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Rose Mary Woods testifies that some of the tapes are of such poor quality that voices are inaudible or drowned out by extraneous noises, and that the quality of the first one she had attempted to transcribe, at Camp David 29 Sep, was so bad it took her more than 30 hours to transcribe a meeting listed on WH logs as lasting 90 minutes. <sup>NYT</sup> Tells Sirica she has been unable to prepare a full transcript of the tapes subpoenaed by the prosecutors.

Miss Woods' testimony raises another apparent discrepancy; says she was given eight tapes for the 28-29 Sep working weekend at Camp David; NYT says Bull had testified earlier in the week that 13 tapes had been taken there. ~~(NYT for today not yet checked)~~ (Do not have?)

Miss Woods says that just before she left for court today Buzhardt found a tape covering the first part of the day of 16 Apr 73, which includes a meeting between Nixon and Dean.

Asked about Nixon's files, she says, "He's a saver. He saves menus from dinners - small things - and gives us those to file." AMP - 2

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Haldeman testifies today, describes the quality of one of the tapes he listened to as "quite adequate for getting a report of the conversation despite some "bad intervals."

Says he thought he had returned 22 tapes on 26 Apr 73, the same day he took them out; Secret Service logs AMP - 3 indicate, however, that they were not returned until 2 May. ~~xxxx says the one tape he listened to (NYT is wrong) was of 21 Mar 73 and says that of the 22~~ In WXP's account of this testimony, Haldeman says he listened to only one of the 22, the tape of Nixon-Dean conversation of 21 Mar 73.

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WXP 9 Nov 73, Lardner, who includes more details

Tapes - WH lawyer Samuel J. Powers (entry 7 Nov) says that because of concern over "fragility" of the tapes, copies are being made to make sure all recordings of those subpoenaed are preserved.

SFCh 9 Nov 73 - from NYT but not in Times' story  
- Richard Ben-Veniste tells Sirica that prosecution force has not yet decided whether to accept or reject WH

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contention that two of the subpoenaed tapes had never been recorded, says he might propose later that some of the tapes be copied and the originals placed in Sirica's custody. Unclear whether this statement, made in midafternoon, came before or after that of Powers (first paragraph above).

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Nixon makes surprise appearance at Nevada State Society dinner honoring Mrs. Nixon and two other women. "Clad in a tuxedo and flashing a V for victory sign, the President was ebullient in praise of his wife and [the two other women] ... for their 'spirit of character'." Praises role of women in American life. Tells audience of Mrs. Nixon's bravery during stoning in Caracas, says she has the spirit and determination of his Quaker mother, who told him - "from sick bed after serious operation - "Richard, don't you ever give up." Says, "And I don't intend to give up."

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Nixon (mental health, character) - See article by James David Barber, "The Things We Might Have Seen."

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SFC 6 Nov 73, Terrence O'Flaherty - filed Nixon

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Tapes - There are defects in the seven tapes to be turned over to Sirica, according to WXPost, which bases its story on White House sources "questioned over the past three days." Portions of the tapes are "inaudible" due to "gaps in conversation," "unevenness," "excessive background noise," "cut-ins and cut-outs during conversation," and "periods of silence." ("Gaps in conversation" and "periods of silence" in voice-activated recording?) One source says microphones ~~were highly sensitive and capable of picking up~~ apparently failed to pick up some conversation; story points out that White House officials have said the microphones were highly sensitive and capable of picking up even hushed conversation, and quotes from testimony of Butterfield and Haldeman.

"Of five sources who confirmed that defects have been found in the tapes, one said the problems are 'of a suspicious nature.' According to this source, some conversation on some of the tapes appears to have been erased or obliterated by the injection - inadvertent or otherwise - of background noise." (Compare last sentence with that in same story as carried in SFC; if one or the other is a correction, there is no way of knowing which is the correct one.)

WXP 8 Nov 73, Bernstein and Woodward

Impeachment - James Kilpatrick: "The time has come to proceed with the impeachment and trial of Richard Nixon. ... I am not urging or predicting that two-thirds of the Senate vote for conviction and removal from office. I am saying simply that the House of Representatives should perform a service to the country, and perhaps to Mr. Nixon as well, by voting a bill for impeachment. .... Resignation is not the answer."

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Nixon is defended by Secretary of Commerce Frederick B. Dent, who says in Montgomery, Alabama, that a "vindictive and irresponsible cult" is trying to force his resignation. This defense is described by AP as "one of the strongest ... that has come from any high government figure in recent weeks."

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Butterfield - In undated story, Vera Glaser says, "Despite rumors he'll be forced out as administrator of [the FAA] ... Butterfield insists he has suffered no retaliation for revealing the most embarrassing information yet to come from an official still in high office." She ~~describes him as~~ says "the super-loyal Nixon aide ... is super-cool about the crisis he triggered."

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Impeachment - AFL-CIO launches nationwide campaign for impeachment, asks its 13.5 million members to contact their congressmen. See story for bill of particulars. The campaign is an extension of demand, voted by AFL-CIO convention 22 Oct, that Nixon either resign or be removed from office. Statement says that "Since then, Mr. Nixon has given clear evidence he does not intend to resign (and) the AFL-CIO therefore calls for his immediate impeachment."

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Ervin committee lawyers and WH lawyers meet to discuss committee's request for a meeting with Nixon (Dash, Thompson, Garment, Buzhardt).

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Cox - Richardson, testifying at Senate Judiciary Committee, says ~~WH~~ there were indications two months after Cox started investigation that the White House wanted to get rid of Cox. Consulting notes he took during phone conversations, testifies about one from Haig, 23 Jul, quotes him as saying, "The President wants a tight line drawn . . . and no further mistakes . . . or we'll get rid of Cox." However, says "it would be going beyond the evidence as I know it to conclude that there was a determination to get rid of Cox going back to July." Says the WH never tried to pressure him in an improper way.

SFC 9 Nov 73 [UPI] See entry 23 Jul, Tapes.

Jaworski, testifying before House Judiciary Subcommittee, says Congress "could well stall" Watergate investigation by insisting on legislation separating the prosecution force from the legislative branch.

Says he has already asked the White House for

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"everything" ~~has~~, but has not yet received some of the material, Buzhardt telling him "they are having difficulty locating it."

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Military alert - Australian Prime Minister Gough Whitlam says, at National Press Club, Canberra, that alert of U.S. forces was "an announcement for domestic United States consumption."

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Segretti - State Bar of California asked California Supreme Court to consider disbaring him.

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President Idi Amin of Uganda sends telegram to Nixon to congratulate him on not resigning. "I wish to congratulate you and compliment you most sincerely for this courageous stand. I am sure any other weak leader would have resigned or committed suicide after being subjected to so much harassment because of the Watergate affair." (See also entries 5 Jul, 9 Sep 73.) Photo, 14 Dec 73.

Vietnam - Entry 7 Nov, "Saigon spokesman says ... " should be included under this date.

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(A) - Profile of Rose Mary Woods says her feud with Haldeman was an open secret.

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(B) - See entry 2 Nov 73.

(C) - LATimes says Miss Woods took the 20 Jun tape with her to Camp David on 29 Sep. (WH logs for 20 Jun list Nixon-Haldeman meeting of 90 minutes, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.; Cox subpoena combines this with earlier meeting with Ehrlichman, listing it as Nixon-Ehrlichman-Haldeman meeting, 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. This is the only meeting of 90 minutes in the tapes subpoenaed by Cox.)

SFC 26 Nov 73 [LATimes]