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Alert - At 3 a.m. Nixon places all U.S. forces, conventional and nuclear, on alert around the world, because [WXP:] "the Nixon administration saw a threat of possible Russian intervention in the Arab-Israeli war."

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Julie Nixon Eisenhower says [25 Oct] that she had talked with her father yesterday and "I didn't even realize this Middle East thing had built up. He sounded so buoyant ... "

Nixon cancels televised news conference scheduled for today, postponing it to some unspecified time. "Unexpectedly" leaves for overnight stay at Camp David, the third such trip this week.

Sirica is said by aides to be considering hiring experts to authenticate tapes; experts say verification may be impossible. (See also entry 3 Aug 73.)

Cox files - Cox staff ask U.S. District Court for order to prohibit removal of files by anyone except a staff attorney, whose tenure dates back to 19 Oct, and Petersen. Request is signed by Cox's deputy, Henry S. Ruth, and Petersen.

Bork works out line of succession to Attorney General. If Bork had also resigned or been fired, there would have been no clearly established official to fire Cox.

- Bork rescinds several published department regulations under which Cox had operated. These regulations are subject of lawsuit by Nader, who says they were violated by Bork; cites Supreme Court decisions that government agencies must abide by their published rules. Nader attorneys say several members of Congress have expressed interest in joining Nader as plaintiffs in the suit. Suit was filed 23 Oct, U.S. District Court, WX.

Rebozo - WXP says he cashed 900 shares of stock stolen by the Mafia from E.F. Hutton in 1968; worth more than \$300,000. In Oct 68, before Rebozo had sold any of them, insurance investigator, George H. Riley Jr., twice tried to meet with Rebozo to tell him the stocks were stolen, was refused appointment. Five days after last refusal Rebozo met with Riley, who verified that the serial numbers of the stolen stock were the same as those which had been in Rebozo's possession. Rebozo told Riley he had sold all of

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the stock, but the last 300 were sold a week after Riley's visit, according to court records of civil suit filed by Hutton in Miami (no date) seeking repayment by Rebozo. AMP-3

Stocks were given Rebozo's bank as collateral on a \$195,000 loan to Charles L. Lewis, the loan having been made at the request of a friend of Rebozo's, Walter A. Jernigan. Was the loan not repaid? Did Rebozo have authority to sell the stock? (See entry, 2 Nov 73.)

- Sen. Proxmire, a member of Senate Banking Committee, asks that Rebozo be suspended immediately as an officer of Key Biscayne Bank, pending investigation of the allegations.

- Jack Anderson says he has reason to believe Cox staff was checking court rulings that a taxpayer could not block IRS from examining his records; hints this could have been in preparation for showdown over Rebozo's records.

Ruckelshaus speaks at "Convocation on Impeachment" at University of California, says it is absolutely necessary that a new, independent Watergate prosecutor be appointed. Audience 10,000.

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Cox - Jack Anderson says Haldeman, Ehrlichman and Colson fostered the idea in the White House that Cox was really aiming at Nixon, and that the "Kennedy crowd" had taken over the special prosecutor's office.

Impeachment - ACLU runs full-page ad in SFC, giving reasons for impeaching Nixon.

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Rebozo - Jane Lucke, /Rebozo's "steady date for the past ten years," says (in undated story) that she believes he should testify before Ervin committee about the money from Hughes. She works as legal secretary for Thomas Wakefield, Rebozo's attorney and an officer of the Key Biscayne Bank and Trust Co.

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- Ⓐ Kissinger holds press conference, explains "reason" for alert.
- Ⓑ Rebozo's lawyer says Rebozo flatly denies he was told the stock was stolen.
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- Ⓒ See ~~entry~~ 21 Nov 73, analysis and chronology, which begins 16 Oct 73. See also SFC 18 Oct 73 [Women's Wear Daily].
- Ⓓ See 24 Oct 73, ~~entry~~ Nixon (possibility of rash action).
- Ⓔ For background on the alert, see "House Ends Study of October Alert; Data on Action by Nixon in Mideast Crisis Called Too Sensitive for Release," by Leslie H. Gelb, NYT 10 Apr 74.
- Ⓕ ~~4~~ See entry 6 Aug 74, Nixon meets with Cabinet ; 7 Aug 74, Ford is called ; 24 Aug 74, Nixon (possibility..)
- Ⓖ "President Nixon's decision to alert American military forces ... provoked the wrong debate. The most important question was not: Was this alert necessary? As vital as the answer to that question was during these times of distrust of our President, the more pressing question was: What would have happened if the Soviet Union had challenged the American military machine?"
NYT 15 Nov 73, Stuart H. Loory
- Ⓗ See entry 24 Aug 74, Nixon (possibility of rash [military] action). List of other refs on this, SFC 7 Feb 76.