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Milk fund/ITT - WH issues two statements, one on each of these cases. For details see text, stories, and break-down in memo filed separately.

UPI says presidential aides indicate that issuance of these statements brings Operation Candor to an end, but UPI notes that "Earlier, Nixon's aides had hinted that there also would be 'white papers' on the 'plumbers' ... and on [the Hughes contribution to Rebozo]. However, the scope of the counter offensive has now been curtailed and Nixon believes that with the public release of his financial and tax statements and the two new 'white papers' he has 'met his commitments,' aides said."

WH summary says tapes and documents relating to these two cases "are not being publicly released today" because they have been given to the special prosecutor and Nixon wants to maintain their "confidentiality." UPI points out that (WH?) officials had indicated last November they would be made public.

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Tapes/Ervin committee subpoenas - WH officials suggest Nixon may be willing to accept a limited compromise with Ervin Committee and release some papers and tapes voluntarily, although WH will continue to litigate against committee's efforts to subpoena whatever material it feels is necessary for its investigation.

NYT: "Mr. Ervin indicated [~~no date, probably 7 Jan~~]* that the committee might be willing to settle first the five tape recordings it sought in its first subpoena last summer. 'If the White House is willing to surrender any tapes,' Mr. Ervin said, 'I wish they would surrender these five tapes.' [Warren] noted that the committee had made no formal offer of a compromise "

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See entry 15 Jan 74.

Operation Candor ended - see entry Milk fund/ITT.

Hughes case (purchase of Air West Airlines) moved from Las Vegas to Reno for trial.

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Charles Alan Wright will resume active role in WH on Ervin committee's request for five tapes; will work with St. Clair on reply to committee's original suit for the tapes; WH has ten days (beginning 7 Jan) to respond. Warren will not comment on whether this means WH intends to take committee's request to the Supreme Court.

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Jaworski has withdrawn from personal involvement in four cases in the Watergate investigation, because of possible conflicts of interest. All involve his former Houston law firm, three in which it represents those under indictment and the fourth in which it represents a client ~~whom it represents~~ ~~Marketing Assistance Plan~~ (Marketing Assistance Plan) who is in a lawsuit with a possible Watergate defendant (AMPI).

When Jaworski took over the Watergate investigations 5 Nov he cut all ties to his law firm, Fulbright, Crooker and Jaworski, Houston.

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Nixon (taxes) - Knight newspapers report says IRS is expected to rule that Nixon should have paid capital gains tax on sale of part of San Clemente property. "A source familiar with the Nixon tax investigation said 'no one in the building' thinks the President's failure to pay capital gains tax on the 1970 sale was justified." IRS has not yet decided what position to take on the legitimacy of Nixon's deduction for the "gift" of pre-presidential papers.

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Cuba - "The U.S. expressed cautious interest [today] over reports that Cuba might want to end the 13-year diplomatic estrangement between the two countries."

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Resignation - See column by Ernest B. Furgurson, who says, "There is one aspect of the whole long scandal that keeps open the remote chance of his [resigning], under the pretext of illness or otherwise. That is the depressing fact, for him, that the disclosures are nowhere near ended. There is much more to come. The House committee should - must -

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proceed ruthlessly but carefully to drag out every remaining crumb of evidence. If at some point in that process the Republican members thereof should go to the White House and tell the president just what he would have to face in formal impeachment proceedings, perhaps then Mr. Nixon would quit 'voluntarily' for the good of party and country. But not until then."

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Ernest B. Furgurson, "Congressmen's Home Soundings Won't Change Nixon Stance" - column is datelined Washington, copyrighted by Baltimore Sun.

Nixon, Rebozo - Yesterday and today Nixon took three-hour drives with Rebozo. UPI: "A White House press aide wordlessly shrugged his shoulders when asked how the motoring gived with Mr. Nixon's appeal to the public to forego pleasure driving because of the fuel shortage."

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