

7 Feb 75 ①

Colson, in television intv, tells of a conversation with Nixon 18 Dec 73, during which Nixon (in wording of story) "talked seriously about resigning," but was worried that Ford could not control Kissinger; quotes Nixon as saying, "You know, Henry really is unstable at times."

Colson says that in another conversation in Dec 73 (no ^{AMP-B} date) "He said if he lost in the Supreme Court on the tapes he would resign," but that he was confident he would have the ~~four~~ votes of his four appointees, Burger, Blackmun, Rehnquist and Powell.

See clippings for other Colson statements.

In contrast to his statement in intv 5 Feb, that the CIA "was involved in both" the Watergate and Fielding break-ins, says today that "It is inconceivable to me, based on all the evidence, that the CIA did not know in advance about the Watergate break-in," and that it is "beyond dispute that the CIA knew about plans to break into Dr. Fielding's office.

WXP 8 Feb 75, Douglas Watson

SFC 8 Feb 75 [AP, UPI]

Nixon (resignation) - Colson says Nixon, ~~considered~~ in Dec 73, seriously considered possibility of resigning. See entry, Colson, in television intv

McCord, in appeal to Supreme Court, says his trial was ~~been~~ "tainted" by Government misconduct, which he describes as deliberate destruction by Government officials of evidence which would have been beneficial to him; conspiracy between the prosecutors and his lawyers to introduce illegally obtained evidence; denial of equal treatment because of Ford's pardon of Nixon.

NYT 8 Feb 75 [UPI]

Howard Hughes (break-in, 5 Jun 74) - This break-in, at offices of Summa Corp, has been under investigation and Los Angeles District Attorney will present the case to a grand jury 11 or 12 Feb. See entry 5 Jun 74, Hughes' Hollywood office.

NYT says documents stolen at the time "were said to fill two large footlockers," and that "sources close to the investigation describe the stolen documents as containing

7 Feb 75 (2)

[from preceding page]

'political dynamite' and information embarrassing to the Federal Government." AP: "Former U.S. Attorney General William Saxbe, FBI director Clarence Kelley and top CIA officials reportedly have conferred with Los Angeles ~~Police~~ county District Attorney Joseph Busch and Los Angeles Police Chief Edward Davis because of possible national security ramifications of the burglary investigation."

LATimes 8 Feb ^{AMP-P} says among the documents is a "contract" between the CIA and the Hughes organization to salvage a sunken Soviet nuclear submarine from the North Atlantic; this is denied immediately by Hughes officials. AMP-C

"Late last July" an anonymous caller telephoned Hughes security agent and offered to return the documents for \$500,000. The Hughes organization decided not to negotiate because the material would probably be copied before it was returned.

NYT 8 Feb 75, James Phelan - filed CIA

SFC 8 Feb 75 [AP]

- See entry 6 Dec 74, Ellsberg, home break-in. AMP-A

Ziegler, whose lecture tour was to have started at University of Wisconsin, will not be appearing there as planned on 19 Feb; also will not be going to three Florida universities where he had been scheduled later that week. (19 Feb is a Wednesday.) When asked why, lecture agency says that Ziegler's "entire schedule is having to be turned around" and that his tour probably will not start before "sometime in March." Says Ziegler asked him to make the changes.

NYT 8 Feb 75, Notes on People

(7 Feb 75) AMP

- Ⓐ - See entry 10 Feb 75, Robert F. Bennett.
- Ⓑ - This conversation may have taken place also on 18 Dec 73. Colson had a "late evening" conversation with Nixon on the same subject on that date. See entry 16 Jan 75 (Nixon-Burger). See entry 14 Jan 75, Nixon-Burger.
- Ⓒ - See entry 13 Mar 75, "C.I.A. Link "
- See entry 18 Mar 75, "C.I.A. Salvage Ship "
- Ⓓ - SFC 8 Feb says "the Los Angeles Times reported yesterday [7 Feb];" NYT 8 Feb says "The Saturday [8 Feb] edition of The Los Angeles Times." Early edition of 8 Feb on the streets 7 Feb?