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Agnew, speaking at convention of National Federation of Republican Women, Los Angeles (televised nationally), says he will not resign even if indicted; accuses unnamed Justice Department officials of trying to destroy him politically by "malicious and outrageous news leaks;" without naming him, singles out Petersen, saying that an examination of Petersen's record will show that - among other things - "he failed to get any of the information out about the true dimensions of the Watergate matter," and that through prosecution of Agnew Petersen hopes to "reinstate his reputation as a tough and courageous and hardnosed prosecutor." In WX, Richardson praises Petersen, says Agnew has "singled out for criticism a career public servant constrained from defending himself by the ethical standards governing a criminal investigation."

Agnew denounces as false reports that he has engaged ~~with~~ in plea bargaining with prosecution officials. Says that in April after he learned, "through the cocktail circuit and rumor mills of Washington" of threats by individuals (unnamed) to implicate him unless he used his office to cut off investigation of them, he sent them word that he would not help them, after which they obtained immunity from prosecution in an effort to escape "the full force of punishment by turning in someone higher up."

WXP 30 Sep 73, Cannon

Tom Charles Huston for the past year has been serving on a Census Bureau advisory committee on privacy and confidentiality, plans to leave the committee when one-year term expires 7 Oct. Was appointed to the committee by former Commerce Secretary Peter G. Peterson because, ~~Maxxzazazlawyer~~ according to Census Bureau spokesman, "he is a lawyer with a background in constitutional law."

WXP 30 Sep 73, Feinberg

Robert Melton Benz and Dwight Chapin, prospective witnesses before Ervin committee, have told the committee they will invoke Fifth Amendment; committee decides today to cancel their appearances. Their testimony had been scheduled to follow that of Segretti. Segretti will appear in federal court tomorrow to plead guilty to charges of illegal sabotage against Democratic presidential candidates.

WXP 30 Sep 73, Meyer

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Nixon/impeachment - National Board of Americans for Democratic Action ~~admits representation~~ at annual meeting adopts resolution which ends, "We believe that the evidence now available, if substantiated in careful proceedings in the House, will require impeachment of the President. Certainly if the President should defy a Supreme Court decision to produce the tapes, there could be no question that he must be impeached." Story on this by AP begins by saying that ADA "called on the House of Representatives [today] to carry out an investigation to determine whether President Nixon should be impeached," but does not say this was done in formal request.

SFEx 30 Sep 73, AP

Nixons fly to Camp David, "leaving all White House aides behind." ~~AMP-A, B~~

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Hunt gave \$1,000 to CRP, "Washington's birthday, [21 Feb] 1972." ~~[21 Feb 72] H~~

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~~Supreme Court is now firmly controlled by a new conservative majority~~

U.S. dictatorship? - "A special senate subcommittee [the year-old Special Committee on the Termination of the National Emergency], after a painstaking computer search of the statute books, concluded [today] the United States since 1933 has been operating under emergency rule, conferring near-authorization [authoritarian?] powers on its Presidents. Co-Chairmen Frank Church (D-Idaho), and Charles Mathias Jr., (R-Md.), said in a foreword to the 607-page [study] that only a few delegated powers have been regularly used, but added: 'It is possible that some future President could exercise this vast authority in an attempt to place the United States under authoritarian rule. While the danger of a Dictatorship arising through legal means may seem remote to us today, recent history records Hitler seizing control through the use of the emergency powers.'"

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(29 Sep 73) AMP

(A) - Bull says (2 Nov 73) he arranged today for Nixon to hear a series of tapes and "at that time it was apparent that two conversations that had been requested were not on the tapes provided to me." (See entry 2 Nov 73, 6 Nov, and Bennett, 6 Nov.)

(B) - Rose Mary Woods testifies 8 Nov 73 that she was given eight tapes for the 28-29 working weekend at Camp David. See entry 8 Nov 73, Rose Mary Woods ... Spent most of the time trying to transcribe tape of Nixon-Dean meeting of 20 Jun 72.