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Rose Mary Woods is "awfully upset" about the way WH lawyers have been handling the case of the 18-minute gap in the tape, and the way they have been portraying her role in creating the gap, according to her lawyer, Charles Rhyne, who "made it clear that he is upset as well, and that he feels that the White House lawyers have behaved improperly in their dealings with Miss Woods." NYT says current edition of Newsweek <sup>(10 Dec)</sup> quotes Rhyne as telling a friend that WH lawyers were throwing her to the wolves.\* This is denied tonight by Rhyne in telephone interview, saying he does not know "where Newsweek got those quotes" since he has not spoken to anyone from the magazine or discussed the case with any of his friends.

"As Rhyne ... sees it, the White House lawyers present in court that day were, in effect, Miss Woods' lawyers. And as her lawyers, he said [tonight], they had a duty to correct the record and remove any 'ambiguity.' 'One of the things you're supposed to do is not let the record look bad for your client,' he said."

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\* x^1^p = 1/3

Nixon (finances) - "A Report on Income Tax Paid by Nixon," story on documents being prepared for release this week as part of "Operation Candor." For facts and figures, see clipping.

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Harris poll, conducted for Senate Subcommittee on Intergovernmental Relations and released by the subcommittee today, shows that a majority of those polled, 53 per cent, agree that "there is something deeply wrong in America;" 37 per cent disagree. Harris organization says it is the first time since the assassinations of King and Robert Kennedy in 1968 that a majority has answered the question in the affirmative. When those polled were asked "what they would bring up if they had a chance to sit down and talk with President Nixon, three out of every four persons said 'Watergate.'"

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"Impeachment Possible in January." "Some congressional Republicans acknowledge that President Nixon is operating against a late-January deadline in his campaign to lift the Watergate cloud from his administration. If he fails by the time the next session of Congress begins, about Jan. 21, a serious impeachment move could come, they say. .... [One] Republican, quoted by his aide, said visits home during the recess could result in a 'changed attitude' toward Nixon among many House Republicans who have so far balked at impeachment."

- Akron Beacon-Journal, which once endorsed Nixon, says in editorial it believes his impeachment is warranted, and that the House has more than enough to justify indictment, citing Watergate, bombing of Cambodia, plumbers, etc.

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- Reston: "At some point the American people are probably going to have to think about the consequences of indecision: about not being able to resolve the Nixon question, not being able either to believe in him or get rid of him. .... The ~~debate in the country is centering on whether the~~ Judiciary Committee of the House will not impeach and the Senate will not sit in judgment on the case unless they are forced to by public opinion. But the evidence 'at this point in time,' as the Watergate boys say, is that the people are tired and bored with the whole thing, and this is the President's hope, and the nation's problem."

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Colson - WXP says it has obtained WH documents showing that Colson had agreed (no date) to intervene in a criminal investigation of Daniel F. Gagliardi, a Teamsters Union official; Post says Gagliardi "is a close associate of John (Buster) Ardito, a member of the Mafia 'family' once headed by the late Vito Genovese . . ." Post does not say Colson intervened, but Gagliardi was not indicted and the case was dropped. UPI points out that after Colson left the WH and entered private law practice one of his first clients was the Teamsters Union.

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Ⓐ - "Rhyne was quoted [by Newsweek] as saying that with just the little he knows of the tapes affair he could, quote, 'blow the lid right off the White House.'" (Newsweek 10 Dec, p. 27.)

KPFA News 3 Dec 73, transcript

Ⓑ - SFC, reporting on Newsweek story, adds quote from Rhyne, "You wouldn't believe what they asked her to do." Not found in Newsweek itself (10 Dec., p. 27).

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