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Nixon spends "second weekend in a row at the White House, cutting back on travel during the energy shortage "

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Nixon (tax write-off) - "President Nixon made a previously undisclosed gift of pre-presidential papers [congressional correspondence, papers about his work for fellow Republicans in 1964 campaign, etc.] ... just in time for a substantial deduction on his income tax return for 1968. White House officials said Mr. Nixon listed the [\$80,000] gift as having been made on Dec. 30, 1968 - based on an appraisal [by Ralph G. Newman] the day before. According to documents attached to Mr. Nixon's 1968 tax return, which has not been made public, Newman examined the papers on Dec. 29, 1968, and the estimate was completed the next day, a White House official said. Newman's accompanying affidavit, however, was not dated until April of 1969, the official said."

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Plumbers (Ellsberg) - "It wasn't the leak of the Pentagon Papers that caused the White House to set up the 'Plumbers group,' but fear that Daniel Ellsberg might tell Russia which of its cities the United States would attack in case of war, The New York Times said [today, Sunday]. Times reporter Seymour Hersh also said the White House sought to limit investigations of the plumbers' break-in at the office of Ellsberg's psychiatrist because of fears such investigations would compromise a Soviet secret police agent who was actually an FBI informer. But Hersh also said there was serious disagreement among administration officials over whether any of this information was true "

Plumbers (Nixon) - "In a subsequent article (no date) on the plumbers, Hersh says President Nixon played a far more active role in the secret operations of the group than either he or witnesses before the Senate Watergate committee have reported. Hersh's account said interviews disclosed that the President developed a close working relationship with the leaders of the plumbers through a series of meetings in the White House during the summer of 1971.

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From undated stories, published today:

Impeachment - NYT survey (no date) has found that 32 of the 38 House Judiciary committee agree Nixon would be subject to impeachment if he were found to have violated criminal law; two-thirds of those interviewed believe he could be impeached for conduct which constituted a severe breach of public trust.

Gurney has agreed to appear before a federal grand jury investigating a "Gurney Booster Fund." No date set.

Wallace has told friends he plans to run for a third term as governor of Alabama.

Rep. William S. Mailliard apparently is being considered for some presidential appointment.

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Campaign contributions - Les Aspin (Democratic Representative, Wisconsin) says a study of contributions to Nixon's 1972 campaign shows that defense contractors gave more than \$5.4 million in open and secret contributions.

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