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Pardons for Haldeman et al? - Ford, at news conference, Hollywood, Florida, is asked for his views on pardons for "former top Administration figures," now that the sentences have been handed down, "especially in the light of their contention that they had done nothing that is any more wrong than the President under whom they served." Ford is non-committal, says that since they are appealing their sentences it would be "inappropriate" for him to comment one way or the other. "If and when the time comes, the proper thing for them to do would be to apply in the regular procedure or process, which is through the pardon attorney in the Department of Justice." Questioner persists: "Without getting into specific cases, on the general premise, would you be sympathetic more in this particular circumstances?" Ford: "I don't think it would be appropriate to make a comment in that regard because they are limited in number and I would not want to prejudice their current appeal by any comment that I might make."

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Ford Ad.

Ford - See entry, Pardons for Haldeman et al?

Ehrlichman (Indians) - Ehrlichman's lawyer, Ira Lowe, says (27 Feb) that Pueblo Chief Herman Agogyo phoned Ehrlichman tonight to withdraw invitation by the Indians; Lowe says the decision was made because of the "great publicity" surrounding Ehrlichman's offer of legal assistance to the tribes. Lowe says Ehrlichman has written to the Indians to say he understands their reluctance, and that in his letter he says "I ... will begin again looking for the right place to contribute to the well-being of others." A.M.P.-A

Lowe says. "What we're going to do now is find another public service thing to do and we just won't announce it until after he's started it," and that by doing "personal penance" Ehrlichman hopes to bring the alternative sentence concept "to the attention of other lawyers who want to do the same thing for their clients."

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④ - Herman Agoya (spelling used by AP in story datelined San Juan Pueblo, N.M.) is Governor of San Juan Pueblo. He says (27 Feb) that seven of the eight governors of the Eight Northern Indian Pueblo Council met 26 Feb and voted unanimously to deny Ehrlichman's request to work with them on land problems.

In this story, as in others on withdrawal of the invitation, there is no mention of any reason given by the Indians; the reference to the "great publicity" is attributed to Lowe and Ehrlichman, in his letter to the Indians.

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- See entry 13 Mar 75, Kleindienst.