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Rebozo (bank) - "The Nixon administration twice reversed the strong recommendations of two federal bank examiners that a group of Florida businessmen be granted a charter to open a bank to compete with the Key Biscayne bank monopoly headed by C.G. (Bebe) Rebozo, one of President Nixon's closest friends.

"Just a month after the Treasury Department's comptroller of the currency ruled that the rival group had shown only a 'marginal banking need' in Key Biscayne, the Federal Home Loan Bank Board granted two directors of Rebozo's bank a charter for a new savings and loan institution in Key Biscayne. Rebozo will be the landlord of the new institution."

Charter for savings and loan institution was granted 19 Jul 73, to group headed by Thomas H. Wakefield and Walter Etling, both directors of Rebozo's Key Biscayne Bank and Trust Co. Robert Abplanalp is also a director of Rebozo's bank, but is not named in the story as a member of the savings and loan group. ANIP - B,  
C

See story for many dates and details. See follow-up entry.  
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Thomas H. Wakefield }  
Walter Etling } See entry, Rebozo (bank) below.  
Robert Abplanalp } Thomas R. Bomar, follow-up entry, /

Rebozo (bank) - Six weeks after Nixon appointee Thomas R. Bomar (no further identification) became chairman of the Federal Home Loan Bank Board, "vital federal insurance" was granted to savings and loan institution which had ~~previously denied twice~~ ~~previously~~ been denied on two previous occasions. (See earlier entry.) "A source close to the bank board said granting the federal insurance was unusual in two ways. He said Florida has only a handful of state chartered savings banks with federal insurance. He also said board policy discourages the presence of commercial bank directors of savings banks." See entry 22 Oct, Rebozo (bank).

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Rebozo (bank) - Warren says "There was no White House involvement whatsoever" in denial of charter to bank which would compete with Rebozo's.

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Rebozo (Hughes contribution) - NYTimes says there are at least three possibilities that the Hughes contribution could be illegal, "if Rebozo's account is true," lists them as:

1 - If it was all incorporate funds, the donation would have been in violation of the federal campaign contributions by corporations.

2 - If it was an individual donation, a gift tax should have been paid on everything above \$3,000.

3 - Unless the gift was to a campaign committee operating only in one state, it should have been reported and made a public record as part of the campaign reporting requirements.

NYTimes points out that, as far as anyone knows, Rebozo has never held any position on a campaign committee for a party or an individual, and that Maheu has said the money had been provided for Nixon's use.

SFC 18 Oct 73 See also entry, Rebozo/Nixon.  
[NYT]

Tapes/Ervin committee - Sirica rejects committee's demand for WH tapes. "Acting solely on jurisdictional grounds, Sirica said the courts had no power to entertain a congressional civil suit against the President. He said Congress could give that authority to the judiciary, but he held that nothing in existing law or the Constitution would permit him to step into the dispute as it now stands."

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Rebozo/Nixon - WH says Nixon is confident that Rebozo acted properly in receiving money from Hughes. "Warren ... made the statement toward the end of a heated and prolonged exchange with reporters on the propriety of the gift." Sample:  
Q. Is the money that Mr. Rebozo received from Mr. Hughes only one of a number of such sums he received from other millionaires for the President's use in some fashion or other?  
A. I have no idea. I would doubt it very much, but I would have no idea.

NYT 18 Oct 73, Herbers See also entry, Rebozo (Hughes contribution) which is from same story.

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Haldeman testifies before "two of the special prosecutor's grand juries" 17, 18, 19 Oct, is scheduled to testify again 23 Oct. (For grand juries involved, see entry 12 Oct.)

"It is known that ... Haldeman, ... Ehrlichman and ... Colson have complained bitterly about the treatment they had received from the special prosecutor's office. Whether these complaints reached the President's ears is not known. One source said that the three maintained that they had been treated like 'members of the Mafia' by attorneys from Cox's office." See entry 13 Oct, Haldeman's lawyers ....

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See entry 13 Oct, Haldeman's lawyers ....

Nixon's "compromise" proposal is submitted by Richardson to Cox. See entry 19 Oct, AMP-E.

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- Cox's comment on Nixon proposal, undated as carried by WXP.

WXP 21 Oct 73 - Texts: tape proposal, Cox's comments, correspondence between Cox and Wright

Rebozo (bank, savings and loan) - Disappearance of confidential file on savings and loan institution, discovered yesterday by Federal Home Loan Bank Board, is reported to the FBI. See entry ~~22~~ 16 Oct.

(17 Oct 73) AMP

(A) - WXP says second application for reconsideration of federal insurance was approved 18 Jul 73, six weeks after two Nixon appointees were named to Federal Home Loan Bank Board.  
Name of second appointee not given.

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(B) - See entry 23 Oct, Rebozo (bank, savings and loan).

(C) - Wakefield is Rebozo's attorney.

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