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Special prosecutor's office - From article by Clayton Fritchey, "Unanswered Watergate Questions," on Henry Ruth leaving the special prosecutor's office:

"There may, of course, be some reassuring surprises in Ruth's final report, but up to now there is comparatively little to show for his many months in office. It will be interesting to learn, if we do, what he and a large, expensive staff have been doing all this time. The record is not impressive on developing new lines of investigation or successfully consummating the investigations that were known to be under way when Mr. Ruth took over....

"What, for example, are the hidden facts about the secret fund allegedly controlled by [Nixon's] friend and crony, [Rebozo]? And what was the true connection between Nixon and ... Howard Hughes, who gave Rebozo \$100,000 for the President's re-election? .... "

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Rebozo - See entry, Special prosecutor's office.

Tom Charles Huston, testifying before Senate Select Committee on Intelligence, says he did not know - and, to the best of his knowledge, Nixon did not know - that during the Nixon administration burglaries, mail openings and other illegal actions were being carried out by federal intelligence agencies. Says the Huston Plan might never have come into existence "if we had known that many of the tools we were asking for were already being used and weren't getting any results."

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- "Mr. Huston testified ... that there had never been any discussion, in his presence, in the Nixon White House or in the Interagency Committee that drafted the recommendations [of the Huston Plan], of the illegality or dubious constitutionality of any of the proposals." NYT points out that "Mr. Nixon's approval of those proposals despite Mr. Huston's caveat that they were clearly illegal formed the basis for one of the three articles of impeachment.... "

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Huston Plan - See entry, Tom Charles Huston.

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Silbert - Senate Judiciary Committee votes 6 to 5 against holding new hearings on Silbert's confirmation, clearing the way for a vote on confirmation.

Sen. James G. Abourezk had asked for a hearing on Silbert's alleged failure to act early enough on evidence supplied by the CIA which purportedly linked Hunt to the break-in at Dr. Fielding's office. Story suggest Abourezk had asked only for an additional hour of hearings.

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DeMarco - See clipping for testimony of James P. Tannian on how he handled Nixon's tax matters until the spring of 1969, when DeMarco and Kalmbach took over. Tannian's testimony is given at DeMarco's trial.

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- "By showing the manner in which Mr. Tannian handled the donations and permitted deductions in 1968, [the prosecution] is trying to show that Mr. DeMarco's acts in 1969, 1970 and subsequent years were irregular."