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Missing tapes - Stephen Bull, a special assistant to Nixon, testifies in hearing before Judge Sirica.

¶ Bull says he arranged on 29 Sep for Nixon to hear a series of tapes and "at that time it was apparent that two conversations that had been requested were not on the tapes provided to me." Asked by Douglas Parker, a White House attorney, who had told him the conversations were not on the tape (or tapes), replies, "Ultimately, the President." (No date.) There is no indication in story for number of tapes involved, and no date given for time covered by this "series of tapes."

(Nixon flew to Camp David 29 Sep, a Saturday, "leaving all White House aides behind." No date on return, but 1 Oct goes on two-hour drive with Haig through northern Virginia, later has dinner at Trader Vic's, apparently in very good humor. Entries 29 Sep, 1 Oct.)

¶ Bull identifies his handwriting on box containing tape for 15 Apr, says he wrote "Part 1" on it because "it was a backup recorder and there would have been a part two." Says he made this notation 29 Dec.\* Also gives his explanation for Roman numeral one on the box, that it was placed there by someone else to match up with the letter "i" in Senate committee subpoena requesting that particular tape. \* AMP - 8

¶ Bull testifies that on two occasions in April and May 73 he took 22 tapes out of the EOB safe and gave them to Haldeman, the first time overnight, the second for nearly a week. ~~Erasmus~~ See entry 8 Nov, Haldeman; 11 Nov

¶ Bull acknowledges that when he was interviewed by Ervin committee investigators "earlier this year," he had "hazarded a guess" that the tape he had played for Buzhardt (27 Jun? - entry 2 Nov) was of "around April 15." Now says the date was 20 Mar, having been "educated that it was March 20" by reading transcript of press briefing by Warren (1 Nov?) in which Warren maintained that the tape to which Buzhardt had listened was of that date.

Warren announces in Key Biscayne that Nixon will turn over to Sirica a personal memo that he dictated after the meeting with Dean 15 Apr, "if it's relevant," and if all parties agree to respect its confidentiality.

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Resignation - Long article based on "a series of interviews with a representative number of the Nation's most powerful businessmen and bankers"\* shows that support of Nixon by the business community has deteriorated greatly, many executives calling for his resignation or impeachment. "One executive, for example, says that President Nixon 'is past the point of usefulness' .... " "Some are more disturbed by allegations about the President's personal financial affairs than the Watergate scandals or the controversy over the firing of Cox." "Some raised questions about the President's mental health, and one suggested he might call out 'the troops' if necessary to assure his continuance in office." *A.M.P.A.*

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Resignation - Joseph Alsop: "the time has come for President Nixon to offer his resignation, conditional upon prompt congressional confirmation of his chosen Vice President."

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Missing tapes - Times of London says "President Nixon now has only three options open to him: total disclosure to the Senate of what he knows about the Watergate case, impeachment or resignation;" specifically points to his failure to say earlier that two tapes do not exist.

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Missing tapes - Undated Chicago Tribune story gives additional details, including the following:

¶ Bull has told investigators (no date) that the tape Nixon asked for 27 Jun (see entry that date) was for 15 Apr, which Bull understood to be of a meeting or phone call between Nixon and Dean of that date; Buzhardt has claimed privately that Bull had misunderstood, and that the tape Buzhardt listened to was of a Nixon-Dean phone call of 20 Mar; Zumwalt, who delivered the tape to Buzhardt, has testified it was of a phone call but is unable to specify the date of the tape.

¶ The box for this tape is marked "Part One" (in addition to "I" and "full-remove"?).

¶ SFCEx 2 Nov 73 [Chicago Tribune]  
¶ Explanation of recorder malfunction.

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Haldeman has been subpoenaed and will testify at Sirica tape hearings 8 Nov.

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Resignation - "Republicans' Dilemma: Giving the Hint to Nixon." Run-down on various suggestions. Rep. John H. Roussetot says he does not think there are sufficient votes yet to impeach the President, but if there is "one more kind of Cox episode," impeachment could follow.

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Gallup poll, ~~published today~~ <sup>to be</sup> published 5 Nov, shows Nixon's popularity at 27 per cent, a new low. Poll taken 19-22 Oct; that taken 25 Sep showed 35 per cent approval.

Burns Roper, head of the Roper Poll, says, "The question in my mind now is not whether he (Mr. Nixon) will or will not last out his term, but whether he will or will not last out the calendar year."

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Resignation - Warren says Nixon is "not giving any thought to resigning," adds for emphasis, "The President has no intention of resigning." Says Nixon is "vitaly interested" in having "this whole matter cleared up," and that he "wants to clear this matter up, not walk away from it." Warren is confident "the American people will understand after all the facts are brought out and will view this matter in its totality as it should be."

SFC 3 Nov 73 [NYT] - datelined Miami

Julie Nixon Eisenhower, interviewed on NBC's "Today" show, says "Sometimes I think that we were born under an unlucky star," and that the disclosure that two of the subpoenaed tapes never existed is "another thing that the administration has had to bear." Says that when Judge Sirica has checked the tapes turned over to him, it is "going to lay to rest any suspicions."

