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'CIA Plot on Castro' - AP report on NY Daily News story today of intv with Sturgis.

Story says Sturgis first went to Cuba in 1957 at the urging of Cuban exiles in Miami who supported Castro against Batista, and that he was recruited for intelligence work by Park F. Woolam, then in charge of the U.S. Consulate in Cuba. Sturgis is quoted as saying that in Feb 59 he suggested to CIA contacts that Castro be assassinated, and offered to organize it; plan was dropped after it failed to get "a green light" from WX. See story for other details; see entry 20 Apr, "CIA's 'Mata Hari' ... "

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Park F. Woolam }
Sturgis } See entry, 'CIA Plot on Castro'

Nixon - McCall's Magazine, out today, carries article by Trude B. Feldman, "The Quiet Courage of Pat Nixon." Opening paragraph: "The best decision I ever made was choosing Pat to be my wife, my partner in life," Richard Milhous Nixon said recently. 'I've had prestige, power and even, at times, some money. Those things come and go - as they have with me. But Pat has stood by my side during good times and bad alike. What more could any man ask?'" This is the general tone of the entire article.

Headlines on reports on the article: SFC, "Nixon Says Pat Saved His Life;" WXP, "The Best Decision I Ever Made;" NYT, "Nixon Attributes His Survival to Wife."

Author quotes Mrs. Nixon as saying of Nixon, "Like everyone else he has probably made mistakes - no one is infallible. But he has done many good things for our country and the world." Of the tapes: "They're like a private diary. I wish he had burned them."

NYT says the article "evidentially drew on conversations [by inference, of others] with the former President" and "did not refer specifically to an interview with Mr. Nixon." WXP says "The magazine does not indicate whether Miss Feldman talked to Mr. Nixon directly, and neither the editors nor Miss Feldman could be reached for comment." AMP - A

McCall's Magazine, May 75 - filed 20 Apr 75, the date it was available

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Vesco renounces citizenship, by letter (no date) to U.S. ambassador to Costa Rica, Terrence A. Todman; says he has no intention of ever returning to the United States. Letter does not say whether he has applied for Costa Rican or any other citizenship. Letter is made public today, by Todman, according to NYT.

AP: "Todman at a news conference ten days ago urged Vesco to return to the United States and prove his claimed innocence in the courts. The ambassador said the U.S. government will try for the third time to have Vesco extradited from Costa Rica." NYT: "Federal officials said recently [no date] they would make their third attempt to extradite [him]."

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NYT 23 Apr 75, Notes on People, Laurie Johnston

Mrs. Nixon - See entry, Nixon, McCall's Magazine

WH tapes - " " " " "

McCord - Supreme Court declines to review his conviction, letting stand the decision of U.S. Court of Appeals which had upheld the jury's verdict in convicting him.

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Ⓐ- Several of the author's statements are similar to those made by Korff. See entry 25 Feb 75, Korff intv.