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Missing tapes - Undated round-up story, /includes the following:

"Haldeman ... was given 22 tapes on April 26, according to Secret Service records. Haldeman testified under oath he was sure he returned them the same day. But Secret Service records say that the 22 tapes were not turned in until ... six days later. As far as testimony in court is concerned, no one knows where those tapes were for those six days - and what might have been done with them. More importantly, three of the tapes that were missing for this six day period in April ... are among the most crucial tapes in the Watergate affair." Story does not describe these three, but one is that of Nixon-Dean conversation of 21 Mar 73.

"In July ... Haldeman was permitted to check out a total of nine tapes. One of those was for April 15 this year Oddly, there are no original Secret Service records to prove that Haldeman ever returned this tape. A Secret Service "log" notebook prepared in July, after the public learned of the existence of the White House recording system, lists ~~that~~ what [sic - typo for "that"?] tape as having been returned. But the original records from which this notebook was prepared do not show that it was."

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Paragraph 1, see entry 26 Apr 73, Haldeman says ...
(tape 21 Mar) 2 Nov 73, Missing tapes

Paragraph 2, see entry 31 Jul 73, Note E
(tape 15 Apr) 1 Nov 73, Missing tapes
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"Nixon's latest strategy: Negotiation." Undated analysis by Robert S. Boyd. "Out of the night that covers him, President Nixon has sent word that he means to carry on and not quit. He's said it before, but this time, with his back up against the wall, Nixon and his associates* have developed a new strategy to save his presidency. It's a strategy of negotiation - not confrontation, to borrow a favorite Nixon phrase from earlier, happier days. The latest in Nixon's many Watergate game plans may be, like its predecessors, too little and too late. The switch in tactics was apparently decided on last weekend at Key Biscayne.*.... The chastened behavior of the President and his men last week differed noticeably from their previous aggressiveness. They are promising to 'clarify' and 'explain' and 'cooperate' - as the price of survival." See clipping.

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See entry 1 Nov, Nixon makes sudden departure

*See picture, SFEx 4 Nov

Impeachment - Undated story says letters are being received by House Judiciary Committee at the rate of 5000 to 6000 a day and running better than 35 to 1 in favor of impeachment; daily flow ranges from low of 5,000 to as many as 17,000. Aide to the committee says most of the communications appear to be spontaneous and unsolicited, unlike the orchestrated letter campaigns on the busing issue and civil rights.

- Article by Patrick J. Sloyan lists various groups "organizing drives that have an identical message - impeach Nixon."

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- Dole, former GOP chairman, says Nixon should not resign and that House "should proceed without delay" to look into grounds for impeachment to maintain Nixon's "right to due process."

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Nixon - Sen. Charles Percy says (on Meet the Press) that to restore public confidence Nixon would have to make "total and complete disclosure [of] everything relating to the possibility of criminal activity. I think the President is preparing to do this now." Says this is shown by ~~the fact~~ "the very fact that we have now been invited, every member of Congress, every senator, every congressman, Democrat and Republican, to meet with the President next week in six unusual sessions" where Nixon will be questioned and explain his position.

WH spokesman confirms ~~this but says there are~~ that there would be a series of six meetings but says there is no plan at present for meetings with Democrats.

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Bork (on Face the Nation), asked if Haig had prefaced a discussion with him by saying, "Professor Bork, you know of course you're on the top of our list for the next Supreme Court vacancy," says, "It has been booted about the White House that I might be a candidate for that job but I was never offered that," and that "Nobody ever suggested I was next in line" for the Supreme Court. (See entry 5 Apr 73, Judge Byrne.)

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Judge Byrne.)

~~News bias - Richard Salant, president, CBS News, contradicts~~
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McGovern predicts that Nixon will be forced out of office once Ford is confirmed as vice president. Says in intv that after Ford is confirmed he (McGovern) would favor impeachment as the best way to deal with the problem. "That gives the President his day in court. But I would predict that either we're going to get an impeachment or a resignation."

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