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"Nixon's Year in Exile - An Impatient Time." ^{ANIP-KE} Article, attributed to NYT, is not in today's edition of the Times; it may have been published yesterday, a Sunday. Excerpts:

□ Return to public life - "Above all, perhaps, there is impatience with his current small role in the nation's life after years in high office. He is obsessed with a desire for the historical rehabilitation of his administration.... He is said to see [his] book as his major opportunity to tell his side of Watergate and therefore of potentially critical importance in hastening the 'historical perspective' of his presidency that he believes eventually will largely absolve him of the scandal...."

"Virtually everyone who has been in recent contact with Mr. Nixon remarks on his desire to travel abroad. The motivation in part is a desire to revisit the scenes of the diplomatic achievements that he is said to be convinced will cement his place in history, Watergate notwithstanding.... Friends look for a leisurely Nixon trip abroad early next year."

Author describes as one of Nixon's "first cautious forays outside the San Clemente compound" his meeting with regents of USC, at Annenberg's estate 19 Apr 75, to announce agreement to locate Nixon library on the campus. Author quotes "the only journalist present," Kari Granville, editor of the USC student newspaper: "He seemed to enjoy getting out and seeing people and being the center of attention. He acted as though his place in history was guaranteed by foreign affairs. It was almost as though he were still President. He didn't mention Gerald Ford at all." ^{ANIP-D}

□ Watergate - "Friends who have discussed Watergate with him decline to disclose his views, but many indicate that the statement he made last September still reflects his thinking. [Nixon's statement 8 Sep 74, after announcement of pardon by Ford, is quoted in part.]"

"In addition, there are indications that he believes he was served poorly by key staff members who were themselves involved in the scandal and who therefore kept the seriousness of the situation from him. Certainly, many of his friends subscribe to this theory. Herbert G. Klein ... has said that [Haldeman, Ehrlichman, Colson] and others 'distorted' Mr. Nixon's sense of values and that 'at some

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point that cannot be definitely pinpointed . . . deceit began to replace truth. Doors were closed instead of opened. Dishonesty came to the Nixon administration and it was the beginning of the end.' Haldeman and Ehrlichman, he contends, 'began to hide facts from the President on matters both large and small.'"

□ Emotional and physical condition; visitors - "No longer is there talk by those who have seen him recently of bleak and unrelieved depression, nor of nearly constant physical pain and haggard mien.... With increasing frequency ... the Nixons have been entertaining friends. Visitors in the last few months have included [Rebozo, Abplanalp, Ziegler, Billy Graham, Frank Sinatra]." Also John Mitchell; Iranian ambassador, Ardeshir Zahedi.

□ Finances - "It is specious to describe Mr. Nixon as broke, as his partisans are wont to do." See clipping for details.

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Nixon with friends - WXP carries photo of Nixon breaking Armenian bread with George Mardikian and other guests, at outdoor lunch, San Clemente. Guests are described in caption (SFC) as members of Nixon's "Bohemian Grove 'Cave Man's Camp'," among them Allan Hoover, son of former President Hoover, Bob Swain of Dallas, Lowell Thomas, Emil Mosbacher. Caption in NYT (filed Nixon) says there were about 20 guests.

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Nixon tapes - Jaworski appears on "Martin Agronsky: Evening Edition," PBS, taped for presentation tonight. Says that if Nixon had destroyed the tapes at the time it was first known there was a recording system in the WH, or soon after that, he might still be president, but that if he had done so after the Supreme Court's decision he would have been impeached.

"Responding to a question of why Mr. Nixon didn't destroy the tapes, Jaworski said his speculation is that 'in the first place, I think that the President never did believe he would have to surrender those tape recordings . . . But

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I think he also had another motivating factor, and that is that he looked upon these tape recordings as having a tremendous value. I'm talking about real intrinsic value, you know, and some day a real market value."

Jaworski says he has "a fairly strong suspicion" who was responsible for the 18½-minute gap, but that his suspicion is not supported by enough evidence to warrant an indictment.

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Haldeman, Ehrlichman, Colson (Nixon) - See entry, "Nixon's year "

Nixon tapes (market value) - See entry, "Nixon's Year "

Jaworski - " "

Nixon (wish to travel) - " "

Nixon (visitors) - " "

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(A) - For a description of Bohemian Grove and its members, see long excerpt from article by G. William Domhoff, professor of psychology and sociology, University of California in Santa Cruz, and author of "Who Rules America."

"[The] extensive playground known as the Bohemian Grove is an isolated retreat owned and operated by San Francisco's Bohemian Club, one of the most unusual and powerful male social clubs in America. Its members and guests are the bluest of the chips: captains of business and industry, congressmen and senators, cabinet members, past Presidents, the most visible minds in academe, the richest and most successful entertainers and artists." Excerpt describes the interlocking business and political relationships of some of its members.

WXP 17 Aug 75, G. William Domhoff - filed Misc
(assassinations file)

(B) - "I had a first-hand account of 'Cave Man Camp's' visit to San Clemente a week or more before the press reported it. A stalwart Republican friend was a guest at that camp - one of the 129 enclaves in the grove - just as I was at 'Tarry Town,' a much less prestigious camp. He told me how his group of 15 or more had chartered a plane to fly them, a prepared luncheon, drinks, glassware and china, waiters and all down to the ex-President's home.... "

WXP 26 Aug 75, Letter to the editor - filed with
article by Domhoff, AMP-A.

(C) - The lunch party was held 31 Jul.

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(D) - See entry 19 Apr 75, Nixon, physical health.

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(E) - See entry 13 Oct 75, Nixon, return to public life.

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