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Dean, Kalmbach and Magruder - Sirica reduces their sentences to time served, his order "amending judgment as to commitment" giving no reason beyond citing motions previously filed by their lawyers. They are immediately released from prison.

NYT 9 Jan 75, Linda Charlton

Ehrlichman files motion asking for a new trial or for verdict to be overturned. Appeal contends that he was "deprived of a fair trial due to members of the prosecution staff expressing "disbelief during testimony favorable to Ehrlichman by their gestures or side comments within hearing of the jury."

Story says Ehrlichman joined in Haldeman's motion for a new trial (~~3 Jan~~) but it is unclear whether this was done at that time, 3 Jan, or today.

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Tapes (public broadcast) - Judge Gesell rules that the tapes played during the cover-up trial cannot be made available for broadcasting, because the applicants have not submitted a plan to prevent commercialization or undignified use. Gesell's denial of all pending applications is made "without prejudice," meaning the matter can be raised again. AMP-A

Gesell transfers the case back to Sirica, who was unable to handle the applications when they were originally made because he was (WXP's wording:) busy with the cover-up trial.

At issue are 28 recordings. Gesell has made clear that before they could be released, all material which had been excluded from the jury would have to be removed.

WXP 9 Jan 75, Harry F. Rosenthal

"Soviet Encyclopedia Is Kind to Nixon" - James F. Clarity, reporting from Moscow on the latest volume of the Great Soviet Encyclopedia: "Volume 18 of the encyclopedia, published this week, treats Mr. Nixon as if he had a rather unsensational career for a President. The end of the Nixon entry simply says that on Aug. 9, 1974, the President 'by force of internal political circumstances related to the so-called Watergate case, resigned.' A cross-reference

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sends readers to an entry on 'Watergate,' to be included later on in the alphabet. The Nixon entry does not mention [Nixon's] fervent anti-Communism as he rose to political power. Rather, [he] is given credit for helping achieve 'a positive turn' in the direction of Soviet-American relations."

NYT 9 Jan 75, James F. Clarity

Korff visits Nixon today; had visited him yesterday; holds press conference 9 Jan.

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① - See editorial taking issue with Gesell's decision.
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