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Nixon meets with Cabinet, tells them he will not resign. AMP-F

"After the meeting [Kissinger] stayed to express his concern about the fragility of international relations and the potential of a weakened President. * Mr. Kissinger had been developing the overture for several days, since being advised by General Haig of the nature of the June 23 evidence." (Have no date for when Haig told Kissinger, but St. Clair knew 31 Jul, and presumably Haig also by that date. See entries 31 Jul, Tapes, St. Clair, and 2 Aug, AMP-B.) *See entry, Kissinger-Nixon. AMP-E

"[Kissinger] was also telling others in the Administration he feared that no one would accept the President's motive if a diplomatic crisis arose and Mr. Nixon put the military forces on an alert." See entry 25 Oct 73, Alert. AMP-H

NYT 12 Aug 74, James M. Naughton and others

"[The] Cabinet meeting, in which Mr. Nixon announced his resolve not to quit, had, as one of the participants said [7 Aug], a 'surreal quality.' The official said that Mr. Nixon had talked about impeachment as if someone else, not himself, were involved." AMP-A

NYT 8 Aug 74, John Herbers, p. 22

Korff meets with Nixon for 35 minutes, is the only announced visitor after morning Cabinet meeting. AMP-D

NYT 7 Aug 74, p. 16 -1

Military alert - Kissinger's concern about possibility of military alert; see entry, Nixon meets with Cabinet.

Nixon (mental health) - See entry, Nixon meets with Cabinet, third paragraph.

Nixon will not resign - See entry, Nixon meets with Cabinet.

From NYT editorial: "Against the now-deafening cries for his resignation, we see considerable merit in the President's attitude as expressed at an urgent Cabinet meeting [today], that he intends to 'allow the Constitution to be the overriding factor.'" Cannot find this quotation in news stories.

NYT 7 Aug 74, Editorial

Nixon (pardon?) - AMP-I.

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Rhodes announces he will vote to impeach Nixon.

NYT 7 Aug 74; text, p. 17

Six senior Republican members of the Senate - Scott, Griffin, Cotton, Tower, Brock, Bennett, all members of Senate Republican Policy Committee - hold a series of urgent conferences to try to devise a means of persuading Nixon to resign. They add Javits and Goldwater to include liberal and conservative opinion.

AMP-B

This afternoon they decide that Goldwater should arrange through Dean Burch, a fellow Arizonian and a Goldwater ally, for a meeting with Nixon. After several postponements (by WH?) a meeting is set for 5 p.m. tomorrow.

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NYTimes 12 Aug 74, James M. Naughton and others

(effort to change their votes)

HJC Republicans/- "All 10 of the Judiciary Committee members who voted against impeachment last week and the week before said that they would now vote for at least one article. One member reportedly called Mr. Rodino to ask if the committee's debate could be reconvened with another vote taken. 'He was told politely,' a committee official said, 'that the train had left the station.'"

NYT 7 Aug 74, David E. Rosenbaum, p. 17

Senate support - "The number of [Nixon's] defenders in the Senate ... dwindled by the hour. Reflecting the privately held views of many of his colleagues, Senator Robert Dole ... said that if the President had 40 votes a week ago, he had no more than 20 today - not even close to the 34 he would need to survive a trial. Another Republican Senator, unwilling to be quoted by name, estimated that only 10 members were prepared to stand by the President, on the basis of the evidence now known."

NYT 7 Aug 74, R.W. Apple Jr.

Wiggins says that while putting a former President in jail would be "dismaying," it might be required "if we are truly to have equal justice under the law."

NYT 7 Aug 74, R.W. Apple Jr., p. 17

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Stock market - "Conjecture that President Nixon might resign sent the stock market soaring [today], but gains were cut in half after the White House denied that the President would step down. 'Right now, 90 per cent of Wall Street would cheer if Nixon resigns,' declared Eugene J. Sherman, vice president of Merrill Lynch Government Securities, a subsidiary of the giant holding company."

NYT 7 Aug 74, Vartanig G. Vartan

"Deal" by Nixon - "Discussions Center on What 'Deals' a Resigning President Can Negotiate." (Various alternatives.)

NYT 7 Aug 74, Clifton Daniel, p. 17

Nixon-Haldeman tape, 23 Jun 72 - "Tapes May Affect Nixon Aides' Trial." "[The tapes] will have an effect, lawyers suggested today, partly because of the content of the three transcripts ..., as well as the President's two-page statement, and partly because of the way the content was delivered. And, more to the point, he gave the transcripts immense publicity - before the trial at which the transcripts are to be evidence. On the one hand, the transcripts contained damaging statements that could be used as evidence against some and perhaps all the defendants; on the other hand, the publicity caused by the transcripts' release provided defense counsel with a ground for arguing that pre-trial publicity had made it impossible to impanel a fair jury.

