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Impeachment - Sen. Howard Hughes says, "To be afraid to use [the impeachment power] would mean we would be placing in the hands of this President and all future Presidents an implied power that they could do anything they wanted to in defiance of the law and the courts . . . with impunity, with immunity. . . . If the facts indicate that the President is in violation of the law, or if the President is refusing to obey the direct orders of the Supreme Court, then not to use [impeachment] would be a failure of the system entirely." (Issues and Answers, ABC.)

WXPost 17 Sep 73, Nicol

Mitchells - According to his lawyer, Peter Fleming, Mitchell moved into Essex House Hotel for a few days last week, so that Mitchell could help in preparation for his defense. Hotel switchboard operator says he is not registered there today.

Mrs. Mitchell - Helen Thomas says she has been unable to reach Mrs. Mitchell by telephone; all the numbers she has formerly used have been disconnected.

NYTimes 17 Sep 73, Breasted

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Baker, before speech in Great Neck, N.Y., is asked by newsmen if he thinks the WH tapes might be altered, answers, "I'd rather have the tapes with the risk of alteration than not to have them at all. I don't think the risk is substantial. I would assume the President would give them to us intact."

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Mrs. Mitchell, in call to UPI (byline is that of Helen Thomas), says Mitchell has left her, and that a ~~report~~ published report that he had tried to get her to undergo psychiatric care was "a goddamned lie." This apparently refers to story in current edition of Newsweek, which carries detailed quotations attributed to "friends" and "a family intimate," about her erratic behavior, including that of unnamed "friend" to whom Mitchell is supposed to have said, "It's obvious that [to?] anyone who know her that she's a sick woman." Story does not say Newsweek was told this by the "friend" in question, only that "Mitchell is reported to have told a friend."

SFC [UPI] 17 Sep 73, Helen Thomas