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Nixon staff funds - Senate Appropriations Committee "this week [20 to 26 Jul]" approved allowance of \$175,000 for Nixon, an increase of \$53,848 over that approved by the House (see entry 17 Jul, same heading). These figures pertain to overall expenses. The final figure has not been fixed, but presumably it will not affect the \$96,000 staff salary limit written into the Former Presidents Act.

"According to information available here [San Clemente] and in Washington, D.C." Nixon "has kept three of his office staff members on a private payroll in order to stay under the \$96,000-a-year federal allotment." The three are not named; see story for speculation. Four staff members are on federal salary: Rose Mary Woods, Loie Gaunt, office manager, and Joanne Miller and Nora Van der Sonnen, secretaries.

"In addition, since the official six-month presidential transition period ended Feb. 9, Nixon has made extensive use of the services of Lt. [Col.] Jack Brennan, who has been stationed on temporary duty at nearby Camp Pendleton. ^{AMP-C} A Marine spokesman at Camp Pendleton said [24 Jul] that Brennan had taken 66 days of accrued leave since reporting to the base Feb. 15. Much of the time he apparently has spent working for Nixon at ~~th~~ his offices here. Brennan is resigning from the Marine Corps July 31 to head [Nixon's] office staff. It has been reported he then will go on the [federal?] payroll in place of ... Rose Mary Woods, who is retiring on a reported \$27,500 annual pension." (On Rose Mary Woods, see entry 20 Jul 75.)

Story says Ziegler, "who lingered on in San Clemente for many months after saying he was leaving ... finally left ... this month. A friend said [24 Jul] that he probably will accept a job as a consultant for an Eastern company in a nonnews media field." ^{AMP-B}

WXP 26 Jul 75, Kenneth Reich [LATimes]

Nixon staff: - See entry, Nixon staff funds

Rose Mary Woods "
Jack Brennan "
Others "

Ziegler - See entry, Nixon staff funds

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Henry Ruth testifies before House Judiciary Committee's subcommittee on criminal justice. (See entry 16 Jul.) He speaks to reporters following his testimony, and since the story does not say the hearing was a closed one, it is unclear whether the quotations given are from his testimony or conversation with reporters. A N I P - A

Ruth says the testimony given by Nixon 23, 24 Jun "for presentation" to the grand jury will remain secret for the foreseeable future, that "I don't know of any law which allows release of grand jury testimony." The testimony was given to Ruth, two members of the Watergate grand jury and several other members of his staff. He says "plenty of forums" are available to obtain Nixon's testimony, including appearances before Congressional committees or court subpoenas.

Ruth says his office is still investigating (AP:) "issues involving the 18½-minute gap on the White House tapes and matters surrounding Mr. Nixon's involvement with Mr. Nixon's friend Charles Rebozo."

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Nixon (grand jury testimony) - See entry, Ruth testifies ...

Rebozo - " "

Mitchell - Sirica declines to order Nixon's grand jury testimony turned over to Mitchell's lawyers, says they should take his request to the U.S. Court of Appeals. (Entry 16 Jul 75.)

WXP 26 Jul 75 [AP]

Silbert - LATimes has obtained portion of "a secret transcript" of Nixon-Haldeman conversation 26 Apr 73, in which Haldeman tells Nixon that Silbert is "limiting" the Watergate investigation. AP says Sen. John V. Tunney "is seeking access to a transcript of the tape in his fight to block Senate confirmation of Silbert's nomination as U.S. attorney for the District of Columbia."

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- Story carries quotations from transcript; slightly longer version, WXP 29 Jul 75.

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Nixon testimony (Anderson suit) - See entries 17 Jul (Nixon deposition, Anderson suit) and 18 Jul (Nixon suit, custody of tapes and papers).

Nixon, under oath, answers questions for seven hours in civil suit by Jack Anderson for access to WH tapes and papers. The deposition is taken at San Clemente. In addition to Dobrovir, those present include lawyers for the special prosecutor, the Justice Department, Nixon, and various groups asking for access to the materials. X 7 1 0 - D

Dobrovir says the deposition will be made public, probably in about two weeks, after Nixon has had a chance to make corrections in the transcript. (See entry, 20 Aug 75.)

WXP 30 Jul 75 [AP]

Anderson suit - See entry, Nixon testimony.

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- Ⓐ - The hearing was a closed one, according to entry 16 Jul 75, special prosecutor.
- Ⓑ - See entry 6 Jul 75, Ziegler has rented
- Ⓒ - See entry 26 Jun 75, Lt. Col. Jack Brennan
- Ⓓ - Transcript of deposition is filed separately, boxed. Transcript gives title as "Richard M. Nixon, Plaintiff, vs. Administrator of General Services, et al., Defendants," and says the deposition was taken "by Defendants in Intervention," who are not named.