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Cover-up trial (verdict) - Mitchell, Haldeman, Mardian, Ehrlichman: guilty on all counts; Parkinson, acquitted.

See clippings for charges against the defendants and defense arguments; statements by defendants. "As he emerged from the courthouse ... Mr. Haldeman faced a barrage of television cameras as he said that ~~one~~ only one human being in the whole world knew the facts about the Watergate affair. 'That person is me and I know that legally and morally I'm totally and absolutely innocent. I have the full conviction that ultimately the truth will be known.'" AMP-B
Ehrlichman "said the turning point in the trial came when Judge Sirica ruled that Mr. Nixon would not be required to testify or give a deposition. Asked if he felt that Mr. Nixon should have voluntarily come forth as a witness, Mr. Ehrlichman replied: 'No, it's not reasonable or fair to expect him to come forward voluntarily. It was up to the judicial process to bring him forward.'"

NYT 2 Jan 75, Marjorie Hunter

Nixon - Spokesman says Nixon is preparing a statement, to be released tomorrow, about the verdicts in the trial.

NYT 2 Jan 75 [Special to NYT]

Conspiracy laws - Rep. Elizabeth Holtzman, commenting on verdict, says she finds it "ironic" that, as far as she knows, this is the first major conspiracy trial won by the prosecution since the time when the conspiracy laws were being unsuccessfully used by the Nixon and Johnson Administrations to prosecute radicals and critics of the Vietnam war." (Wording is that of NYT.)

NYT 2 Jan 75, Grace Lichtenstein

Elizabeth Holtzman - See entry, Conspiracy laws. AMP-F

Other cases - See clipping for listing of related cases still under investigation or under preparation for trial, among them, ^{AMP-E}Rebozo (\$100,000 from Hughes); erasure of 18 minutes from tape of 20 Jun 72; backdating of deed. "The investigation of Nixon's taxes continues, with indications that others besides Morgan were involved."

WXP 2 Jan 75, Lawrence Meyer AMP-A
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- See entry 2 Jan, Grand juries

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- (A) - The term "others" does not refer to Nixon, story pointing out that his pardon protects him from prosecution from any possible tax violations. ~~AMP~~
- (B) - ~~Statement~~ by Haldeman: "There's only one human being in the world who knows to an absolute moral certainty the truth of my innocence or guilt. I know that legally and morally I am totally innocent of each of the charges brought here. And with that certainty, I can live with myself, and I can move ahead now with the processes of appeal."
NYT 3 Jan 75, John M. Crewdson
- (C) - "The special prosecutor is known to be looking into the roles played by Frank DeMarco Jr., the tax lawyer involved in the undertaking, 'and possibly others.'" Source for this quotation is not given, but from context, appears to be special prosecutor Henry S. Ruth.
NYT 3 Jan 75, Linda Charlton
- (D) - "What began as an investigation into an 18½-minute tape gap and the possibility that this erasure constituted destruction of evidence has now broadened, sources in the Watergate [prosecutor's] office said, into an examination of the possibility that the bowdlerization and alteration of the tape transcripts supplied to the House Judiciary Committee by the White House violated Federal law by obstructing Congress."
NYT 3 Jan 75, Linda Charlton
- (E) - "Sources in the special prosecutor's office" describe the investigation ~~into~~^{of} Rebozo as a "full-scale" one.
NYT 3 Jan 75, Linda Charlton
- (F) - "Richard Nixon's most powerful aides were convicted in the Watergate cover-up trial under the very laws they themselves often used as a weapon against administration enemies - the conspiracy statutes." Cases named: Dr. Benjamin Spock, the Chicago Seven, the Gainesville Eight and Daniel Ellsberg.
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