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Nixon/press - Executives of three television networks reject Nixon's charge of vicious and unfair reporting; Dan Rather says he wants to know the particular instances that Nixon referred to (limited by Nixon to television commentators, and specifically excluding reporters); says "What is frantic and hysterical depends on your point of view and your own condition."

Reaction - See clippings on support of Nixon, calls for impeachment, etc. Honking still continuing outside WH.

"Bork, Demos Take Hard Line on Prosecutor" - various developments. Rep. Thomas P. O'Neill, House Democratic leader: "[Nixon's] action of firing Cox was an act of obstructing justice, and the House must continue with its impeachment proceedings!"

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~~Cox on Sunday~~

Bork (Chicago Seven) - At emergency meeting today (at Justice Department?) Bork argues that contempt-of-court charges against the Chicago Seven should be dismissed as (in WXP's wording) "'a liberal gesture' in the Watergate era." Four other key Justice Department aides support Bork, but James R. Thompson, U.S. Attorney in Chicago, and Petersen argue that the case should go forward, and Bork changes his mind. This is the testimony of Thompson 14 Nov in federal court (in Chicago?).

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