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Nixon (finances) - Nixon lawyers and accountants release charts and documents detailing the Nixons' income and expenses since they entered the White House. Nixon offers to let "a Democratic-controlled Congressional committee" (wording of Knight News Service) examine his tax returns. This appears to be the Joint Congressional Committee on Internal Revenue Taxation, headed by Rep. Wilbur Mills. Statement by Nixon says, "I will abide by the committee's judgment."

Reporters are permitted to inspect copies of Nixon's tax returns for 1969-72, but copies may not be taken out of the White House, nor may they be photographed.

See several stories in file, which include material on: "Gift" of Vice Presidential papers, which Nixon claims was made on 27 Mar 69.** Statute of limitations on taxes for 1969 has expired. * ANIP - B

Details of real estate investments.

"Massive" tax deductions; tax rate of 4.7 per cent. The Nixons paid no California or D.C. taxes for four years, no capital gains tax on land sold to Abplanalp and Rebozo. * ANIP - A

Charity contributions (\$295 in 1972; income \$268,777).

Tax deduction for personal office furniture used in the White House; write-off of entire cost of maintaining two houses at Key Biscayne, 25 per cent for upkeep, San Clemente.

Sale of two lots on Key Biscayne to William Griffin, Abplanalp associate.

Elmer Bobst trust fund for Tricia Nixon.

Arthur Blech and Frank DeMarco, six-hour meeting with IRS 23 May, in connection with audit of Nixon tax returns.

Sale of all of Nixon's shares in Fisher's Island, Inc. * ANIP - C (14,000 shares) to Rose Mary Woods, Patrick Buchanan and Manolo Sanchez. ** See also NYT 6 Sep 73, filed SFC 9 Dec 73 Nixon, real estate.

Kalmbach still handles Nixon's checking accounts and pays his bills. Nixon's paychecks are deposited in Rebozo's bank.

SFC 9 Dec 73 [AP]

*See Anthony Lewis, 20 Dec 73, NYT

**Donation of San Clemente to government after deaths of the Nixons.

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Nixon (peculiar behavior) - "At the Desert Ball in Washington last week* President Nixon, shaking hands in a reception line, unexpectedly reached over and patted the wife of Ambassador Telephore Yaguibou of Upper Volta on the chest three times," saying, in quote from Mrs. Yaguibou, "I like that."

"Nixon, who accompanied Pat to the ball unexpectedly, received about the iciest reception accorded him since his presidency began. The President looked ashen. When he mounted the stage to make his remarks and waited for a thunder clap of applause, it never came. Nixon slipped out the side exit and, without ever saying good night to Pat, left ... "

SFC 8 Dec 73, Women's Wear Daily - filed Nixon

*Date of publication in SFC, 8 Dec, a Saturday. "Last week" probably means the week of 25 Nov to 1 Dec.

Nixon - "Eternity magazine ... is one of the most respected voices of evangelical Christianity in America. It is in the large, politically and doctrinally conservative evangelical wing of Protestantism that President Nixon always has found his most ardent supporters." Story deals with editorial in magazine, Dec issue, which appears to be critical of Nixon; editorial summarizes "four reactions among evangelical Protestants to Watergate and related disclosures." "All that has been said before by spokesmen for liberal Protestantism. But this is a voice from the center of what has been until now, President Nixon's least critical and most faithful constituency "

SFC 8 Dec 73 [NYTimes, Louis Cassels, not in file)

Small Business Administration - Robert J. Brown, former special assistant to Nixon for minority affairs, received an \$836,651 Defense Department contract earmarked for the disadvantaged; contract was awarded to firm of which Brown owned 50 percent. ~~xxxxxxx~~ No date given for contract,* Brown was the highest ranked black in the WH during Nixon's first term, leaving in Feb 73.

SFC 8 Dec 73 *which SBA says was awarded "long after" Brown left the WH.

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Tapes - Jaworski says WH turned over to him today a "significant number of tape recordings" and a "substantial number of documents," in response to his requests; does not say what they concern. See entry 10 Dec, 12 Dec.

SFC 11 Dec 73 [NYT]

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(A) - Nixon paid a smaller percentage of his income in federal taxes over the past $5\frac{1}{2}$ years than a family of four with an income of \$8,000.

SFC 10 Dec 73 [UPI]

(B) - Affidavit by Ralph G. Newman accompanying his appraisal is dated 6 Apr 70.

SFC 10 Dec 73 [WXP]

(C) - Fisher's Island, Inc., Rebozo, president and treasurer.

SFC 14 Oct 71)

NYT 6 Sep 73) filed Nixon, real estate

(D) - From Nixon statement accompanying release of documents:
"With the documents and papers released today, I am making a full disclosure of my financial affairs as President of the United States.... When [the IRS] conducted an examination of my tax returns for 1971 and 1972, the Internal Revenue Service reviewed both items and advised me that they were correctly reported."

From story by Bob Kuttner, 27 Jul 74, on House Judiciary Committee' summary of evidence on impeachment: (Kuttner:)
"The President did not disclose that, only a day earlier [by letter delivered 7 Dec 73], he had been notified the Internal Revenue Service was reopening a full audit of his 1971 and 1972 returns. Instead, the President's statement referred to the original cursory IRS audit, implying that the IRS had no further questions."

WXP 27 Jul 74, Bob Kuttner