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Key Biscayne - One of the five houses in the Nixon compound has been sold (no date). This is not one of those owned by Nixon, but a house which had been leased by the owner, A. Edward Campbell, to the government for use as a communications center by the Secret Service.

The new owner is Lester Burns Jr. of Burnside, Ky., a lawyer. He has signed to buy the house; actual closing of the deal is scheduled for April.

The price has not been disclosed; spokesman for the realty firm involved says it is "well over \$200,000."

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Nixon tapes and documents - Sampson says it will probably take the GSA until 1980 to determine the status of the material: what is to be made public, what is to be kept secret and what is to be returned to Nixon. To do the sorting Sampson will appoint a group of professional archivists, who will be supervised by a panel of senior archivists. Where materials fall into a "gray area" he will appoint a presidential materials review board composed of individuals outside the GSA; if he should disagree with their recommendations he will have to state his reasons in writing. All decisions may be appealed in the courts.

Sampson's estimate of the time involved in determining the status of the material is based on the fact that Nixon is challenging the decision of the law (19 Dec 74) authorizing the GSA to take custody of the material and determine its disposition. If the three-judge panel now considering his challenge rules against him, Nixon will probably appeal to the Supreme Court, a process which Sampson estimates might take 18 months to complete. Until it is, the GSA cannot begin to examine the material.

The material includes 880 WH tapes covering 5,000 hours of conversation, 435,000 photographs and 42 million pieces of paper. The physical volume aggregates 37,000 cubic feet.

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Sampson, GSA - See entry, Nixon tapes and documents.

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Ziegler has canceled his campus lecture series on grounds he does not want to be on the "Watergate speaking circuit," according to "Washington sources."

"There also were reports that [Nixon] was unhappy with Ziegler's intention to begin a lecture tour on which Watergate would obviously be the main focal point.... [Nixon] was said to be miffed that so many former White House aides have been making money by speaking out against his administration."

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Stans pleads guilty in Federal court to five misdemeanor charges of violating campaign laws while he was CREP's finance director in 1972. This is apparently the result of a plea-bargaining arrangement with the prosecution, and disposes of "criminal liability of Mr. Stans for any past acts" in violating either campaign or perjury laws, or other matters under the prosecution's investigation. (This wording is NYT's.)

"The arrangement leaves Mr. Stans open to prosecution for any possible violations related to the Vesco case in New York - the case in which he went to trial last year and was acquitted*- and any perjury committed after last Nov. 8. That, apparently, was the day on which the understanding was worked out, and Mr. Stans began cooperating with the prosecution."

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Vesco - See entry, Stans pleads guilty

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(A) - See also entry 19 Mar 75, same heading; also clippings on which it is based, which give the volume as 35,00 cubic feet, and also the figures for other items such as video tapes, motion pictures, etc.