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Nixon - "Mood at San Clemente -- Nixon Solitary, Confident."
Haig, in intv, says, "Neither the President nor his staff are the least bit self-conscious about what this administration has done for this country and for the ordinary citizen in it. In any other time, without Watergate, this is what the American people would be saying." AMP-4

- Lou Cannon says that when Haldeman and Ehrlichman left the WH "the role of confidante was assumed by ... Rebozo. On his last trip to San Clemente in August, the President spent much of his free time with Rebozo. Rebozo is not present at San Clemente."

- Cannon: "The White House view is that the House of Representatives will not vote in favor of a resolution of impeachment on the basis of the information now known, and that it would take a new revelation of dramatic consequence to make an impeachment vote likely."

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Haig quote - "In any other time, without Watergate "
See Nixon entry, above.

also 1 Jan 74. ~~entry below.~~

Rebozo not at San Clemente. See Nixon entry, above; ~~entry~~

Impeachment - WH view. See Nixon entry, above, two entries, below.

Baker (on "Issues and Answers") "called on President Nixon [today] to disclose a 'matter of grave national importance' that he said would explain some of the covert Watergate activities. While Baker would not reveal the information he wants disclosed, he said it related to national security and, if released, 'would justify or at least explain some of the conduct that appears otherwise unexplainable.'" Baker says that this is what Nixon was referring to at APME conference (17 Nov). WXP hints this is reference to Nixon's statement about "very highly sensitive matters ..., not only in the Ellsberg case but also another matter so sensitive that even Senator Ervin and Senator Baker have decided that they should not delve further into it."

- Tapes, Ervin committee subpoena - Baker says committee should reconsider its subpoena of more than 500 WH documents and tapes; that the number requested is "extraordinary;"

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that he, as vice chairman, had not be consulted in advance by Ervin when the subpoenas were issued.

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Nixon Library/Edward Nixon - According to document filed with Registry of Charitable Trusts by tax-exempt Richard Nixon Foundation, Edward Nixon was paid at least \$21,000 to help in selection of site for Nixon library. Payments were \$1,500 ~~\$15,000~~ a month for 14 consecutive months beginning Dec 70 and ending Jan 72, for which he reviewed (meaning unclear) no more than six sites. Matter has come to light because when the foundation filed its annual report for 1972 calendar year it showed expenses of \$72,230.08 for "construction in process." No construction having taken place since the foundation was formed in 1969, California state officials asked for more details, "leading to the document listing the Edward Nixon payments." LATimes story does not say if the document lists other expenses to account for the difference, \$51,230.

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Edward Nixon - See entry above, Nixon Library.

Impeachment - John K. Galbraith, in current issue of Newsweek (7 Jan?), calls for impeachment - not now, but six or more months from now, says ouster of Agnew was so rapid that "it made no durable impression." "Galbraith said Mr. Nixon should be kept around a bit longer as 'the visible symbol of what is wrong.' The economist also noted that the longer impeachment is put off 'the more people who will go down in the ship with Mr. Nixon. This will be of inestimable benefit to the republic.'"

SFC 31 Dec 73 [Reuters]

Impeachment/resignation - Rep. Jerome Waldie says that while there are not enough votes at the present time in the House to impeach Nixon, there will be by the end of March when the Judiciary Committee, of which he is a member, has built its "formidable" record. "If our committee does its work well, the country will be ready at the same time we're ready to vote impeachment." Waldie predicts Nixon will resign before then.

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Sirica is Time Magazine's "Man of the Year."
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Gurney - Miami Herald says Florida land investment firm (Oxnard, Inc.) formed by Gurney and two former aides, Jim Groot and Larry Williams, was used to disguise \$300,000 political slush fund for Gurney, and that some of the money was diverted to his personal use.
SFC 31 Dec 73 [UPI]

Mrs. Nixon and 24 others appointed by Nixon to National Voluntary Service Advisory Council, a panel established by Congress to help co-ordinate federal volunteer programs. Mrs. Nixon is designated temporary chairman of the council, which will elect a permanent chairman.
SFC 1 Jan 74 [AP]

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Ⓐ - Of this statement by Haig, Considine says, "Sure, but that's like saying, 'Abel wouldn't have been that much of a hero, if it hadn't been for Cain.' Or 'the Titanic would still be in service if it hadn't been for that darned ideberg.' "

SFEx 6 Jan 74, Bob Considine

Ⓑ - Lou Cannon writes of the "tired, harried impression [Nixon] gave [during this stay at San Clemente] when the full implications of the Watergate scandal were first becoming clear. ... A restless, drawn President roamed the San Clemente villa by night, intermittantly playing the piano and alarming the staff members who were closest to him."

WXP 28 Jul 74, Lou Cannon