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"Eight Days in October," by Saul Pett, Jules Loh and Richard Meyers; events of 19 Oct (deadline for Nixon to comply with or appeal Sirica's order for release of tapes) to 26 Oct (Nixon press conference).

- Story quotes Haig: \* "Your commander in chief has given you an order. You have no alternative." Ruckelshaus: "Other than to resign." \*20 Oct

- Story says that on 22 Oct Richardson's and Ruckelshaus' top assistants resign, eight in all.

"GOP Rumbles About Nixon's Survival," by Loye Miller Jr. and Robert S. Boyd. "The hostile reaction spanned the political spectrum - from traditionally Republican lawyers in New York, to Wallaceite farm folk in Arkansas, to disenfranchised 'hard hats' on a Maryland construction site. .... One Republican senator said people who were willing to tolerate the Watergate scandal as 'just politics' are put off by reports of lavish government spending on Nixon homes, by serious allegations of financial hanky-panky involving ... Rebozo, and by the peculiar handling of a \$100,000 contribution from ... Hughes."

Haig, on Face the Nation. Partial transcript of his remarks on "miscalculation."

Cox - Round-up story says he refused to accept the Nixon "compromise" because he could not obey the directive to stop trying to obtain WH documents - but he was willing to submit it to Sirica and if the court accepted it, he would also. To comply with the directive would violate his promise to the Senate. Remarks were made at his press conference 20 Oct.

- Quale poll finds 75 per cent of those interviewed disapproved the firing of Cox.

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Cox, at press conference, says he had to turn down Nixon's compromise as soon as it was made clear that as the price of getting an amount of the tapes, "I must abandon the fundamental of any impartial investigation that I be free to seek evidence wherever it was in accord with the rules of law."

"I think it's quite possible that the nine tapes will turn out to be less important in a practical sense than they have been in a symbolic sense. They were clearly only the first step in seeking a great deal of important evidence in the White House."

Chou En-lai, intv'd by C.L. Sulzberger, says Watergate has not affected relationships between United States and China; "You have had such things occur in your society before and undoubtedly will have them again. There are many social aspects [of U.S. society as a whole] interwoven into it. It is better not to discuss this issue."

Connally says Nixon owes the country a better explanation than he gave for firing Cox, and should have turned the tapes over months ago. (On Texas weekly press-panel television show.) See entry 30 Oct 73.

Inouye, speaking in San Francisco to Japanese American Citizens League, says promise by Nixon to surrender tapes to Sirca "eases the crisis, but my request (for his resignation) still stands.

~~Nixon press conference 27 Oct 73~~

Nixon still at Camp David, watched football game on television. Entire Nixon family with him, including Cox and Eisenhower, night of 26 Oct and most of 27 Oct.

Julie Eisenhower, in Chicago to dedicate high school, says Nixon "is willing to go through any pain to do what he thinks is right. .... My father is not a man who has ever tried to hide anything. .... The tapes will speak for themselves."

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