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Nixon postpones physical examination, to have been taken today, in order to meet with energy policy advisers. Warren gives no indication energy meeting had any urgency, says Nixon will take his physical some day next week.

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- Nixon accepts petitions bearing 46,000 signatures from Shreveport and Bossier City, La., presented in Oval Office by delegation from Louisiana headed by Rep. Joe Waggoner; says, "You can tell every one of these 46,000 that I'll be here for three more years."

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- Presidential jet - WH says Nixon's plane will be used less for training flights and pilot and crew will keep in training by flying other aircraft, after Col. Ralph Albertazzi was quoted as saying he and the crew take the plane up at least three hours a week for practice flights. Warren: "Colonel Albertazzi has not been grounded, he has not been reprimanded, he is still the President's pilot."

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Ervin and Weicker put their entire 1972 income tax returns in the Congressional Record; both had been mentioned by WH sources who said Nixon's congressional critics might soon be challenged to make disclosures. See entry 13 Dec.

Comparison, Nixon and Weicker, 1969 to 1972:

	Nixon	Weicker
Adj. gross income	1,122,266.37	223,364.63
Fed. income tax	78,651.10	37,415.29

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Haig (Richardson) - Sen. Charles Mathias releases letter dated 12 Dec from Haig, declining invitation to back up his charge that Richardson did not tell the truth in congressional testimony about the firing of Cox. Mathias interprets letter as a confession by Haig that his charges, made at a WH "truth session" with senators at which Mathias was present, could not be substantiated.

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Nixon (health) - In San Francisco for meeting of psychics tomorrow, Robert Leichtman, at press conference ^{with} ~~by~~ two other clairvoyants and a "healer," predicts that Nixon will develop stomach trouble early next year and will resign in March. Leichtman originally was a M.D. specializing in internal medicine.

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New scandal predicted by Robert Leichtman (see entry above), which he says will be a major one linking a top government intelligence agency to clandestine operations on behalf of big business, including (? - unclear from story) a "big communications company."

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AMPI - Dr. George Mehren, head of AMPI*, testifies at a deposition hearing about a meeting he and two others (one unnamed) had with Connally in his Treasury department office 12 Mar 72; says while they were there Connally made a phone call to Mitchell and possibly also to Dole. Says Connally did not refer to contributions in talking to Mitchell and Dole, but did discuss AMPI's 1972 contributions with one of the men with Mehren, Jake Jacobsen, a lawyer.

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From ^{four} undated stories published today:

Presidential power - Twenty participants, after a week-long constitutional conference, propose the creation by constitutional amendment of the office of an independent "counselor general," to curb abuses of presidential power. Professor Paul Mishkin (University of California at Berkeley) says the presence of an officer to receive complaints about the president would reassure the public and civil servants "who want to resist but feel they have nowhere to go."

The participants are scholars and former government advisers. Conference was held at the Center for the Study of Democratic Institutions, Santa Barbara, and was called at the request of the Ervin committee. No date is given for the conference.

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Haig - Rep. Martha Griffiths (Dem-Mich) calls on Nixon to censure Haig for his recent remark about Rose Mary Woods, * calling it "silly and insulting." Says, "I'll bet Miss Woods could tell you to the second how long she talked - any time. If that woman were to tell everything she knows, all of which she could document, it would murder those men, all of them." No indication when or where Miss Griffiths said this.

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*Haig, 6 Dec, to newsmen:
"I've known women who think they've talked for five minutes and then have talked for an hour."
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Senate Republican Conference, House Republican leaders - Haig, the guest at the Republican Conference (no date), is told by "grimly forthright" Senators - particularly Scott, Wellmon and Tower - of the crucial importance of Nixon achieving "full disclosure" before congressional recess 21 Dec. They insist that those portions of the subpoenaed (?) tapes bearing on Watergate must be included in the published material. ^ House Republican leaders have stressed the same
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points, but does not say where or when. Says Republican congressional leaders want "'the people in the drugstores' - Senator Scott's phrase - to have all the facts in their hands before the Senators and Representatives go home for Christmas," in order to make a test of grassroots feelings. "And that probably will be the make-or-break test for Richard M. Nixon."

Congressional recess will last about a month.
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Buchanan - article for LATimes on the dangers of public financing of presidential campaigns.

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