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Nixon/Haldeman/Ehrlichman - "One morning several months ago, a report circulated among the housekeeping staff at the White House that [Haldeman and Ehrlichman] had visited [Nixon] in the family quarters the night before. The report is impossible to check at this point because President and Mrs. Nixon have quietly done away with the traditional usher's logbook, a record that for nearly 90 years has been used to keep track of all private callers at the Executive Mansion. White House spokesmen declined to say this week when the Nixons had decided to dispense with the logbook, except to confirm that the action has been 'within the last few months.' [A] source on President Nixon's side of the White House says that the practice of keeping an usher's logbook was abolished after the most recent one was 'subpoenaed and details leaked to the press.'

"Reporters have not been allowed to look at the logbooks in any administration, but press office employees could always consult it in the past to answer reporters' questions. Now, with no written record, it is impossible to check such visits as that reportedly made by Haldeman and Ehrlichman."

WXP 26 May 74, Maxine Cheshire

Nixon (defense) - "Nixon's Critics And the 'Moral Issue'."
SFChronicle 26 May 74, James J. Kilpatrick

WH legal staff - Story on intv of Haig in U.S. News & World Report, published today, says there are 21 persons in the WH working on Watergate, including "lawyers and clerical assistants." Haig: "We're operating with a minimum legal staff when compared with the array of legal talent that is placing burdens on us and demanding responses daily."

WXP 27 May 74, Carroll Kilpatrick

Nixon (Supreme Court) - Ford, at news conference^{tonight}, Danbury, Conn., says he is confident that Nixon would obey any ruling of the Supreme Court.

NYT 27 May 74, Marjorie Hunter

Ford - See entry, Nixon (Supreme Court).

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Nixon as world statesman - "President Nixon, in his efforts to salvage the rest of his term, has turned once again to what he considers his strongest appeal - that of a world statesman whose leadership is essential to maintaining peace. Over the last few days, his long-planned summit meeting in Moscow ... has been broadened to include extensive foreign travels [to] the Middle East [and to] Brussels [to] confer with European leaders on various issues. His travels are likely to occur at the height of the House Judiciary Committee's hearings on impeachment."

NYT 27 May 74, John Herbers