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Tapes - White House source says Nixon is seriously considering turning over a portion of the tapes and, perhaps by sworn affidavits, describing in some detail the material covered in other portions; says Nixon is studying the possibility of softening his hardline stand because some presidential advisers now feel the Supreme Court will try to avoid a constitutional showdown if he shows some willingness to compromise. Source says an offer similar to that in the milk price support case may be made (entry 12 Sep), although the WH is confident that Cox would reject such an offer.

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Sen. Charles Percy, who last spring had angered Nixon by suggesting that he appoint a special Watergate prosecutor, was invited by Nixon last June to accompany him to dedication of Dirksen Library, Pekin, Ill. After conference during the flight there Percy indicated that they had patched up their differences. According to Chicago Sun-Times, Administration say today that Percy has requested a meeting with Nixon to discuss his presidential plans.

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Dwight Dobbs - Warren says Nixon did not talk to Dobbs and that the call appeared to be a hoax. Dobbs agrees it could have been.

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Stephen Leopold - Story on theft from his car of "Watergate-related" papers and tape recordings 30 Jul 73 appears in WXP today, without explanation for delay. Theft was reported to police the night it happened. See entry 30 Jul 73.

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Gaudet's trial is postponed indefinitely, to give defense more time to prepare its case. No other details.

First entry on Gaudet 20 Aug 73

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A Warren also says Mrs. Nixon had mailed Dobbs a letter 12 Sep
expressing family's pleasure with his support. Dobbs had
said (entry 14 Sep) that he received the "hoax" call 13 Sep.
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Agnew (rumors of resignation) - Josiah Lee Auspitz, a former White House aide, goes to White House to visit a friend; while there has a brief chat with Garment. Later tells two friends of this, and rumors spread that Agnew will resign. Auspitz denies having said anything like that; says all he remembers having said to his two friends was, "If I read that conversation right, Agnew's in trouble." Says later in an interview that Garment did not say anything specific about Agnew, but he drew "an inference" from "things like the expression in Garment's voice and eyes." Auspitz's disclaimer is contradicted by one of the friends, Ron Speed, who says Auspitz told him he thought Agnew was going to resign. (Speed is president of Ripon Society, "a liberal Republican group," of which Auspitz is a past president.

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