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National Citizens' Committee for Fairness to the Presidency, 1/4 page ad, ~~SFC~~ "(mini-edition)", SFC, attacking Ervin committee (due to resume hearings 24 Sep) and the news media, "particularly radio and television." Says ~~Nixon~~ they are overtly and overtly subverting the truth "in an attempt to bring down the President."

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Liddy pleads not guilty in Superior Court, Los Angeles. Asks Judge James G. Kolts to declare him an indigent and appoint counsel for him; Kolts appoints public defender ~~to~~ and Liddy's lawyers in WX asks ACLU for help.

NYT 21 Sep, 73, Roberts

Ehrlichman, Krogh, Young - Their lawyers introduce motion in Los Angeles Superior Court, asking for dismissal of indictment for lack of evidence; Judge Kolts sets 3 Oct for hearing.

Speaking to reporters later, Krogh's lawyer, Norbert A. Schlei, says "all of us" will argue that whatever was done was "~~not~~ proper within the scope of the authority of the President of the United States," and says there is a "distinct possibility" that the defense will subpoena WH tapes.

NYT 21 Sep 73, Roberts

Agnew - Democratic leaders of the House of Representatives are reported making plans to insist, if Agnew ~~resigns~~ leaves office before his term expires, that his successor pledge not to seek election as President in 1976.

NYT 21 Sep 73, Naughton

Tapes - Nixon lawyers and Cox inform Court of Appeals that they have been unable to reach a compromise; both sides refuse to comment on whether any progress had been made.

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Watergate defendants - Cox, in papers filed with the court, asks Judge Sirica to order the defendants to name those who coerced them into pleading guilty or led them to believe the break-in was legal, and that they should do this under oath; says their motion asking to change their plea to innocent contains no specifics. WXP 21 Sep 73, Robinson (2)

▲ From White House brief: "The constitutional crisis that the press professes to see in this case is not of the President's making. .... It was the insistence of the special prosecutor and the Senate committee . . . that has brought this case here." (It was the White House, through Butterfield [13 Jul 73] which revealed the existence of the tapes in the first place.)

WXP editorial, 23 Sep 73