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Nixon/Cox/tapes - Tomorrow is the deadline for Nixon attorneys to file appeal from Appeals Court decision 12 Oct ordering Nixon to submit the tapes to Sirica.

Richardson has met twice this week (15, 16 Oct) with Cox in an apparent effort to negotiate a compromise which might avoid a Supreme Court showdown with Nixon on producing the tapes. Justice Department spokesman confirms that the meetings had taken place on those dates, but will not confirm or deny that was their purpose. Warren says Richardson has been "consulted" by Nixon attorneys, but declines repeatedly to say whether he has been authorized to find some compromise with Cox.

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Mitchell (tapes) - U.S. District Judge Lee Gagliardi, who is to preside over the Mitchell-Stans trial starting 23 Oct, turns down for the time being their effort to get WH tapes and other records for use at their trial; does not rule out possibility that certain tapes or documents might be subpoenaed later if specific WH aides are called to testify for the government.

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Abplanalp/ San Clemente - Cox releases letter to Bertram Podell (Dem-N.Y.), who had asked him to investigate if there had been illegal favoritism in government's 1971 decision to drop an antitrust investigation against Abplanalp, saying he had found "no evidence of improper conduct." Podell had suggested a connection between a loan from Abplanalp to Nixon to buy San Clemente property and the end of the antitrust inquiry into the Precision Valve Corp. (Justice Department began the investigation in Jun 69; Abplanalp made loan of \$450,000 on 11 Jul 69, made second loan of \$175,000 15 Jul 70, when first mortgage payment was due; in Feb 71 federal prosecutors in New York were told by their superiors in WX to "close out" the inquiry. For dates and amounts of loans, see Coopers and Lybrand audit, NYT 28 Aug 73, filed Nixon, real estate.)

Podell had asked Cox in July to look into the matter. He was indicted 12 Jul by federal grand jury in New York on bribery charges. Story does not say which came first,

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but statement by Abplanalp says Podell "created a ~~trumped-up~~
trumped-up charge on the eve of his indictment."

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WXP 19 Oct 73, Lardner

See file, Nixon real estate, 9 Jul 73 et seq.

Krogh pleads innocent to two counts of lying before original
Watergate grand jury; released on personal recognizance,
forbidden to leave the country.

SFC 19 Oct 73 [UPI]

Impeachment - Sen. Robert Griffin, second-ranking Republican
in the Senate, tells newsmen (in what Broder interprets as
a warning to Nixon) that "defiance" of the Supreme Court
"would certainly raise the prospect of impeachment
proceedings beginning in the House. I don't know what the
result would be, but the demand for action would be a great
deal stronger than it is today." Deadline for Nixon
attorneys to file appeal from Appeals Court is tomorrow.
Laird had made same warning 16 Oct.

WXP 19 Oct 73, Broder

Haldeman testifies before "two of the special prosecutor's
grand juries" 17, 18, 19 Oct, is scheduled to testify again
23 Oct. See entry 17 Oct 73, Haldeman testifies AMP - F

Nixon proposal on tapes - Text, letter from Wright to Cox.

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

Rebozo - Miami Herald prints story saying Cox is looking
into Hughes ~~xxx~~ \$100,000 contribution; Rebozo is reported
to be "very upset." See entry 23 Oct, Rebozo/Hughes.

See entry this date, Hughes/Rebozo.

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Military takeover? - See clipping for the views of Irwin Shaw.
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Nixon - Irwin Shaw: "I've watched Richard Nixon since he first showed up, and he was a crook from the beginning and he debased the democratic process from the beginning."
SFC 18 Oct 73 [Women's Wear Daily]

Haldeman - First picture of new haircut.
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San Clemente - California State Board of Equalization refuses to approve a proposed contract with Orange county to appraise Nixon's San Clemente property, objecting to provisions in a "draft agreement" offered by the county that the members say would prevent state appraisers from making an "honest" appraisal. William Bennett, chairman, and George Reilly, a member, take specific exception to a provision which they say would deny state appraisers access to confidential records of the Orange county assessor, and to another clause which they say declares that the assessor would not be "involved in this proceeding."
SFC 19 Oct 73 [UPI] AMP-B

William Bennett, George Reilly - See entry, San Clemente.

[C. Arnholt] "Smith Bank Seized, Sold to Crocker." AMP-C
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George Meany makes bitter attack on Nixon at AFL-CIO convention, Miami Beach.
SFC 19 Oct 73 [WXP]

Hughes/Rebozo - Cox and IRS are both investigating Hughes contribution; WXP reported 14 Oct that Ervin committee has begun an investigation into the matter. AMP-D, E
SFC 19 Oct 73 [AP] See entry, Rebozo - Miami Herald

Jencks Act - See entry, Mitchell (tapes), and AMP-A.

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(A) - Judge Gagliardi bases his ruling on Jencks Act. Last sentence of entry is based on this; see explanation by Stephen Isaacs in WXP.

WXP 19 Oct 73, Stephen Isaacs

See also NYT 19 Oct 73, Lubasch

(B) - Board demands access to property tax records for the property, and begins negotiations with Orange County officials for a contract to conduct a state appraisal to determine if the owners are paying their full share of property taxes, "owners" apparently referring to Nixon and Abplanalp. Bennett says the appraisal must include total access to property tax and assessment records and an on-the-spot inspection.

The Orange county assessor, who appraised the property for the purpose of levying 1973-74 taxes at \$1.37-million full market value. "Critics," including Bennett, have said the property is worth more, as much as \$3-million by some estimates. Under the \$1.37-million evaluation the tax would be about \$13,500 annually; under the \$3-million evaluation the tax would be \$29,500.

NYT 20 Oct 73

(C) - NYT says (in background story on Smith) that Smith was "one of a handful of businessmen" who started Nixon on his political career in 1946. "Over the years, he has given generously of his wealth ... and influence to promote Mr. Nixon, who once publicly embraced him and announced that 'Arnie is one of my closest and most loyal supporters.'"

NYT 20 Oct 73, Holles

(D) - From story on Cox and IRS interest in Hughes contribution, based on memo from Lenzner to Ervin committee 15 Apr 74: "The Lenzner memo ... reports that unlike other taxpayers Rebozo was informed by White House officials of the IRS interest in him before he was contacted by the IRS. On Oct. 18, 1973, Bartlett [Jack Bartlett, IRS agent in charge of the case] advised Rebozo that ... Cox ... had sought and was given IRS information about Rebozo. 'This gratuitous information was supplied to Rebozo shortly before Cox was ordered to be fired by President Nixon,' Lenzner wrote."

SFC 23 Apr 74 [AP]

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executive session of

Ⓔ - Haig, in appearance before/Ervin Committee 2 May 74, is asked several questions about Hughes-Rebozo \$100,000. Presents letter from Nixon invoking executive privilege; is accompanied by St. Clair, who advises him not to answer, each time a question is asked. One of the questions is whether he called Richardson today about the Hughes-Rebozo [Cox? IRS?] investigation.

See entry 2 May 74.

NYT 3 May 74

- "It was on [18 Oct] - according to subsequent Senate testimony - that [Haig] telephoned [Richardson] to complain on the President's behalf about a separate inquiry*into the Hughes-Rebozo matter that had been initiated earlier by [Cox], who was then the special Watergate prosecutor.

NYT 6 May 74, Hersh

*separate from IRS inquiry

NYT 8 May 74, Hersh

begun Apr (?) 73

Ⓕ - See entry 16 Oct 73, Haldeman in WX today?