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AMPI, "seeking to head off a civil antitrust suit by claiming the Justice Department brought the action in 1972 to force it to continue making Republican campaign contributions," files brief in U.S. District Court in Kansas City (no date) asking that Justice Department be ordered to produce documents and memos about GOP fund-raising, including those from WH. See story for complicated details, including mention of Kalmbach's dealings with Harold Nelson, from whom George Mehren took over ~~the~~ as general manager 12 Jan 72, and timing and circumstances of civil antitrust suit against AMPI 1 Feb 72.

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Rebozo (SBA) - A 25-unit shopping center in Miami, El Centro Commercial Cubana, which received more than \$175,000 in loans from SBA, has produced nearly one-fifth of the entire national total of defaults in the SBA's lease guarantee program. Shopping center was owned by Rebozo and a partner, C.V.W. Trice Jr., when most of the loans and lease guarantees were issued in 1967 and 1968 (\$577,000 in loans and \$2.4 million in rent guarantees). "Rebozo and Trice ... paid a \$60,000 cash premium for an SBA guarantee that if the tenants didn't pay the scheduled total of \$2.4-million rent over the next 20 years, the government would. Since Rebozo and Trice sold the shopping center after one year [1970], they never collected any rent from the government. The subsequent owners did, however, and it is clear that the government guarantee increased the value of the property when it was sold."

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David Halberstam - from intv by William Flynn, Examiner staff writer: Q: What motivated the men of the Nixon Administration when they brought about what is known as Watergate? A: I think it was a kind of arrogance. I think they thought they had such control of the political process they could sort of tough it out. Q: Tough it out to achieve what? Totalitarian government by executive order? A: I think that is too strong a definition. I regard Watergate as essentially an attempt, almost a coup d'etat, against the state "

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Frank Wills - update .

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Nixon (health) - Nixon postpones physical "indefinitely"
(See entry 14 Dec.) Ziegler says examination has not been
rescheduled and he does not know when Nixon plans to take it.

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Nixon (taxes) - Mortimer M. Caplin, former head of IRS, says
Nixon tax returns warrant further special investigation.
See story for remarks on "gift" of vice presidential papers.

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Nixon family (Edward Nixon, David and Julie Eisenhower) on
Watergate and 18-minute buzz on tape.

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Billy Graham, officiating at WH worship service at Nixon's
request, says, "We must alter our course if we are going to
see many more Christmas seasons as a free people." This is
Graham's first appearance at worship service since January,
"before the Watergate scandal reached crisis proportions."

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Campaign donations (oil industry) - Rep. Les Aspin says
members of National Petroleum Council, an advisory group to
Interior Department, gave more than \$1.2 million to
re-election campaign.

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Vietnam - "U.S. Protest in Slaying of Officer in Vietnam."
Protest says attack 15 Dec on three helicopters carrying an
American team searching for traces of U.S. servicemen (AP's
wording) was a "deliberate attack by a hostile force who had
infiltrated into the area with the intention of ambushing the
team."

- NOTE: All following stories will be filed Indochina.

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I.F. Stone, speaking at invitation of ACLU of Northern
California, says Watergate "involves both the character of
President Nixon and the institution of the presidency."

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