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Slapping incident (17 Nov) - White House reaction and that of "the alleged victim," Master Sergeant Edward K. Kleizo, 50, Air Force veteran, who describes the slap as "a friendly gesture" and "the greatest honor I ever had." Kleizo says no one from the White House staff had talked to him about the incident, but Mrs. Kleizo says a lieutenant colonel had contacted her husband.

Two reporters who saw the slap are William Eaton, Chicago Daily News, and Matt Cooney, Westinghouse Broadcasting Corp. WXP says Wall Street Journal, New York Daily News and St. Louis Post Dispatch filed stories, but that television networks and majority of newspapers represented (in press pool?) decided there was insufficient basis for a story.

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Tapes - Sirica, who 12 Nov issued timetable for surrender of seven tapes and related documents, deadline tomorrow, today grants delay until 26 Nov because WH says one of its lawyers, Samuel J. Powers, is hospitalized with pneumonia in Miami. Powers, hired three weeks ago ~~was~~ to handle courtroom aspects for WH, helped work out timetable for surrender of the materials.

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Republican Governors at winter conference of Republican Governors Association are told by George Gallup that it is "wishful thinking" to believe the GOP will not be badly hurt by Watergate, says his polls show that a smaller percentage of voters say they would vote for Republican congressional candidates today than at any time since his polling began in 1935, and calls congressional elections the real barometer of party strength.

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Watergate grand jury's tenure, due to run out 5 Dec, is extended to 5 Jun 74 by voice vote in the Senate, without opposition.

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ITT - Undated story headed "New Twist in ITT Case."  
"Federal investigators have learned that on March 6, 1972, an attorney for [ITT] delivered to the White House a set of ... "politically sensitive" documents in the ITT affair. [Thirteen letters and memos considered central to the investigation of possible perjury and obstruction of justice.] On the same day the documents were delivered, ... Ehrlichman ... called William J. Casey, the chairman of the [SEC], and suggested that the SEC's enforcement division not seek the documents by subpoena." See story for details.

SFC 19 Nov 73 [NYT], E.W. Kenworthy

Vesco - Very detailed article in Wall Street Journal says he has arranged for status of permanent resident in Argentina, that 22 Oct he obtained an order from an Argentine court granting him immunity from extradition, and that "about" 1 Nov he received assurances from minister of the interior, Benito Llambi (after Llambi had consulted with President Peron) that any U.S. request for his extradition would be denied. U.S. ambassador to the Bahamas 1 Nov requested Vesco's arrest on the basis of a secret indictment which was unsealed in New York 31 Oct.

Most of the information in paragraph above is attributed to "well-placed sources outside the Vesco camp [who] said last week ... " "Last week" would include 13 Nov, when U.S. government lawyers were present at Nassau magistrate's hearing on Vesco's extradition, and 16 Nov, date of phone interviews of Llambi and Jose Marti Figueres (Figueres flew with Vesco to Buenos Aires "around" 1 Nov).

See entries 6, 13 Nov 73; check Chron prior to these dates for earlier entries on Vesco.

Wall Street Journal 19 Nov 73, Scott R. Schmedel,  
Nassau

Impeachment - Editorial.

-"The Big Impeachment Trial of 1868," by Arlen J. Large.  
Wall Street Journal, 19 Nov 73

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Saxbe - Three of four law school professors testify before Senate Judiciary Committee that Saxbe cannot be made constitutionally eligible for appointment as attorney general with the aid of a special bill, by which the salary of an attorney general would be rolled back to \$35,000 to make him eligible.

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Baker, speaking at AP Managing Editors convention, says of Watergate that "it is entirely possible we have only seen the tip of the iceberg," and that "the hundred or so loose ends won't be tied up" by the time the committee issues its final report.

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Ervin committee investigator, Scott Armstrong, is suspended ~~by Dash~~ for a month without pay by Dash, who believes Armstrong was the source of newspaper article highly critical of the staff. NYT says Armstrong "was deeply involved in the committee's inquiry into ... Rebozo." Weicker praises Armstrong and offers him a job on his personal staff.

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AMPI made disguised payments of more than \$175,000, between Dec 69 and Apr 72, to a lawyer, Stuart (?) H. Russell, according to his deposition taken today in connection with lawsuit involving other dairy cooperatives and antitrust action against AMPI by Justice Department. Russell then passed the money on to Robert Lilly, formerly of AMPI's political staff. Russell says he believes this financial arrangement was to cover up AMPI's business with law firms, including those of Kalmbach, Connally and Mitchell.

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Nixon - "President Nixon may think he is taking a beating at the hands of network news commentators, but lately other segments of television have been taking up where the straight news programs leave off." Story names Johnny Carson and Don Meredith, a sportcaster who called Nixon "Tricky Dickie."

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Impeachment - Stanford Daily is one of 84 college newspapers calling today in editorials for impeachment of Nixon. The editorial was written and circulated by the Amherst Student, and as far as is known none of the papers approached to run the editorial have refused. The editorial was written following firing of Cox and Nixon's refusal to turn over subpoenaed tapes to Sirica. Cox is to be the speaker at Stanford commencement exercises, the unanimous first choice of senior class officers.

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