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Jaworski (WH files) - Jaworski says WH has agreed to let his investigators search its files for information on Watergate, says, "I think we're getting the kind of cooperation I'd hoped we'd get." NYTimes says change in WH attitude was first apparent 6 Dec.

Jaworski's statement is made to reporters outside the courthouse, where he had gone to Sirica's chambers to receive (in NYT's wording) "two more tapes." No dates given for these tapes. On other tapes given Jaworski by WH, see entry 8 Dec.

Later today Jaworski testifies before Senate Judiciary committee, describes new WH spirit of cooperation. Under the arrangement - similar to one asked for by Cox and turned down by the WH - investigators from the prosecutor's office will describe to WH aides the documents they are looking for and the aides will then go with the investigators to the files to help look for them. Jaworski says Charles R. Breyer, a member of his staff, will go over the documents one by one, and if he sees other papers there related to the Watergate investigation, "I would expect him to tell me about it."

"One source" says that since 6 Dec, two members of Jaworski's staff, Peter M. Kreindler and Carl B. Feldbaum, have been "in and out of the White House." They witnessed the copying of tape recordings (no date); "On Friday [7 Dec] they went over for some stuff, and on Saturday [8 Dec] we got some more." The delivery 8 Dec was disclosed by Jaworski 10 Dec (see entry that date); Jaworski says today it included nine tapes and that he is asking for six more, all in addition to the nine originally subpoenaed by Cox.

No explanation is given by the WH or Jaworski for the change in attitude, but NYT points out that although Ziegler criticized Jaworski's staff 29 Nov (see entry) Jaworski "was unmoved" and that no staff changes have been made since shortly after Cox was dismissed, and also that Jaworski has made it clear that he will go to court again if WH resists requests for tapes and documents. WH efforts to block subpoenas for such material have been twice defeated in the courts.

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Tapes - see entry above, and that of 10 Dec.

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Third Watergate grand jury - Sirica signs order for a third grand jury to be assembled 7 Jan 74 (no amplification). First grand jury, considering the break-in and cover-up, is still sitting. NYTimes does not mention second grand jury, empaneled by Sirica 19 Jul 73 at Cox's request because of the volume of material to be investigated; this jury, to have begun deliberations 15 Aug, to investigate illegal campaign contributions, milk fund, ITT, etc.

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WXP 20 Jul 73, Baker

AMPI (Mitchell) - "According to reports from within the Justice Department," Mitchell vetoed a staff request for a grand jury investigation of AMPI; instead of criminal charges a civil antitrust suit was filed 1 Feb 72. AP says this was in contrast to earlier actions taken by Justice Department against other milk processors and bakers, in which the defendants were indicted, convicted and fined. Mitchell says through his attorney he has no recollection of blocking a criminal investigation of AMPI.

SFC 13 Dec 73 [AP] Also SFC 27 Dec 73.

Vesco - U.S. government will not appeal the refusal by a Bahamian magistrate to extradite Vesco. Federal prosecutor, U.S. Attorney Paul J. Curran, gives no reason for the decision.

- Argentine government announces it has revoked the residence visa granted to Vesco, and has fired the immigration department official who ordered it issued.

SFC 13 Dec 73 [AP, UPI]

Nixon (taxes) - Orange county Tax Assessment Appeals board votes 2 to 1 against raising the assessment on San Clemente; the one voting for it apparently Supervisor Robert Battin, who says he will appeal the decision.

- Joint Committee on Internal Revenue Taxation decides to conduct an unlimited inquiry into Nixon's 1969-72 taxes, going beyond his request; chairman, Wilbur Mills, says the decision was unanimous to go into "every aspect of his returns for those years," asks for relevant information from

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"any person throughout the United States who has knowledge about this matter." Warren says the committee's decision is "fully compatible" with Nixon's announcement and that Nixon had offered\*to give the committee his tax returns so it could make a full inquiry.

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\*8 Dec 73

Nixon (salary) - WH gives figures on how much is withheld, etc.

SFC 13 Dec 73 [AP]

Nixon makes unannounced appearance at two gatherings, one at a dinner for Dr. Walter Tkach and another at a meeting of the Business Council, described as a group of some 100 executives of the country's top corporations.

At the dinner for Tkach Nixon congratulated him on his forthcoming wedding to Cheryl Gaillard, a La Jolla secretary who works at Nixon's San Clemente house, and says he will not be able to travel there for the ceremony because of the jet fuel shortage.

Nixon also says he will take his annual physical examination at Bethesda Naval Medical Center 15 Dec.

SFC 13 Dec 73 [UPI]

Saxbe testifies before Senate Judiciary Committee considering his nomination to head Justice Department, says Bork fired Cox for an "extraordinary impropriety." Sen. Robert Byrd expresses his incredulity, since no one in the administration, including Bork, has ever accused Cox of such an impropriety. Saxbe modifies his testimony by saying Bork "had to find impropriety, and I think he did." Says he knows of no such impropriety himself.

Asked what he would do if Nixon ordered him to fire Jaworski, says he would not do it, nor would he resign, but would force Nixon to fire him (Saxbe).

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Dean is voted Man of the Year by a group of Spanish newspaper directors.

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Haldeman's one-time secretary, Daisy E. Brooks, was given a job in the Los Angeles office of the SBA the day after she left Washington, allegedly on orders from SBA officials in WA. Miss Brooks worked in Los Angeles office 4 Aug to 14 Sep.

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SBA - see entry above.

Gallup poll, taken 30 Nov through 3 Dec, published today, shows slight rise in Nixon popularity, especially in the south (from 34 per cent in Nov to 41 per cent in Dec). Outside the south, the rise has been from 24 per cent (2-5 Nov?) to 27 per cent. ~~Over~~ Nation-wide, the figure is 31 per cent approval as compared to previous figure of 27 per cent, 2-5 Nov.

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(other gaps)  
Tapes/- WXP says this is the date when it was first reported to Sirica, at secret conference with opposing lawyers, that blank spaces exist in two Nixon recordings of his recollections, one of Nixon-Dean meeting 21 Mar 73 (cassette), the other <sup>of</sup> Nix-Mitchell phone call\*20 Jun 72. Entry 18 Jan 74.

WXP 19 Jan 74, Lardner and Claiborne \*dictabelt