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"Nixon Wants to Re-Enter GOP Politics, Goldwater Says" - Goldwater says (in intv?) that he had lunch with Nixon 23 Jan and that Nixon "talked of his desire to get back into the political arena - not as a candidate - but as a party spokesman." We discussed whether he would be accepted back into the party's affairs and I told him I thought he would be. Of course there is the question of when his health would permit it. But he felt that when it does he might get out and try to be of some help" [UPI:] to Republican candidates and the party generally.

Goldwater says Nixon "seemed to be quite cheerful and is well aware of what's going on. He's clearly kept abreast of everything that's been happening." Says he didn't "sense any bitterness" on Nixon's part, "none at all."

WXP 29 Jan 75 [UPI]

Nixon (health) - Dr. Lungren, in intv, says Nixon is "looking physically improved" for the first time since his last hospital stay, and may be well enough next month to take occasional trips by car, helicopter or plane. Says his fluctuating blood pressure [UPI:] no longer poses an immediate threat. Nixon has been kept under a strict program of anticoagulation and restricted physical activity. He is now able to have more visitors.

UPI points out that Lungren's "optimistic report" coincides with statement by Goldwater (see entry, Nixon Wants).

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SFC 29 Jan 75 [UPI]

- Lungren says he examined Nixon for 70 minutes, 24 Jan.

Reporters Committee for Freedom of the Press - D.C. police are investigating a break-in at committee's office; nothing taken, but several files, including lists of financial backers, were rifled. According to police, someone apparently entered the office after hours either late tonight or early morning 29 Jan; no signs of forcible entry.

See entry 31 Jan 75, AMP-A.

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Break-in - See entry Reporters Committee

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Nixon (personal papers, etc.) - "The Ford administration is packing up some personal memorabilia belonging to [Nixon] and will ask permission today from the U.S. District Court [in WX] to forward it to him. The items [include] his collections of elephants, political cartoons and gavels

"An itemized list of everything involved is being prepared for ... Judge Charles R. Richey by the [GSA], which is doing the packing, with the help of ... Rose Mary Woods. AMP-B

"Lawyers on President Ford's staff are supervising the packing, according to White House press aide Larry Speakes, to make certain that no items are put into the boxes which might date from Nixon's years in the presidency.

"A bill passed by Congress in December and signed into law by President Ford gives the government custody and control of everything - including 1,100 packing crates filled with foreign and domestic gifts - that was accumulated between the dates of Nixon's first inauguration in 1969 and his resignation in 1974.

"Everything in that category has been impounded by Judge Richey under a temporary injunction until he can rule on whether Nixon or the government owns the contested materials.

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"Miss Woods ... is expected to have everything packed and out of the EOB office by the end of the transition period on Feb. 9." AMP-A

WXP 28 Jan 75, Maxine Cheshire

Nixon (foreign and domestic gifts) - See entry, Nixon (personal papers, etc).

Rose Mary Woods - "It is assumed that someone representing Nixon will be moving into office space reserved for the use of former Presidents in a building across Pennsylvania Avenue on Lafayette Square. Whether it will be Miss Woods is not known at the White House.

"Miss Woods goes off the federal payroll in three weeks unless Nixon plans to pay her \$36,000 salary out of the \$96,000 staff and office maintenance funds allowed him annually

"One former Nixon aide who returned from California recently said that Nixon may be unable to keep Miss Woods

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unless he pays her out of his own pocket.

"'She and her secretary, Marge Acker, come as a package deal,' he explained. 'Together, they make \$59,000. That's more than half the old man's budget and it doesn't leave him much for everything else. He is going to need a half dozen \$12,000-a-year stenographers more.'"

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Jack Anderson has filed suit for access to Nixon materials (date of filing not given). His lawyer, William Dobrovir, objects to shipment of Nixon's personal items (entry, Nixon, personal papers, etc.) because "documents were selected by archivists who work for the defendants [the White House], and when there was a question they consulted with Rose Mary Woods, who works for Nixon."

WXP 29 Jan 75, Timothy S. Robinson

Magruder says he may do a series of lectures on the problems with the U.S. prison system.

"'I don't wish jail on anyone,' said Magruder, who maintained that everyone 'has paid the price for Watergate' including [Nixon, who] 'is in his own prison in San Clemente.'"

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- See also entry 10 Jan 75, Ziegler, last paragraph.

Ziegler (Michigan State) - ~~Michigan State University~~
Associated Students of Michigan State University, by 7-to-3 vote, withdraws its (AP:) \$1,250 financial support for Ziegler's appearance, and calls for mass picketing and boycott of his speech if the university goes ahead with plans to bring Ziegler to the campus on 27 Feb. Director of the university's lecture-concert series says the school will honor the \$2,500 contract. The university and the student council originally were to split the cost.

SFC 30 Jan 75 [AP]

Ronald Reagan and his wife have dinner with the Nixons; Reagan says 30 Jan that Nixon appeared to be well.

SFC 31 Jan 75 [UPI]

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Nixon (additional donation of papers) - Nixon, in letter to GSA today, makes declaration of intent to donate pre-presidential papers from 1946-68 period. See entry 17 Feb, same heading.

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- (A) - See entry, Jack Anderson has filed suit
- (B) - UPI says the items involved are already packed into about 250 boxes and are ready for shipment if Judge Richey approves. Special prosecutor's office has examined the indexes, says material listed is not needed for future prosecution. Justice Department lawyer says the material "does not come within the statute or the court's restraining order. We propose to ship it a week from today."
R. Stanley Morteson, Nixon lawyer, tells Richey that the boxes contain mail, bills for renewal of credit cards, Nixon's collections of gavels and miniature elephants, a pair of reading glasses, a picture of Tricia's wedding and a globe of the moon.
NYT 29 Jan 75 [UPI]
- (C) - See entry 22 May 73, notes B, C, D.
- (D) - See entry ~~28 Jan 75~~ 9 Feb 75, Korff press conference [paragraph beginning "Nixon as ambassador ... "]