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Hunt - Bob Woodward, quoting "reliable sources," says in WXPost (Sunday issue, not in file) that Hunt, after the Watergate arrests in Jun 72, told former CIA associates that in Dec 71 or Jan 72 he was ordered by a senior official in the Nixon White House to assassinate Jack Anderson. Hunt said the reason Anderson was marked for assassination was that he was publishing sensitive national security information based on top secret documents which had come into his possession. Hunt's alleged plan involved the use of a poison, to be obtained from a former CIA physician, which would leave no trace during an autopsy. The plan was canceled "at the last minute," after it had been in preparation for several days.

The above is taken from stories in SFEx (AP) and NYT (no attribution), and from transcript of KCBS Radio News.

NYT and KCBS carry reports of Anderson's reaction to the Post story, NYT saying his comments were made today. KCBS: "The sources said Hunt told former CIA associates the order came directly from a senior official in the White House. The sources added that on another occasion Hunt said an intermediary relayed the instructions of that senior official.

"Anderson says that although he had a hard time believing the White House actually would try to kill him, he was aware the White House considered him a major irritant. He knew that H.R. Haldeman ordered the Justice Department to investigate him, ... 'but I have absolutely no reason to believe that Haldeman would order my assassination.'" Anderson says of the Post story that he has to take it seriously because of Woodward's reputation as a reporter. In these accounts of Woodward's story there is no indication he mentioned Haldeman's name. A-4P-A, B

KCBS Radio News, San Francisco [transcript]

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NYT 22 Sep [no attribution]

Haldeman - See entry, Hunt, Bob Woodward

Jack Anderson - " "

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Nixon (return to politics?) - "The Republican National Committee chairwoman [Mary Louise Smith] said [today] she expects the party to ignore Richard Nixon during the campaign next year.

"I see him as a former President, retired, and I would not anticipate he will have a role in the 1976 convention.... I frankly don't see anyone who would want him to campaign for them. As to developing a party line on Richard Nixon, I don't think there will be one."

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GOP (Nixon) - See entry, Nixon, return to politics?

Nixon tapes - From profile on Philip W. Buchen: "The counsel to the President hasn't heard any of the tapes the public doesn't already know about.... Two of his staff, Bill Casselman and Barry Roth, have heard some.... What did Casselman and Roth have to say about the tapes? 'They were a little shaken,' said Buchen."

SFEx 21 Sep 75, Betty Beale

Buchen - See entry, Nixon tapes.

Rebozo - Fred Thompson, who was counsel for Republican minority on the Senate Watergate committee, has written a book on the committee, titled "At That Point in Time."

From comment on the book by Jeffrey Hart:

"We heard many sermons during the hearings about the violation of people's rights, but Thompson's account of the committee's own staff's treatment of Bebe Rebozo is an eye-opener. He was interviewed dozens of times, often for hours. The members of his family were interrogated. Everyone who had done business with Rebozo for the previous six years had his records subpoenaed. Anyone Rebozo had written a check to for six years was interrogated. His Miami bank was 'staked out,' and its employees harassed."

SFEx 21 Sep 75, Jeffrey Hart

Fred Thompson - See entry, Rebozo.

~~Castle Bank and Trust~~ - See entry, Project Haven.

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Ford/Nixon - Ford calls Nixon from Monterey; five-minute conversation. See entry 19 Sep, same heading.

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(A) - See entry 10 Aug 75, Haldeman (Nixon); 13 Sep 75, Nixon (Haldeman).

(B) - See entry 22 Sep, Haldeman refuses to comment ...
- See entry 22 Sep, Anderson (Hunt)