bahamian government, which says the U.S. has not responded to a request from the Bahamian chief magistrate for further legal information necessary before a warrant can be issued. (No date given for original request by Bahamian government.)

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Tapes - ACLU filed brief in U.S. Court of Appeals, arguing that persons whose conversations might have been taped should be allowed to move to suppress the tapes if they are potential witnesses before a grand jury.

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