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Nixon meets with Republican governors for two hours at their winter conference, assures them he knows of no more embarrassing revelations still to come to light about Watergate. Gov. Winfield Dunn, Tennessee: "He said if there are, he is not aware of them." Gov. James E. Holshouser, North Carolina: "[He said] the key tapes, the key dates, the tapes are there, and would be heard by the courts." Gov. Robert Ray of Iowa: "[He said] that some of the tapes are more audible than others. They are not the kind of tapes that you can play on the radio, you have to have ear plugs to hear them."

Gov. Tom McCall, Oregon: "I think [the governors] left with a sense of relief that the President was relaxed, in complete control of himself." Gov. Winfield Dunn, Tennessee: "The President left no doubt that he is absolutely in control of himself mentally and physically."

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Nixon's physical and mental health - see above, also 25 Nov.

Tapes - see above; also entry 6 Dec, on "some sinister force."

Rebozo - FBI (story datelined WX) refuses to discuss role of Miami agent, Kenneth W. Whittaker, <sup>in</sup> inspecting cash given to Rebozo by Howard Hughes, giving as reason that Whittaker has been interviewed by Ervin committee staff. He was called by the staff after Nixon 16 Nov told a group of congressmen that the FBI had inspected the money. (See entry 16 Nov.) (See Meier, below.)

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John E. Meier, friend of ~~Donald~~ Nixon's brother, F. Donald Nixon, and former employee of Howard Hughes, has, "according to several sources," information relating to money given by Hughes to Rebozo.

Ervin committee had asked Sirica to grant Meier limited immunity on any evidence he might furnish the committee. Today Sirica grants request of Watergate prosecutor's office that he block the immunity order until 5 Dec, the maximum permitted by law. No reason for request is given

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by prosecutor's office.

See story for details of Meier's involvement in the first of two unsuccessful attempts to deliver the Hughes money in 1968.

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Jaworski tells Senate Judiciary Committee he met with Haig "last week" and it was agreed that he could see WH materials to decide if national security is legitimately involved in any WH effort to withhold them from grand jury. Says Haig initiated the meeting because prosecutors plan an indictment related to Fielding break-in. (Unclear whether WH materials in question are limited to this case.)

Jaworski says that on 19 Nov he wrote to the WH for the third time, asking for tapes and documents he had already requested and had not received, and that he took the matter up with Haig at the meeting. Says he will give the WH a few more days to produce them or he will get a court order to force the administration to do so.

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Vesco (see 19 Nov) - UPI, datelined Buenos Aires, says Vesco has applied for Argentine resident's visa, according to ~~governments spokesman~~ spokesman for the Interior Ministry, who says he does not know if it has been approved. Asked about report that Vesco was promised a permanent resident's visa and immunity from extradition by Interior Secretary Benito Llambi, the spokesman says, "The minister never had an interview with Mr. Vesco. What's more, he's never seen him."

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Martha Mitchell, in interview (with UPI?), that Nixon "knew everything that was going on" before and after the Watergate break-in, that Mitchell told her he had discussed the campaign with Nixon aboard the presidential yacht, and that "there wasn't anything that Nixon didn't know. This is the truth."

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Ford nomination approved, 9 to 0, by Senate Rules Committee;  
House Judiciary Committee hearings continue.

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Saxbe - Senate Judiciary Committee decides to let the full Senate judge the constitutionality of Saxbe's nomination, ~~with~~ with no recommendation for approval or disapproval of a bill designed to remove a constitutional impediment to his nomination. The bill would lower the attorney general's salary - until 1975 - from its present \$60,000 to old level of \$35,000.

Sen. Robert C. Byrd says he will oppose the bill because it is not constitutionally acceptable, says the constitutional bar to Saxbe is "so clear that it can't be waived."

SFC 21 Nov 73 [UPI]

Tapes, taping equipment - See "Nixon Statements and the Record," on Nixon statements at APME convention 17 Nov, comparing them with details on the public record and his own previous statements.

NYT 20 Nov 73, James M. Naughton

Nixon (Hutschnecker) - "Politics and the Couch: A Talk With Nixon's Former Doctor." Article on Dr. Arnold Hutschnecker, who had a "four-year professional association" with Nixon, 1951-55.

(SFC 2 Dec 73), this file 20 Nov 73

Article, by Jean M. White, appeared 20 Nov 73, WXP,  
filed Nixon - WXP version has more detail on Nixon

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Ⓐ - See entry 6 Dec 73 (Tapes, sinister force) on Haig testimony about a WH meeting (of Watergate defense team?) this evening; according to Haig, at this time WH lawyers were convinced that Rose Mary Woods could not have caused (all of?) the humming noise on tape of 20 Jun 72.

Ⓑ - This is probably the date ("eight days later" than 12 Nov - see entry 16 Jan 74, Tape) on which Louis Sims says he received a request from Buzhardt that the recorder (by inference, Uher 500) be picked up from his office and restored to its original shape (presumably so that it would be capable of recording).

SFC 17 Jan 74 [AP]

Ⓒ - This is the date Buzhardt (in testimony 21 Nov) said WH conducted "a large number of technical tests" with tape of 20 Jun 72, all of which were "unsuccessful."

SFC 22 Nov 73 [WXP]

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