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George Bush leaves today for return to China. See entry 23 Jan, George Bush.

"Bush departed after hinting that the United States might be ready to move ahead in its long-promised efforts to strengthen its relationship with the People's Republic of China. ... Without giving details, he said that the United States will improve its relationships with the People's Republic. 'We have reiterated our support of the Shanghai communique,' Bush said. 'We want to strive to its fulfillment.' ... Bush's general statement of U.S. willingness to improve its relations with Peking was case in similar words to those used earlier in the week by ... Kissinger. [This would cover period Sunday, 2 Feb to 6 Feb.]

"In an interview [today], Bush discussed ... a recent remark by [Nixon] that he, Nixon, might one day become ambassador to China. 'I'm very happy in my job,' Bush said with a smile in response to the Nixon suggestion. ... If [Bush] serves the expected two years of duty in Peking, he would not return to the United States until late in 1976."

WXP 7 Feb 75, Lou Cannon

Nixon (personal papers, etc.) - WH says Nixon's personal property will be moved by truck tomorrow (WXP says "in the pre-dawn hours") to Andrews Air Force Base and flown to San Clemente. This includes papers dated before 20 Jan 69 and after 9 Aug 74, mail addressed to Nixon after he resigned, collections of elephants, gavels, political cartoons.

The total weighs $3\frac{1}{2}$ tons, packed into 50 to 55 crates.

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Nixon (federal financial support) - "Federal officials [today] could not determine the amount of government funds spent so far on Nixon's behalf since his resignation, but it is likely to be well above \$500,000 for his first six months out of office. The government had reported spending \$367,000 to support Nixon and his staff during the first three months. [See story for details of what is included in this figure.] Federal officials said [today] that many of these expenses are not chargeable against the

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\$100,000 expense fund voted Nixon for the period up to [9 Feb], which helps explain why he recently had only obligated \$57,000 of that fund."

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Nixon (physical and emotional state) - Korff, interviewed by phone "shortly before he was to visit Nixon," says Nixon's mood "is toward adjustment and that history will vindicate him;" says Nixon has fallen occasionally while walking.

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Korff, - See entry, Nixon, physical and emotional state.

Butterfield "is understood to have been told by the White House that he should plan on leaving [the FAA] next month. A successor is expected to be nominated soon, perhaps next week."

NYT 7 Feb 75, Richard Witkin

Ziegler - Student government leaders, Florida International University vote to reinstate invitation to Ziegler, "but they want to invite liberal Democrat Allard Lowenstein, too." Story does not say what connection there is between these two invitations.

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Korff visits Nixon for three days, probably beginning today. See entry 9 Feb, Korff press conference.

CIA (Nixon) - "Was Nixon Framed?" First of two-part article by Richard Raznikov, who suggests that Watergate was CIA effort to remove Nixon. Part II is filed 13 Feb 75.

Pacific Sun, 6-12 Feb 75, Richard Raznikov

Nixon (CIA) - See entry, CIA (Nixon).

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Ⓐ- Story, which is undated, gives no date for Korff intv. UPI (in SFC 10 Feb) says Korff visited Nixon for three days, a period which would have begun today. See entry 9 Feb, Korff press conference.

Ⓑ- Butterfield is apparently still at the FAA 2 Mar 75; see entry that date.
- Butterfield submits resignation 25 (?) Mar 75, effective 31 Mar. Entry 25 Mar, Butterfield resigns