

2 Sep 74

W. Clement Stone meets with Nixon today, and "thereafter"  
(no date) meets with Ford in Washington. AMP-4, 8

The subject of Stone's visits with the two came up during Ford's appearance 17 Oct before HJC's Subcommittee on Criminal Justice, which was holding a hearing on Ford's pardon of Nixon. The question was asked by James R. Mann (D-S.C.):

Mann: According to press reports, Mr. Clement Stone visited President Nixon on Sept 2 and, thereafter [no date], met with you in Washington. Are you at liberty to tell us the gist of the communication involving President Nixon from Mr. Stone to you?

Ford: Mr. Stone came to see me about a program that he's used very successfully in his business - a program which he's very proud of and he was urging me to institute it in the various bureaus and departments of the Federal Government. There was no other [?] message conveyed by him from Mr. Nixon to me.

NYT 18 Oct 74, p. 19, col. 6, transcript of hearing  
as recorded by NYT. ~~WKE~~

- See entry 7 Sep 74, same heading.

Pardon - Buchen confers with Jaworski.

KRON-TV, special report on pardon, 8 Sep 74, transcript

Nixon/Stone/Ford - See entry, W. Clement Stone

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Ⓐ - "W. Clement Stone, a major Republican Party fund-raiser and Nixon supporter, spent the Labor Day weekend [Labor Day, 2 Sep] at San Clemente and subsequently conferred with President Ford. However, a spokesman for Stone denied that the Chicago multimillionaire had served as an emissary between Mr. Ford and the former President. He said that Stone was unaware that a pardon would be forthcoming."

WXP 10 Sep 74, Lou Cannon

- See entry 8 Sep 74, same heading.

Ⓑ - WXP gives the date as 22 Sep. NYT's date of 2 Sep was confirmed by checking tape of the hearing; tape not kept.