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CIA "infiltration of the executive" - "The staff director of the House Select Committee on Intelligence [A. Searle Field] has seen documents indicating that a high-level member of the Nixon White House staff was reporting to the [CIA] on activities in and around the Oval Office, according to a source close to the committee's investigation. The source, who asked not to be identified, said that the classified C.I.A. materials viewed by [Field] gave no evidence that the C.I.A. 'penetration,' as he called it, was known to President Nixon or those around him....

"A five-page memorandum prepared yesterday by Mr. Field for ... committee members and made available today to The New York Times contained a reference that the source said was based on the document in question.... A-12-A

"He also confirmed an account of the document yesterday in which Sam Donaldson, a reporter for the American Broadcasting Company, said that the C.I.A. infiltrator had ranked just below H.R. Haldeman ... and John D. Ehrlichman 'It was the Oval Office' to which the man had had access, the source emphasized, and 'not the White House.'"

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- Committee members Robert W. Kasten (R-Wis.) and Ronald V. Dellums (D-Calif.) say Field told them this week of secret documents indicating CIA "infiltration" of the White House during Nixon's tenure and/of ^{that} other administrations, and of other executive branch agencies (Office of Management and Budget, and Treasury and Commerce departments). Kasten and Dellums speak of this in general terms at a meeting of the Rules Committee, and later, apparently in more detail, when questioned by reporters.

WXP 10 Jul 75, George Lardner Jr. - filed CIA (d)

Robert W. Kasten - See entry, CIA "infiltration "

Ronald V. Dellums - " "

A. Searle Field - " "

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Mao Tse-tung (Nixon) - Premier Kukrit Pramoj of Thailand, on return to Bangkok from a visit to China, reports on his meeting with Mao last week. AP: "Mao Tse-tung still thinks well of former President Nixon and says the Watergate scandal was the result of 'too much freedom of political expression in the United States,' Thai Premier Kukrit Pramoj said [today]. Kukrit said ... Mao ... told him: 'What's wrong with tapping a conversation when you happen to have a tape recorder with you? Most people in America love playing with tape recorders.' Mao said he remembered Mr. Nixon's visit to China in 1973 and added: 'Please tell him I still think of him,' the Premier reported."

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Nixon (Mao) - See entry, Mao Tse-tung.

Nixon (Ford election campaign) - See entry, Ford (Nixon).

Ford (Nixon) - Howard H. Callaway, head of Ford's election campaign organization, at impromptu news conference rules out any role for Nixon in Ford's campaign; says that anyone who "thinks they're going to taint Ford" with Watergate will find that "it won't wash." See entry 10 Jul, Nixon (Dent). ^{ADP-}
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NYT 10 Jul 75, James M. Naughton - filed Ford Ad

Vesco - Unattributed story datelined Dania, Florida, says "a \$1.31 million yacht," the Patricia III, "which may be owned" by Vesco, sailed for Panama today after a dispute over who owns it. Story is very unclear, but the dispute is apparently between International Controls Corp. of New York (a firm once owned by Vesco) and an unnamed Panamanian firm which also claims rights to the yacht. "It sailed in defiance of a New York federal court order that it be impounded pending adjudication of its ownership. An army of officers - Dania police, Pinkerton security guards hired by International Controls, a deputy U.S. marshal and Port of Dania security guards - were persuaded to let it go when William Luttinger U.S. marshal at Miami, said he had no Miami federal court order to detail [detain?] it." Unnamed attorney for International Controls says the yacht was purchased with funds defrauded from the company.

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Ⓐ - See entry 11 Jul, same heading.

Ⓑ - See entry 13 Jul, same heading.
See entry 10 Jul, Nixon (Harry Dent), final paragraph.

Ⓒ - See entry 19 Jul 75, same heading.