Says Nixon "really wants to work with the press" and predicts "we're going to have a better accomodation between the two."

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Mrs. Nixon at Camp David for the weekend; Nixon in Florida.  
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Soviet press (~~the weekly New Times~~), "which once shunned any discussion of the Watergate scandal," has begun carrying reports of moves to impeach Nixon, in "what observers see as a greater effort by the Soviet media to inform the public of the scandal and Mr. Nixon's position."

SFC 3 Nov 73 [AP], datelined Moscow

Milk price decision - Schultz, speaking to a small group of reporters, gives his version of how the decision came about.  
SFC 3 Nov 73 [LATimes]

Saxbe - confirmation hearings are expected to be delayed while Senate Judiciary Committee hears testimony on bills to set up an independent special prosecutor.

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Ervin introduces a bill which would give U.S. District Court, WX, jurisdiction over suits by Congress seeking executive branch information, including Nixon tapes; introduces Senate resolution making clear that in suing for the tapes the committee acted for the entire Senate. AMP-C

In speech to the Senate, Ervin also endorses legislation putting the [?] new special prosecutor under the control of Judge Sirica and the courts, and outside the control of either Congress or the White House. See entry this date,

SFC 3 Nov 73 [AP] special prosecutor

Rebozo - Judge James King (Miami) rules for second time that Rebozo's bank was blameless in sale of 300 shares\* of allegedly stolen IBM stock, in response to request of U.S. Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals, which had asked for a reaffirmation and elaboration of his ruling of Jan 72. Judge King says that several months after bank made loan to Lewis (see entry 25 Oct 73) it asked for repayment, and Lewis ordered the bank to sell the stocks; <sup>the</sup> sale was made in two lots over a month before Hutton and Co. learned they might have been part of the shares removed from its vaults.

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AMPI - Joseph A. Rose Jr, an attorney for AMPI until he was fired "two months ago," testified "last month" (no more precise dates) in closed-door session of Ervin committee (staff interview?). Story is datelined San Antonio. Says in interview today that after he met with Ervin committee, Sid Harris, Washington lawyer for AMPI, offered to pay his legal fees if he would refuse to give additional testimony before the committee. Harris says he was merely trying to find a way for AMPI to test in court attorney-client privilege. Rose's personal attorney, E.S. Prashner, says the offer was made to him by Harris in Rose's presence, 15 Oct.

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Hunt notebooks and address book - Dean tells staff of special prosecutor today that he shredded the two notebooks and threw the pop-up address book into a trash can so it would be destroyed. Date this material was destroyed is not given in story, nor is reason why Dean ~~talking~~ is giving the information at this time.

See entry 5 Nov.

SFC 6 Nov 73 [NYT]

Nixon properties - Jack Anderson says public money was used to pay "every possible petty bill" at San Clemente and Key Biscayne, including some work done at Rebozo's house in Key Biscayne.

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Nixon (coup) - California congressman Fortney H. Stark says Nixon might, out of desperation, attempt to engineer a military coup. Remarks are made before the Supervisors Association of the Naval Air Rework Facility, a civilian group.

After his speech Stark says (to newmen?) this idea came to him after military alert last week. "I felt that it was a manufactured affair, and when the next crisis comes it could be more severe . . . not just an alert but a national emergency." Says that would involve Nixon's invoking emergency war powers; that as Watergate comes closer to him Nixon is running out of alternatives.

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Doubts such a military takeover would be successful because "there are too many good officers who put the country ahead of self and politicians," but points out that the military-industrial elite "represents tremendous power dedicated to self-perpetuation, even if it means sacrificing democracy."

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Special prosecutor - Bork orders reinstated the original guidelines for special prosecutor, with one change, that Jaworski can be dismissed only after Nixon contacts eight congressional leaders, "ascertaining that their consensus is in accord with the proposed action."

See also entr 9 Nov 73, Cox; entry t is date, Ervin  
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Coup - see entry, Nixon (coup) ....

Fortney H. Stark, - see entry, Nixon (coup) ....

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Ⓐ - Those who wish him to remain in office even under present circumstances give two basic reasons, that there has been no actual proof of wrongdoing on his part, and that they prefer him to Ford or Albert.

Ⓑ - SFC prints this as "December 29." The date cannot be either 1972 or 1973, since the conversation was held 15 Apr 73.

Ⓒ - Bill is modified 9 Nov by Ervin, limiting authority to sue to enforce subpoenas; says he and other members of committee have been persuaded that the original bill was too broad.

SFC 10 Nov 73 [AP]

Ⓓ - Warren insists that a dictabelt recording Nixon's recollections of this meeting does exist. Ziegler is asked (no date given), "Was there a dictabelt on the 15th or was there not?" Ziegler, "There was not."

SFEx 18 Nov 73, James McCartney