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Tapes, transcripts and summaries - "The White House acknowledged [today] that President Nixon has changed his mind about making summaries of key Watergate-related tapes available to the public. Warren said Mr. Nixon's previously announced decision to Republican officeholders that summaries of the tapes would be made public is being 're-evaluated,' ... [laying] heavy emphasis on events that have occurred since Mr. Nixon's promise to make the tape summaries public. Among these, Warren said, was the 'indiscretion' committed by attorney William Dobrovir when he played portions of a tape in his custody at a Georgetown cocktail party and the demand for many additional tapes and documents by the Senate Watergate committee."

- ITT/milk fund - Laird and Warren say reports on WH role in ITT and milk fund cases will be made public as promised by Nixon; will ~~probably~~ ^{apparently} be released in mid-January after he has previewed them with Republican congressional officials.

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Tapes, subpoena by Ervin committee - U.S. Court of Appeals grants committee's request for new hearing on its original request and orders Sirica to hold the new hearing.

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Haldeman, Ehrlichman - WH denies it is giving copies of Haldeman and Ehrlichman's files to Wilson; Wilson denies he has an arrangement with WH to receive copies of his clients' material turned over to special prosecutor; Buzhardt says the three have received no special preferential treatment from him in the matter, but concedes that others at the WH "may have" provided Haldeman and Ehrlichman privileged treatment.

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Hunt, Barker - U.S. Court of Appeals orders release of Hunt and Barker while their appeals are being considered, specifying this be on their own recognizance.

- Sturgis, Martinez, Gonzalez - Court holds their release in abeyance, noting that parole board has scheduled hearings in their cases 7 Jan 74.

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Nixon - "What It Costs to Fly Nixon Around," by Jack Anderson. Round trip to San Clemente, 71,000 gallons of fuel; round trip to Key Biscayne, 30,000 gallons; round trip, three helicopters, to Camp David, 450 gallons.

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Nixons and Tricia Cox attend wedding of Dr. Tkach in La Jolla.

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Nixon "gift" papers - Tax Reform Research Group (Nader) files FOA suit for access to Nixon vice presidential papers, claiming that restrictions placed on them by Nixon are invalid; says most of the papers already were government property before he donated them, and the deed for the second "gift" was not legally executed.

"The suit may prove important ... because it takes key issues ... into court. Mr. Nixon has asked a joint congressional committee to study the tax situation surrounding the gift of papers but no other legal action is pending."

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Resignation - Waldie predicts that Nixon will resign before the end of March because Republicans will begin demanding it after sounding out their constituents, to avoid disaster in the 1974 elections.

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Thieu denounces North Vietnam for continued fighting in South Vietnam and warns he may break off negotiations in Saigon and Paris.

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Ⓐ - Several hundred people are outside the chapel, some cheering and some with "Impeach Nixon" banners. Nixons do not attend the wedding reception, leaving immediately after the wedding for San Clemente, "where he had dinner with his wife and watched a movie."

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