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"Nixon Land Deal Probe Reported," this one involving use of Tricia Cox's name and money in purchase of two lots in 1967 from Rebozo, according to Newsweek, out today. Newsweek says Federal and congressional investigators are looking into this, the income tax deduction claimed for "gift" of vice presidential papers, accusations involved in pardoning or commutation of sentence of federal prisoners (including that of a former member of accounting firm which prepared audit on San Clemente), etc.

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Nixon/press conference, reaction. Terrence O'Flaherty:
"There may be a few people who still believe the President's charges that television is responsible for 'outrageous, vicious and distorted reporting' but no reporter could distort what all America could see for itself on television last Friday. It was right in front of us - the sad and fascinating sight of a man breaking into pieces. His hasty retreat in the face of questions from Clark Mollenhoff ... [indicates] that the trick that he claims to have inherited from his midwest parents - 'the tougher it gets, the cooler I get' - is not an accurate temperature reading."

SFC 29 Oct 73, O'Flaherty

ITT - "According to sources close to the case," Kleindienst has told Watergate prosecutors that Nixon personally ordered him not to press antitrust actions against ITT in 1971. After having refused ~~tax~~ request from Ehrlichman to do so, Kleindienst received a call from Nixon, who, "after calling him a vulgar name, said: 'Don't you understand the English language?'"

White House issues statement, saying, "This is an inexcusable breach of confidence on the part of the staff of the former special prosecutor "

SFC 30 Oct 73 [NYT], 1 Nov [UPI]

Cox, testifying ~~before Senate Judiciary Committee~~ ^{as} the first witness in Senate Judiciary Committee's inquiry into his dismissal, releases new list of documents he says WH is holding back despite its public claims of cooperation.

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See story for partial list, which includes requests for all logs of phone calls made by various members of plumbers' group*in connection with their activities between 19 Jun and 13 Dec 71, and (as described by WXP) "logs of any meetings between them and the President during the same period." Haig said 28 Oct that no such meetings had occurred, and implied that Cox had claimed that they had.

SFC 30 Oct 73 [WXP] *Cox press conference, 20 Oct.

White House reaction to response of television networks to Nixon attacks at press conference 26 Oct. Story makes clear strong WH resentment of Cronkite, who on 24 Oct had intv'd Cox and asked him about Nixon's "secret private investment portfolio." Story on it, calling it ~~Nixon's~~ "The Nixon Checkers fund of 1973" originally broadcast 22Oct. (See entry.) - Buchanan, in television interview, criticizes "hysteria" in news coverage of Cox firing, etc.

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"Butz Defends Nixon Milk Actions."

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Gallup poll, conducted immediately after Nixon press conference, shows 55 per cent do not think he should be impeached, 62 per cent do not think he should resign. On press conference, 53 per cent did not find ~~it~~ Nixon convincing on Watergate, 31 per cent did.

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Gurney joins in demands that new prosecutor be assured full independence from executive branch.

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Nixon drives to Camp David tonight (a Monday), after having returned from there Sunday night.

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Watergate grand jury's term, due to expire 4 Dec, extended for six months by House approval of bill, which also allows U.S. District Court to extend it another six months, to 4 Dec 74.

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Cox - Legality of his dismissal and of order abolishing the prosecution force is challenged by Ralph Nader,* later joined in suit by Sen. Frank Moss and Reps. Bella Abzug and Jerome Waldie. See entry 9 Nov 73.

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*Is this the same suit as
in entry 23 Oct? (Bork)