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Nixon (finances) - "It was learned" today that Nixon is preparing to disclose that he and his wife will leave San Clemente estate to the government upon their deaths. Close associates of Nixon say the Nixons decided to do this some time ago.

- Members of a WH group are completing detailed statements on Nixon's personal finances; unnamed "official" says the statements "will disprove once and for all, all the charges leveled against the President - that he used campaign funds to buy property, that he has a secret million-dollar investment portfolio or that there are irregularities in his income taxes." See story for money details.

Story deals with two certificates of deposit totaling \$250,000 purchased from Rebozo's bank, one for \$100,000 purchased in Sep 69, and the other for \$150,000 purchased in Mar 73.* Both bank officials and presidential spokesmen insist there is no connection between Nixon's certificates of deposit and Hughes money, \$100,000, delivered to Rebozo in late 1969.

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Campaign contributions - Sen. Alan Cranston says Senate Banking Subcommittee is investigating meddling in Small Business Administration by members of WH staff and CREP; investigation centers in SF Bay Area and Los Angeles. "Primarily we're talking about \$1,000 contributions. Apparently, a quota had been set up where the Administration wanted a million dollars out of minority business doing business with the government.

Ervin committee has re-opened its investigation of SBA operations in California; the House Small Business Subcommittee has been investigating the SBA for two months.

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Tapes - Round-up story on 18-minute gap in tape (no date, no attribution) says, "Miss Woods immediately informed the President. Buzhardt was also informed of the 18-minute wipe-out, she said." The accident supposedly happened 1 Oct; 14 Nov was the date Buzhardt said he first learned the 18 minutes were missing.

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Samuel Garrison III, selected by Republicans on House Judiciary Committee to serve as associate minority counsel, begins work today.

See columns by Jack Anderson 26 Feb 74 and 26 Jul 74,
or entries on those dates. 10 May 74.

Congressional Quarterly, W/gate Vol. 2, p. 261

House Judiciary Committee - See entry, Samuel Garrison III.

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Ⓐ - Purchase of \$100,000 certificate was made 9 Sep 69, for a six-month term, and has been renewed periodically since then.

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A - See entry 7 Dec 73: Nixon, income tax.