"Mr. Haldeman is one of the six defendants in the conspiracy case. Obviously, the tape recording containing these conversations is strong evidence against him. Evidence can always be rebutted, of course; one Washington criminal lawyer, though, said after seeing the transcript, 'Haldeman's down the tube.'" AMZ-6

NYT 7 Aug 74, Lesley Oelsner, p. 16

Haldeman - See entry, Nixon-Haldeman tape

Kissinger-Nixon - "In the evening [Nixon] telephoned Kissinger five times for wide-ranging talks about his predicament and how it might affect foreign policy. As the conversation turned to what kind of legacy in that field

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Nixon would leave, his decision to resign seemed certain."

Time magazine 19 Aug 74 (filed 12 Aug), p. 21

- See entry, Nixon meets with Cabinet.

Rebozo- See Jack Anderson column, WXP today.

Nixon (grant of immunity?) - "Congressmen [both parties]
Suggesting Grant of Immunity to Nixon."

WXP 7 Aug 74, p. 9, Richard M. Cohen

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(A) - "The Cabinet members came away with two strong convictions: Nixon wanted them to carry on with their jobs, and he was not about to quit. But if he seemed politically naive about his desperate situation, Nixon showed no signs of emotional instability. There were no 'Captain Queeg' mannerisms, Saxbe recalled later. 'We were all looking for something like that. He was calm, in control of himself, and not the least bit tense.'"

Time magazine, 19 Aug 74 (filed ¹² Aug 74), p. 20

(B) - Goldwater, at regular luncheon meeting of the Senate Republican policy committee, apparently referring to Nixon's statement yesterday and disclosure of the Nixon-Haldeman tapes, says, "There are only so many lies you can take, and now there has been one too many."

Time magazine 19 Aug 74 (filed 12 Aug), p. 21

(C) - 7 Aug: "Nixon had told Timmons that he would now see Goldwater [after having yesterday deferred the meeting, and taking soundings repeatedly throughout the afternoon of sentiment in the Senate], but wanted the regular Republican leaders, Rhodes and Scott, to attend as well. The time was set for late morning, then 12:30, then 2 p.m., 4 p.m. and finally 5 p.m."

Time magazine 19 Aug 74 (filed 12 Aug), pp. 21, 22

(D) - Meeting with Korff is at 3:30 p.m., E.O.B.; Nixon tells him he is seriously considering resignation.

Time magazine 19 Aug 74 (filed 12 Aug), p. 21

(E) - "It was Wednesday, July 31, when Haig learned of the evidence that would end Nixon's career. He hurried through the humid streets of Washington to Kissinger's State Department office. He told Kissinger what had been found."

Time magazine 19 Aug 74 (filed 12 Aug), p. 15B

- Haig had been shown the transcript by St. Clair. See entry 31 Jul 74, AMP-B.

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(F) - "To quit was a luxury for ordinary citizens, not for Presidents, one participant remembered him saying; the word 'resignation' wasn't even mentioned in the Constitution, and he was therefore obliged to follow out the constitutional process to its end."

Newsweek 19 Aug 74 (filed 12 Aug), p. 20

- (The Constitution, Article II, Sect. 1: "In case of the removal of the president from office, or of his death, resignation, or inability to discharge the powers and duties of the said office "

(week of 4 to 10 Aug)

(G) - "TIME did learn, however, that all last week/negotiations went on between lawyers of some cover-up defendants and the White House in hopes of arranging a pardon. Then at the last minute, said a source close to one defendant, 'Nixon screwed us,' and, properly and wisely, nothing was done for his former aides and agents."

Time magazine 19 Aug 74 (filed 12 Aug), p. 39

(H) - See entry 7 Aug, Ford is called ; entry 25 Oct 73, Alert - At 3 a.m. ; entry 24 Aug 74, Nixon, possibility of rash ...

(I) - Korff describes this meeting in interview published 6 Oct 74 by Providence Journal-Bulletin, in which he says he tried to persuade Nixon not to resign. Korff quotes Nixon as saying, "If they want to put me behind bars, let them do it. I don't want legislation and I don't want a pardon."

WXP 7 Oct 74 [AP] See entry 4 Aug, Korff.