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Nixon meets with seven top Republican senators and representatives (Anderson, Scott, Griffin, Tower, Aiken, Ford, Rhodes), talks for nearly two hours about the effect of Watergate on his administration and ways to restore public confidence. Anderson predicts that information recorded on the tapes will be made public, after the tapes have been screened by Sirica and "the material" presented to the grand jury, but hints that this could be less than a full verbatim disclosure.* Anderson: "The President was absolute and complete in his assurance that he is going to cooperate with the courts and the special prosecutor. I feel a great deal more confident." *AMP D

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Sentenced by Sirica, who says he is giving them the lowest minimum he thinks justified under the circumstances: AMP-A
Hunt, two and a half to eight years, \$10,000 fine;
McCord, one to five years; Sturgis, Martinez, Gonzalez, one to four years; Barker, 18 months to six years. All could have received sentences of from 50 to 65 years. Sturgis, Martinez and Gonzalez will be eligible for parole before Christmas. McCord and Liddy are appealing on the grounds they were convicted on perjured and incomplete testimony. (See McCord entry 30 Nov 73.)

Daniel E. Schultz, lawyer for the four Florida defendants, describes Sturgis as "that type of man representing the person who has historically made this country good." Asks, "How much more punishment do you mete out to the soldiers when the architects of the plan, the generals, haven't spent a day in jail and may never do so?"

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Rebozo - Frank S. De Boer, vice president of Key Biscayne Bank and Trust Co. says he has resigned in the face of removal action by the FDIC, which was based on his activities as an officer and director of National Home Products Inc. and as partner in Baerwald and De Boer, a broker-dealer (firm?) whose license was revoked by SEC in 1971. In Oct 70 De Boer was expelled from New York stock exchange (for reasons, see story).

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Ervin committee - Senate approves legislation giving U.S. District Court jurisdiction to hear committee's suit for WH records of Nixon conversations and rule on validity of committee subpoenas. Bill is sent to House.

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Tapes -

Haldeman testifies that he listened to a number of tapes in July, at home, but is unable to remember how many tapes he requested, the dates of the tapes, who at the White House gave them to him, or to whom he returned them after keeping them one or two nights. See entry 31 Jul 73,

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Tapes -

Higby testifies that in April he obtained tape of the meeting 21 Mar for Haldeman, who listened to it privately for about two hours; says Haldeman may have made some comment about the poor quality of the recordings. "I asked him about the content of the tape and his reply was 'There's no problem for the President.'"

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Cox - U.S. District Judge Gerhard A. Gesell agrees to consider legality of Cox's dismissal and of the order temporarily abolishing the prosecution force. The dismissal was challenged 29 Oct 73 by Nader, later joined by Sen. Frank Moss and Reps. Bella Abzug and Jerome Waldie; Gesell drops Nader as a party in the suit, saying he has no legal standing to sue, and turns down requests for injunctions to "halt" the dismissal of Cox and Jaworski's acting as special prosecutor.

When Cox took the job in May he and Richardson worked out a set of guidelines (made an official departmental regulation when published 4 Jun 73 in Federal Register) which stated that he could be dismissed only for "extraordinary improprieties." This regulation was still in force when Cox was fired by Bork 20 Oct, "as instructed by the President," and with no mention of "extraordinary improprieties." On 23 Oct Bork issued a departmental order abolishing special prosecutor's office and turning its personnel and functions over to Criminal Division of Justice Department. On 1 Nov Jaworski was appointed and on 2 Nov

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Bork ordered the old guidelines reinstated, with one change, that Jaworski could be dismissed only after Nixon contacts eight congressional leaders "ascertaining that their consensus is in accord with the proposed action."

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Cox staff - WXP quotes unnamed member of staff as saying they are "pretty impressed by Jaworski's attitude," and Jaworski as saying "I'm happily impressed" and that he has heard nothing of any unwillingness of staff to stay on. WXP says many staff lawyers "are expressing in private conversation a sense of relief over Cox's replacement." (Relief^{what} was replaced? Relief that Jaworski was replacement?)

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Special national election - Sen. William D. Hathaway (Dem-Maine) urges Congress to provide for a special national election if Nixon should leave office before Ford is sworn in. "If the President leaves office, the mandate of last year is negated. It seems logical to me to allow the people themselves to decide who shall then receive what only they can rightfully give." His proposal, and similar legislation suggested in the last few days by members of the House, is opposed by Mike Mansfield, who tells reporters Congress had "better follow constitutional procedures. This is no time for experimentation."

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Richardson, in television interview, says a crisis of confidence exists and that "Several concrete steps have to be taken. The President has to find some way whereby some responsible group can ask him questions, but he doesn't have to be under oath."

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Nixon flies to Camp David, but newsmen are not permitted to watch helicopter take off from WH lawn or land at Camp David, and were not told he had left until helicopter had already taken off. WH press assistant, Michael Shroug, is asked if there has been a change in policy and whether newsmen

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are now forbidden to watch takeoffs and landings; answers,
"I don't want to go that far," but does not elaborate.

Nixon takes with him Mrs. Nixon and young Eisenhowers.
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Saxbe (on effect of Watergate scandals on businessmen) -
Pacifica, New York, says Saxbe "in early September" told
the Wall Street Journal, "I get the feeling sometimes that
this administration could be the last chance for businessmen
to run the country and they've struck out. I'm afraid
that as a result of booting [?] this chance we'll go back
to the misery lobby and the social planners."

KPFA News, report by David Gelber, WBAI, 9 Nov 73

Nixon-Wallace - Jack Anderson says Jaworski "has inherited
a number of unfinished investigations that could embarrass
the man who appointed him. There have been other
awkward inquiries not mentioned in the press. The
special prosecutors were questioning witnesses, for
example, about a whispered deal between the President and
Alabama's Governor George Wallace." See column, which
~~says~~ suggests that pressure was put on Wallace ~~through~~
to run in 1972 campaign as a Democrat rather than as a
third-party candidate, through tax investigation of
Wallace's brother, Gerald, and of the Wallace brothers'
law firm.

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Impeachment - Joseph Alsop warns that "Fidel Castro and his
Cubans" might attack Guantanamo Bay, the North Vietnamese
are likely fairly soon "to tear up whatever remains of the
truce agreement," and that "big Soviet air transports [are]
rewved up on the south Russian airfields where the Soviet
airborne forces are now on alert."

"You may be ... in a righteous fever for President
Nixon's impeachment. But you still have to include in
your calculations the Watergate horror's hideous effect on
the U.S. world position. All the foregoing threats are
unquestionably Watergate-connected."

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Uher 5000 recorder, modification of - See entry 16 Jan 74,
Tape (20 Jun 72).

Hunt, McCord, Sturgis, Martinez, Gonzalez, Barker -
sentenced. See entry, Sentenced by Sirica

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(A) - Unclear whether this remark refers only to the sentences imposed on Martinez, Sturgis, Gonzalez; story says it was made after announcement of their sentences.

(B) - NYT: "The guidelines also stated that the work of the Watergate investigation [special prosecution force?] would continue until the job was done."

(C) - Is this the same suit as in entry 23 Oct, Bork?

(D) - Aiken says/it is his understanding that it will be about five weeks before Nixon will release the material publicly.
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