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John Doar appointed by House Judiciary Committee to direct staff of 31 lawyers assembled to prepare evidence on which the committee will base its decision on whether or not to impeach Nixon. Rodino says he hopes the committee can complete its work in Apr 74. (Doar, see entry 27 Dec 73.)

Doar was a former assistant attorney general and head of the Justice Department's civil rights division during racial disturbances of the 1960's, a Republican first named to the Justice Department by Eisenhower, and a close friend of Robert Kennedy when Kennedy was attorney general. Left government service in 1967. pp. 183, 261

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"IRS Ignored 'Enemies' List, Probers Say." The list is not the one made public by Dean during his testimony before Ervin committee, but another of 490 names supplied by him to the IRS, 11 Sep 72. The making up of this list supposedly was initiated by Ehrlichman. Separate story gives full list.

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Hunt - Ervin committee source denies that Hunt said Johnson ordered him to spy on Goldwater; the surveillance consisted of having a secretary pick up press releases, speeches, etc. at Republican headquarters, which were delivered to one of Johnson's WH aides, Chester Cooper, who worked on foreign policy matters.

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Impeachment (see also entry on Doar) - Ford says he knows of no ground for either the House or its Judiciary Committee approving an impeachment resolution, that "if they don't have more evidence than they have today, the public won't stand for it." Says there has been a tremendous falling off in mail urging impeachment.

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Nixon (property improvements) - Warren says Nixon will not reimburse the government for improvements made at San Clemente and Key Biscayne, and that the CAO questioned only an "infinitesimal" part of the expenditures.

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Nixon (support) - Nixon meets with Anna Clinkscales of Baltimore who said she had gone door to door in her neighborhood to obtain signatures to a petition in his support.

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Nixon (trip to Florida) - "After days of debate at the White House over whether President Nixon would go to Florida by train, boat, bus [!] or plane, it now seems that he may not go at all. During a meeting with ... William E. Simon, the President turned to photographers and said: 'You all are going to stay up here with me and freeze. Somebody has got to set an example and it's got to be me.'"

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- secret bank acc'ts

Vesco (Nixon, Donald Nixon/) - Jack Anderson says Ervin committee investigators are looking into charges, "made behind closed doors," by John Meier, that Nixon and Donald Nixon had secret bank accounts with Vesco in the Bahamas in 1971 and 1972. WH says it does not comment on charges stemming from Ervin committee; Vesco cannot be reached for comment ("sources close to him" say he is now in Costa Rica); Donald Nixon says "angrily" that Meier's testimony is "completely false and completely a lie." AP - A, B

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National Day of Humiliation - "With just a few members present, the Senate voted [today] to call for a national day of humiliation, fasting and prayer next April 30." Action is by voice vote on resolution introduced by Sen. Mark O. Hatfield, who tells the Senate his resolution is modeled after a proclamation by Lincoln setting April 30, 1863, as a day "to confess our national sins and to pray for clemency and forgiveness."

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Nixon, Donald Nixon - see entry, Vesco (Nixon, Donald Nixon).

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Ⓐ - See entry, 13 Dec 73, Nixon (secret portfolio).

Ⓑ - See entry 7 Nov 75, Nixon (Bahamian bank).