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Nixon suit (custody of tapes and papers) - Nixon lawyer, R. Stan Mortenson, says in WX that Nixon will make a sworn deposition next week in his suit to regain custody of tapes and papers. "There was speculation, however, that he might avoid making the deposition by withdrawing an affidavit he submitted in the case in June. Mr. Mortenson said that 'at this moment there is no intention' to withdraw the affidavit, which lawyers said would provide the basis for questioning if a deposition is taken."

Story says "Two Federal judges ordered yesterday that Mr. Nixon answer questions under oath within 10 days." Entry under yesterday's date (Nixon deposition, Anderson suit) involves a similar order by a three-judge court. It is not clear whether story entered today refers to that order, or to a separate one. A.P. - D

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Butterfield - CBS Radio broadcasts short tape of/Sen. Frank Church, chairman of Senate Select Committee on Intelligence Operations. Church: The committee has looked into the charges that [Butterfield] was a secret agent of the CIA planted at the White House to spy on the President. We have found no evidence to support such a charge; in fact, all of the evidence is directly contrary to that charge, and I think that the CIA is entitled to have this matter cleared up. Unidentified voice: Not to mention Butterfield. Church: And Mr. Butterfield as well. CBS reporter, Christopher Glenn: Senator Church said that his committee's investigation of the charge also ruled out the possibility that Butterfield had served as a liaison officer for the CIA.

WXP: "Church said the committee staff had questioned both Prouty and CIA Director William E. Colby on the question in the past week.... 'I think that on close interrogation, Mr. Prouty is unable to substantiate his earlier statement and acknowledges this to be the case,' Church said. He said he was announcing the finding now in the interest of fairness both to the CIA and to Butterfield."

CBS Radio News 18 Jul 75, transcript - filed CIA (d)

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Prouty - See entry, Butterfield.

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Nixon (television intv?) - Richard Salant, president of CBS News says (no date)^{A~i~p~c} that he has turned down an offer for a paid television appearance by Nixon. The offer to negotiate this was made 14 Jul by Nixon's literary agent, Irving Lazar, when he contacted a member of the CBS News staff in an attempt to set up a meeting with Salant. Salant said he was not interested, apparently (from context) even in meeting Lazar.

According to Lazar's proposal, Nixon would discuss his years in the White House but not Watergate.^{A~i~p~c} "[Salant] said he thought it would be proper to pay for a presidential memoir, 'but I don't think there could be a memoir without Watergate.' Conversely, he added, 'if he talked about Watergate, that would be current news and we don't pay for current news.'" ^{A~i~p~c}

CBS paid for the Haldeman intvs, 23 and 30 Mar 75.

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- See entries, same heading, 26, 28 Mar 75; 28 Jul

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(A) - That the approach had been made "was learned from a knowledgeable source (no date) and Salant confirmed it [18 Jul] in a telephone interview."
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(B) - News executives at ABC and NBC say (no date) they have not been contacted by Lazar. NBC News president Richard Wald says his network would like to intv Nixon, preferably without paying for it, but would be willing to discuss the question of a fee for Nixon's memoirs. ABC News president William Sheehan says he would turn down an offer because "Nixon remains a news story."
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(C) - See entry 28 Jul 75, same heading.

(D) - See entry 25 Jul 75, Nixon testimony (Anderson suit).
- See entry 20 Aug 75, Nixon deposition made public.