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Tapes - WH will submit to Sirica a detailed analysis of the tapes for item-by-item ruling on what portions will be withheld from jury. Procedure, worked out today by Sirica with Buzhardt, follows 12 Oct directive of Court of Appeals.

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ITT/Nixon - "Cox Had Some Revealing ITT Memos," including one from Colson to Haldeman, 30 Mar 72, describing a memo which could "directly involve the President." Information on these memos, etc., is contained in letter from Richardson 6 Sep 73 to Senate Judiciary Committee, which had asked for a report on a number of documents.

- "A ranking White House official" says the documents "do not show any personal involvement by the President."

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Cox, testifying before Senate Judiciary Committee, second day, warns that WH withholding of documents and tapes would jeopardize a substantial number of future Watergate prosecutions; feels "nearly all" possible defendants would claim these might contain information proving them innocent.

Cox says there is evidence that papers which had once been available are now not available, having been moved into presidential custody; gives as examples papers of Krogh, Ehrlichman and Haldeman.

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submit bill today for
Ervin says committee will/~~push for~~ legislation giving U.S. District Court, WK, jurisdiction to enforce subpoenas brought by congressional committees against the President. Sirica had dismissed committee's suit for tapes, saying only an act of Congress could empower him to hear the case.

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Sen. William B. Saxbe (Rep -Ohio) says he was sounded out by Haig ~~xxx~~ about becoming Attorney General. Haig had (first?) asked if he would be interested in being named special prosecutor, which he refused. Saxbe has criticized Nixon's statements on Watergate, and during the 1972 Christmas bombing of North Vietnam said Nixon "must have taken leave of his senses".

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Bork (ITT) - Bork ~~zzzzzz~~ is an old friend and former law partner of Hammond E. Chaffetz, who represented ITT in one part of its ~~xxxxxxx~~ anti-trust case; judge in the case at one time considered appointing Bork as special master to gather evidence on possible reopening of the case. Nader attorney, Reuben B. Robertson, says Bork should disassociate himself from any Justice Department investigation of ITT; Bork disagrees.

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Rebozo - Three-member board of FDIC votes unanimously to delay action on Proxmire's request for suspension of Rebozo as chief executive officer of Key Biscayne Bank and Trust Company, until completion of two investigations by its staff (started after Proxmire's request).

- Ervin committee source says Rebozo has refused to honor its subpoena of records of Nixon's personal account in Rebozo's bank; records were subpoenaed about ten days ago.

- Rebozo returned \$100,000 to Hughes, "weeks after" IRS began investigating his handling of it, according to "informed sources," after having been advised by his lawyer to do so. No date given for IRS investigation, which concluded that Rebozo handled the \$100,000 legally.

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"A Partisan Dispute on Impeachment in House."

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Connally defends Nixon, says attacks on him have "the smell of a vendetta" and calls on politicians demanding Nixon's impeachment to "put up or shut up." NYT notes that this is a change from his statements 28 Oct (see entry).

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Nixon/resignation - Sen. John V. Tunney calls for Nixon resignation, the second member of the Senate to do so. Inouye had done so 15 Oct and again 28 Oct. Tunney mentions, among other things, public skepticism about the military alert.

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CIA - In first formal report of a congressional panel investigating Watergate, the special subcommittee on intelligence of House Armed Services Committee says the CIA, in various aspects of the case, operated in a way that had no "support in reason or law."

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David Eisenhower, "echoing White House complaints [UPI's description]," accuses news media, especially television networks, of unfair reporting of Nixon's Watergate troubles.

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Cox/ITT - White House says disclosure of Nixon's intervention in ITT case supports his contention that Cox had ~~been~~ run a partisan investigation before he was fired. (See entry 29 Oct.) White House statement is made after Cox acknowledges, in congressional testimony, that he might have been indirect source of the leak; had mentioned the matter to Kennedy, Hart, a member of each of their staffs, and to two of his own law associates who had helped him set up the special prosecutor's office, James Vornberg and Philip B. Heyman. ~~of~~ Says he has had assurances from Kennedy and Hart that they had not leaked the information; no mention of the others.

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ITT - Sec. State of California, Edmund G. Brown Jr. reopens investigation into ITT's reported donation to 1972 Republican National Convention through its Sheraton Hotels subsidiary. Brown had suspended his investigation when Cox said he would investigate this contribution; says he was prompted to reopen the his investigation by both the Cox firing and the revelation that Nixon was involved in Justice Department decision in antitrust suit against ITT. Cox told "a U.S. Senate committee" yesterday that his investigation of ITT was 75 per cent complete when he was fired.

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Nixon (tax deduction) - IRS Commissioner Donald C. Alexander says he will not name an independent auditor to examine the validity of Nixon's \$570,000 tax deduction for the "gift" of his vice presidential papers ; says he has been informed by the IRS chief counsel's office that he lacks legal authority to appoint an independent auditor to examine the returns of any taxpayer.

Thomas A. Field, executive director of Tax Analysts and Advocates, a public interest tax law firm which has challenged the validity of the "gift," says, "Access to the President's tax returns is hardly necessary to evaluate the validity of the President's paper deduction; the salient facts relating to that question are already in the public domain." The question raised by the tax firm was whether the papers had been transferred and formally accepted by the GSA before 25 Jul 69, the date the new tax reform act went into effect. Under the new law, the value of the papers was substantially less because it was to be determined by the paper cost rather than the collector's price.

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