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Tapes - Sirica rules on which portions of subpoenaed tapes he will turn over to Jaworski for possible grand jury presentation, says conversations and related documents he is withholding have nothing to do with Watergate. Powers says WH is fully satisfied with Sirica's decision, plans no appeal.

Meeting of 20 Jun 72 (Nixon, Ehrlichman, Haldeman): withheld with the exception of 18 $\frac{1}{4}$  minute buzz. Sirica says claim of executive privilege for that section, played in court, has been waived.

Meeting of 30 Jun 72 (Nixon, Haldeman, Mitchell), dealing with Mitchell's impending resignation as CRP chairman: withheld with the exception of a "short page" (no tape?) involving 5 minutes of the discussion touching on Watergate.

Meeting of 15 Sep 72 (Nixon, Haldeman, Dean): of this meeting, 33 minutes dealing "directly or indirectly" with Watergate is to be turned over to Jaworski; final 17 minutes do not concern Watergate, withheld.

Story is unclear on whether material to be turned over to Jaworski is in the form of tapes, transcripts, or both.

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Tapes, documents - Ervin committee serves WH with subpoenas for 431 tapes and hundreds of other documents. See story for generalized list, which includes material on Hughes-Rebozo, ITT, contributions by dairy industry, F. Donald Nixon, etc.; much of the material requested appears to specify exact times and dates.

General requests for information include, among many other items, all records relating to the tape recordings of Presidential conversations, including all documentation of those who had access to them, and "Any and all records and documents of access to the files of ... Haldeman, ... Ehrlichman, ... Dean and ... Colson from the date of the termination of their employment from the executive office of the President to the present."

SFC 20 Dec 73 [AP]

Tapes - Dobrovir, in U.S. District Court (Judge William B. Jones) says he made "a foolish mistake" in playing WH tape at cocktail party. (See entry 17 Dec.) Laird, at WH, says if he were Nixon, "I would be very careful" about providing other tapes.

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Nixon (property improvements) - Warren, at WH briefing, hints that Nixon will not reimburse the government for improvements made at San Clemente and Key Biscayne, says "none of these items were ordered at the President's direction or knowledge."

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Hunt "has told" the staff of the Ervin committee that he conducted surveillance of Goldwater during 1964 presidential campaign, on President Johnson's order. "Hunt's appearance before the Senate Watergate committee's staff [no date] was part of an ongoing investigation by the Republican staff members of the possible role of the CIA in the Watergate affair. The committee's vice chairman, ... Baker, has been directing this inquiry for several months."

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Baker - see entry on Hunt.

CIA - see entry on Hunt.

Ehrlichman, Liddy, Young - Trial in Los Angeles postponed until 15 Apr 74. Defense lawyers tell court they have a number of pre-trial motions for ~~dismissal~~ dismissal of charges which will take weeks to prepare; Deputy D.A. Stephen Trott says Krogh will not be available as prosecution witness until after he is sentenced in Washington.

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Laird resigns from WH. Appeals to House of Representatives to decide by 15 Mar whether it will impeach Nixon; says that in calling for vote by this date he is not expressing Nixon's view, but AP says "Laird's comments were combined with a growing Republican push to settle the impeachment issue as rapidly as possible." Laird's letter of resignation is dated 17 Dec, to take effect 1 Feb.

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Impeachment - see entry on Laird.

Ervin announces he will not be a candidate for re-election in 1974, giving his age (77) as main reason.

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Nixon (resignation) - Jack Anderson says his sources insist Nixon won't resign. "He also feels, say our sources, that he would be left defenseless without the power of the presidency. As a private citizen, he fears he would be stripped of his best protection and would be ripped to shreds by his adversaries. Our sources also point out, although the President himself hasn't mentioned it, that his legal expenses would be astronomical if he left the White House and had to pay them himself. He now has a dozen lawyers working on his defense at the taxpayers' expense. .... However, the President is reported to be unhappy with his free legal help. He feels that the White House attorneys have been out maneuvered in court by the Watergate prosecutors. .... But the real problem, our sources say, is that the President has been masterminding his own defense rather than turning it over to the lawyers. He has also withheld crucial information from them until the last minute, leaving them to operate in the dark."

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- "But Who Will Tell President Nixon?" by Joseph Alsop. "The news reaching Capitol Hill from the states and congressional districts is downright horrendous. The Watergate-engendered loss of confidence in the President is said, at least by some, to be creating a situation like that in 1930. In that year, the great depression and Herbert Hoover's unpopularity produced a record massacre of Republican Senators and Representatives. .... In this particular off-year, the Republicans ought to have a slight advantage in the Senate since they have only 15 seats to hang onto, whereas the Democrats have 19. In fact, however, the Democrats have almost no possibly endangered Senate seats, whereas the Republicans have remarkably few sure bets. .... Such are the current Republican analyses, 'unless someone screws up enough courage to tell the President he ought to get the hell out.' The quotation is from a high, ruggedly partisan Republican figure."

WXP 19 Dec 73, Joseph Alsop

Campaign contributions - Carnation Milk Co. pleads guilty to having illegally given company funds to political fund-raisers, the ninth corporation to do so.

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(A) - See Woodward and Bernstein, who say the portion turned over is a transcript, only two pages long and very ambiguous on some points, but which "nonetheless indicates that the President was aware of some kind of concealment concerning Watergate, though not necessarily an illegal cover-up."

WXP 17 May 74, p. 28, Woodward and Bernstein