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Witness: Donald Segretti

Ervin committee hearings takes short recess after receiving bomb threats; police check, find nothing. Have nothing in file beyond captions to photos.

SFC and WXP 4 Oct 73, NYT

Dita Beard - Staff members of Ervin committee and special investigations subcommittee of House Interstate and Foreign Commerce Committee are looking into reports that Dita Beard's hospital room in Denver was bugged during the time when members of Senate Judiciary Committee visited her in Mar 72 to question her, in connection with their consideration of Kleindienst nomination to be attorney general. Two staff members of the special investigations subcommittee met in Denver 2 Oct with Robert E. Wilkinson, a Denver private detective and "purportedly a key figure in the alleged bugging. Meeting reportedly lasted only about five minutes and "did not get into the substance of the bugging allegation." No further details, but apparently the investigators did not want to question him without his lawyer being present, since Wilkinson is currently under indictment on charges of illegal wiretapping and eavesdropping in two Colorado counties. "Wilkinson and his lawyer told[WXP]they could state 'affirmatively' that Wilkinson had information relating to the alleged bugging attempt, but would not elaborate." (See entry 26 Oct.)

SFC 4 Oct 73, from WXP (which do not have)

Nixon/<sup>WH</sup>press conference; says he has never asked Agnew to resign; thinks it is "altogether proper" for Agnew to say he would not resign if indicted; supports Petersen's handling of Agnew investigation, says Petersen and his staff were "in no way" involved in leaks about Agnew. OYER - A

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~~From story by~~

Nixon mood - From story by Apple: "The man who stood before the White House press corps this morning seemed like the Richard M. Nixon of early 1972 - the Nixon whose voice didn't quaver, the Nixon who dealt confidently with a wide range of questions, the Nixon who clearly felt on top of his job, the Nixon who could even manage a bit of humor. .... The President was obviously nettled only once when he was

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Ⓐ Nixon again makes clear distinction between Agnew's activities before and after becoming Vice President: "The charges that have been made against him do not relate in any way to his activities as Vice-President of the United States."  
~~Text~~ NYT 4 Oct 73, p. 30, text of press conference

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asked whether the hiring of "a local landscape architect to redesign the flower beds on the west side of the San Clemente residence four times a year" represented a wise expenditure of the taxpayers' money."

NYT 4 Oct 73, Apple

Agnew - Judge Walter E. Hoffman gives Agnew lawyers permission to conduct their own investigation, with full power of subpoena, into allegations of leaks by Justice Department.

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NYT 4 Oct 73, Franklin

Mitchell and Gray testify at Dallas hearing on case of Frank W. Sharp.

NYT 4 Oct 73, Waldron

Magruder is authorized by Sirica to make a 17-day/trip to Europe, 6 to 23 Oct. Sirica notes that he had previously denied McCord permission to go to England for a BBC intv, but Magruder's lawyer says he has no intention of causing any publicity.

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Barker, Martinez, Sturgis and Gonzalez ask Sirica in court pleading to be released from prison while decision is being made to set aside their guilty pleas. Sirica says he will wait to hear from Cox's office before taking ~~action~~ action on this motion.

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~~Tapes/cinpeach/cmc/cMcMerris~~

Nixon/taxes - Providence Journal Bulletin says Nixon paid taxes of \$792.81 in 1970 and \$878.03 in 1971, equivalent to the taxes paid by a wage earner with one exemption in the \$7,000 income bracket; says information on which it based its story came from "documents provided by government sources." WH\*refuses to confirm or deny the facts in the story; Nixon tax lawyer DeMarco refers inquiries to WH counsel's office, which does not respond to repeated calls;

(A) Judge Hoffman orders that transcripts of depositions taken by Agnew's lawyer are to be sealed and not made public; forbids all lawyers involved in the case to discuss any depositions.

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IRS refuses comment.

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- See entry 16 Jan 74 (Nixon, federal income taxes)

Institute for Policy Studies - see entry 9 Oct.