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Haldeman legal defense fund - Story, dated today, is apparently based on phone intv of Z. Wayne Griffin, described as a Hollywood film producer in the 1940s and 1950s, now semi-retired, with a variety of business and civic interests, and "a close family friend of Haldeman for many years. No date is given for the intv.

Griffin says he thought of organizing the fund three or four months ago (May? Apr?) but nothing was done about it then because Haldeman was embarrassed by the idea. However, three weeks ago (this period would have begun 26 Jul) Haldeman gave his consent. Letters asking for contributions, dated 8 Aug, were mailed last weekend (10, 11 Aug) to a group of 1,200 business executives sympathetic to the Nixon administration. Griffin names as trustees of the fund John Leisure and Richard Miller, Los Angeles business executives and friends of Haldeman.

See memo filed with SFC clipping, giving sequence of some events between 24 Jul and 10 Aug. A M P - A

WXP 17 Aug 74 [LATimes, Gerald Faris]

SFC 17 Aug 74 [LATimes]

Z. Wayne Griffin - See entry, Haldeman legal defense fund
John Leisure - " "
Richard Miller - "

Nixon (tapes and documents) - "President Ford, acting through his new legal counsel, [Philip W. Buchen], ordered today that all of Richard M. Nixon's tape recordings and other documents be held in White House custody until legal issues involving the Watergate affair were resolved." Press secretary ter Horst says it is his understanding that the order involves all of Nixon's personal papers, tapes and documents now in "the physical possession of the White House," and not just those which might have a bearing on Watergate.

NYT 17 Aug 74, Marjorie Hunter

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①- "[Ehrlichman's subpoena 15 Aug for Nixon to testify at cover-up trial] marked the start of a grim new era for Nixon. For, as a source close to defendant Ehrlichman put it: 'It is now every man for himself.'"

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Nixon (subpoenas) - Two subpoenas are served personally on Nixon 28 Aug 74. One of them, for testimony at cover-up trial, was received in Los Angeles "11 days ago" -- 16 or 17 Aug?

See 28 Aug 74, AMP-H, AMP-I.

- See also entry 15 Aug 74, Ehrlichman subpoenas Nixon to testify, 9 Sep This must be a separate subpoena than that received in Los Angeles "11 days ago."