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Hunt, Gonzalez, Martinez, Barker, Sturgis - Sirica denies their requests to be freed on bail pending disposition of motions to have their guilty pleas thrown out.

"Sirica had imposed provisional sentences of 30 to 50 years on the men, noting the law requires that the maximum be listed in provisional sentences. However, he told them he did not plan such long terms when he imposes final sentence." Unclear from story whether this paragraph refers to statements made at the time provisional sentences were imposed, or today.

SFEx 17 Oct 73 [AP]

Ehrlichman, Krogh, Young, Liddy - Attorneys for the four file briefs in Los Angeles Superior Court outlining the defense case in the Fielding break-in. "John Ehrlichman and three White House 'plumbers' maintain they ~~did~~ could not have conspired because they did not intend to, did not burglarize because nothing was taken, and should not be prosecuted because they acted as 'officers of the United States.'"

SEEx 17 Oct 73 [UPI]

Vesco "has been secretly indicted by a federal grand jury [in New York], the second time the panel has handed down a sealed charge against [him]. Vesco, who has not been seen in this country since February, failed to appear for arraignment after the federal indictment and a warrant was issued for his arrest."

SFC 17 Oct 73 [UPI]; WXP 17 Oct 73, Greer

Agnew - "Buzhardt's Curious Role -- Behind Agnew's Fall."

SFC 17 Oct 73 [WXP, Woodward and Bernstein]

"McCord's Version of Plot to Blame CIA is Supported," by ~~xzxzxzx SF 17 Oct 73, xzxzxzx Timothy S. Robinson~~ by Barker and Martinez in their motions to withdraw their guilty pleas and face a jury trial, using the defense that they felt the break-in was government-approved.

WXP 17 Oct 73, Timothy S. Robinson

Barker, Martinez - See entry, "McCord's Version "

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AMPI - Cox asks for court order to compel grand jury testimony from a former attorney for AMPI, Joseph Rose. (Not read.)

WXP 17 Oct 73, Lardner

Hunt, in effort to win a new trial, will raise the issue of improper Government conduct. Sidney S. Sachs, his lawyer, says that materials from Hunt's safe at EOB had never been turned over to Hunt for preparation of his defense, despite a court order directing their release. Among the items never produced, Hunt's notebook with names, addresses, pseudonyms and phone numbers of those he dealt with in Gemstone operation, about which he testified 25 Sep 73.

NYT 17 Oct 73, Ripley

Nixon/Cox tapes - Richardson meets with Cox in an apparent effort to negotiate a compromise. See entry 18 Oct 73. *AMPI-A*

SFC 19 Oct 73 [WXP, Broder]

Impeachment - Laird says he has warned Nixon to expect an impeachment move in Congress if he rejects a Supreme Court order to produce the WH tapes, but also that he told Nixon he thought the vote in the House of Representatives would be against it. Deadline for Nixon attorneys to file appeal from Appeals Court is 19 Oct.

SFC 17 Oct 73 [WXP]

Ehrlichman - "One of the few Nixon Administration officials unstained by the Watergate and related scandals recalled recently that he had frequently noticed and feared a tendency in the Haldeman-Ehrlichman White House toward ignoring or breaking the law. He cited the following episode, which happened well before the June, 1971, break-in at the Democratic National Committee. Congress had passed legislation which the official was required to administer; but one provision of it he regarded as totally unenforceable. Conferring with John Ehrlichman ... the official advised one of two courses.... Instead of accepting either recommendation, Mr. Ehrlichman coolly ordered the official simply to ignore the provision. "But we can't do that," the official protested. "Congress passed it. It's the law." "Do you mean to tell me," Mr. Ehrlichman then demanded, "that if

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Congress does something that's not in the public interest
the President doesn't have the power to set it aside?"

NYT 16 Oct 73, Tom Wicker

Rebozo (bank, savings and loan) - Confidential file on
savings and loan institution to be operated by Rebozo
associates, and their request for federal insurance, has
disappeared from Federal Home Loan Bank Board. See story
for details.

Loss is discovered today, reported to FBI 17 Oct.

WXP 23 Oct 73, Cannon See entry, 22 Oct, AMP-G, F.
(Wed)

Haldeman in WX today? Testifies 17/18, 19 Oct.

SFC 22 Oct 73 [WXP, Woodward and Bernstein]

- Haldeman was scheduled to reappear for testimony 23 Oct, Tues,
"forcing him to spend the long weekend in Washington," so
presumably he was in WX, if not from today, at least
17 through 23 Oct.

WXP 22 Oct 73, Woodward and Bernstein

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Ⓐ- "Senior WH official" says (no date) Nixon made the basic decision (possibly today) to bring to an end Cox's suit for the tapes. (Story is datelined 23 Oct, a Tuesday; previous Tuesday would be today.) See entry 23 Oct, Cox firing (WH version)

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