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Silbert - Sen. Tunney releases a short portion of transcript of Nixon-Haldeman taped conversation of 26 Apr 73. (See entry 25 Jul, Silbert.) Story does not say when Tunney released the transcript but presumably it was today.

Several unnamed Silbert supporters, described as members of the special prosecutor's office as well as several lawyers who represented Watergate defendants, say the Haldeman comment is out of context in the portion of the conversation released by Tunney, where it appears as the last sentence. "Persons who have had access to the complete conversation said yesterday there is no further mention of Silbert. At least one person who has heard the tape said the conversation is ambiguous .... "

Silbert releases a statement today saying "the only fair reading of the April 26, 1973, transcript is that former President Nixon was discussing with Haldeman what people would say concerning his not having appointed a special prosecutor." The portion of the transcript as released and as carried by WXP, supports this.

WXP says the Senate Judiciary Committee "has stalled for more than a year voting on Silbert's nomination to be confirmed as U.S. attorney here."

WXP 29 Jul 75, Timothy S. Robinson

Nixon (television intv?) - See entry 18 Jul, same heading.

"NBC News is actively pursuing an opportunity to purchase a series of interviews with [Nixon] that would be based on his written memoirs when they are completed more than a year from now, Richard C. Wald ... said [today].... Noting that the talks with Mr. Lazar are still exploratory ..., Mr. Wald said: 'We are intrigued with the proposition, especially since it is established that Nixon will discuss Watergate .... ' In making the proposal a week ago, Mr. Lazar indicated that Mr. Nixon would not be willing to discuss Watergate in the interviews."

"Mr. Wald said that while negotiations are in progress, he could not discuss the fee asked for Mr. Nixon by [Lazar]. Told that sources at the other networks have indicated that Mr. Lazar was asking for \$1-million, Mr. Wald replied, 'It's not that much.'"

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Richard S. Salant says of CBS News having paid for intvs of Liddy and Haldeman that "I'm prepared to admit that paying for the interviews was a mistake, and one that we won't make again. Aside from that I agree with Leon Jaworski that Mr. Nixon owes the country an explanation for Watergate. It wouldn't be right to pay him for doing that."

NYT 29 Jul 75, Les Brown

Nixon (\$1-million for intv?) - See entry, Nixon (television intv?).

DeMarco is arraigned in Federal Court, Los Angeles, on charges of (UPI:) "faking a \$576,000 income tax deduction" for Nixon.

"Mr. DeMarco's attorney raised the possibility that Mr. Nixon might be called as a defense witness at Mr. DeMarco's trial."

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Nixon (defense witness for DeMarco?) - See entry, DeMarco is arraigned ....