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National Farmer Organization faces possible loss of tax exemption and several of its home office aides have been subjected to personal income tax review by IRS. Group is described as "liberal-oriented" and was on WH enemies list; represents many of its members, especially dairymen, in bargaining with buyers.

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Agnew asks U.S. District Court (Judge Walter M. Hoffman) to halt grand jury investigation into his possible violation of bribery, extortion, conspiracy and tax laws, on the constitutional ground that he cannot be investigated or indicted by the grand jury unless he is first impeached and removed from office, and also because leaks to the press have already made it impossible for him to receive a fair hearing by the grand jury or at any later criminal trial. Judge Hoffman sets hearing for 12 Oct. OVER - A

Agnew's lawyers contend it is in the national interest to have allegations against him investigated by the House, that the grand jury has no concern with the national interest since its duty is simply to level charges whenever it believes there are charges to be answered, but that the House ~~cannot~~ ~~make~~ ~~the~~ ~~decision~~ ~~whether~~ has the welfare of the nation as its primary concern and can make the decision, ~~whether or not to~~ ~~accuse~~ ~~in~~ the national interest, whether or not to accuse him.

Federal agents have apparently issued wide-ranging subpoenas in what appears to be a thorough attempt to trace all of Agnew's recent financial activities.

WXP 29 Sep 73, Walsh and Cohen

Nixon, campaign contributions - Finance Committee of CRP releases list of early contributors (\$19.9 million), in compliance with court order obtained by Common Cause, which had begun calling for disclosure Feb 72. Article deals with critical period between the end of the Corrupt Practices Act of 1925 (29 Feb 72) and the effective date of the Federal Elections Campaign Act of 1971 (7 Apr 72), five and a half weeks during which strenuous efforts were made to raise funds.

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Among the names on the list is that of Calvin Kovens, a convicted felon, sentenced to prison with Hoffa. OVER - B (2)

- \* Motion also ask court to enjoin Attorney General and all officials of Department of Justice from presenting testimony, documents or other materials to the grand jury, and from discussing or disclosing any of this to anyone. \*

WXP 29 Sep 73, text of motion

- B Story involves Rebozo, Colson and Smathers. Kovens was paroled eight days after Smathers called Colson about the matter. Kovens was a ~~xxx~~ Miami real estate dealer before he was imprisoned. His cash contribution was \$30,000.

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\*Judge Hoffman rules that the grand jury may continue to hear evidence against Agnew "pending final decision on the suit;" Beall says "the investigation will continue as it has" at least until Hoffman rules on Agnew's request.

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- c See also WXP 30 Sep 73, Mintz

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Donald Nixon - U.S. Atty. John R. Lusk says ~~investi~~ in Las Vegas (?) that an investigation will be carried out in Washington to determine whether phone calls between Donald Nixon and John H. Meier were tapped. Meier is currently under indictment in Las Vegas on charges of federal income tax evasion.

WXP 29 Sep 73, AP

Tapes - Ervin committee, in new attempt to obtain WH tapes, files brief with Judge Sirica, arguing that Nixon has destroyed his ~~own~~ claim of confidentiality by ~~reference~~ his own accounts of conversations about Watergate with Dean, Haldeman and Ehrlichman. \* Sirica sets 1 Oct for hearing.

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Agnew defense fund - W. Clement Stone announces he is setting up fund; joining him as trustees, Goldwater and Warren E. Hearnes, a Democrat who retired last year after two terms as governor of Missouri.

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"Connally Gives Agnew Stout Defense" at luncheon of National Federation of Republican Women, Los Angeles.

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\*Brief describes Nixon as "one of the principal persons being investigated," and in footnote says, ~~"There is certainly much evidence"~~  
"We trust the court will recognize that the reference to the President's own possible criminality is not recklessly made. There is certainly much evidence that would exonerate the President, but, as demonstrated in our Statement of Material Facts, there is sufficient evidence to establish a prima facie case that the President was engaged in criminal conduct.

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NYT 29 Sep 73, Ripley