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Nixon, Rebozo, Abplanalp - photo of the three on Rebozo's houseboat today. See entry 11 Nov, Nixon's latest ...

SFEx 4 Nov 73 Photo also in Newsweek 19 Aug 74, p.45, filed 12 Aug 74.

"Missing Tapes Create Legal Mess" - article on legal considerations, and options open to Judge Sirica. Article quotes unnamed law professor as saying that nonexistence is "the easiest defense in the world" to a subpoena for documents or other pieces of evidence, but it goes on to point out that usually that defense is made as soon as the subpoena is received and that Nixon's lawyers made their announcement more than three months after the subpoena was issued.

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Mrs. Mitchell says Nixon will be out of the White House by spring; "I'll give him till April at the latest." Says this in phone call to UPI reporter (byline is that of Helen Thomas) from her New York apartment.

Mrs. Mitchell says she has not seen her husband since he moved out of their apartment 11 Sep 73. "She indicated that her husband is banking on Mr. Nixon to remain the chief executive in hopes of having his legal problems eased. 'John Mitchell is leaning on the last element he's got,' she added."

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Gurney, in speech in Miami Beach, proposes a six-point plan for a "domestic truce between President Nixon and his critics, one of the points being a halt to "all impeachment proposals and procedures" until (all?) Watergate criminal investigations are completed.

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in Oklahoma City

Strom Thurmond, at press conference/before a Support the President Rally, challenges congressional critics of Nixon to bring impeachment charges against him. "'If they really have grounds, let them bring them and quit talking about it,' Thurmond said, adding that bring such charges might be the best way to clear the air."

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Tapes - Goldwater, in Wichita, Kansas, tells reporters that he expects a "startling development" in the court hearings on the tapes. Story does not give date for this statement but Goldwater (see entry 5 Nov) says it was "Saturday" (today).

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Buzhardt and Garment fly to Miami to "review the proceedings" in tape hearings; do not get to meet with Nixon but do confer with Haig and Harlow.

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Ⓐ - See entry 1 Nov 73, Nixon makes sudden departure