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Nixon (emotional state before resignation) -- See also entry 28 Apr 75, Nixon ("unstable personality").

Quotations given by AP of remarks by James D. St. Clair, speaking at Law Day banquet in Long Beach: "I saw him occasionally when he was highly emotional, just before his resignation. But I never felt he was out of touch with reality. I do suspect, however, that he was one of the last to realize he must resign." (Quotations are scattered through AP's story, and do not necessarily follow one another without intervening comment by St. Clair.)

Excerpt of St. Clair's remarks, as recorded by CBS: (St. Clair:) "Certainly there were occasions when the former President was highly emotional, particularly when he addressed members of the White House upon his resignation. If that is defined as unstable, so be it. [There's] no question but it was a highly emotional occasion, and I'm satisfied that he must have had other times [word garbled] the day before, when he met with Congressional leaders, were highly emotional periods of time, but very frankly, to my observation, I never observed him when he was, in my judgment, mentally unstable."

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