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NYTimes The Major Events of the Day

International

President Ford was formally greeted by Emperor Hirohito and Premier Kakuei Tanaka of Japan this morning as he began a state visit to America's major ally in East Asia. The welcoming ceremony in the garden of the state guest house was followed immediately by Mr. Ford's courtesy call on the Emperor. The first meeting with Mr. Tanaka was scheduled to follow. [Page 1, Col. 1.]

Eduardo Z. Romauldez, the Philippine Ambassador to the United States, was being held hostage in his embassy in Washington last night by a gunman who had entered the building earlier and is believed to have shot one person. The police were uncertain about the exact number of the wounded inside the embassy. [1:2-3.]

The Canadian Government introduced a \$30-billion budget calling for substantial reductions in personal income taxes but an increase in the taxes of big corporations. Other measures were proposed to spur an economy that "shows signs of slowing down," the Finance Minister said. [1:1-2.]

National

A White House tape recording played at the Watergate cover-up trial and made public for the first time disclosed that Richard M. Nixon agreed to clemency for E. Howard Hunt Jr., one of the seven original Watergate defendants, on Jan. 8, 1973, the day they went on trial in the first Watergate case. Mr. Nixon did so in a discussion with Charles W. Colson, an aide, who told Mr. Nixon that the Watergate burglars were acting on orders issued on behalf of John N. Mitchell, and that Mr. Hunt had information "very incriminating to us." [1:8.]

Dr. William J. Ronan denied any "sinister purpose" in \$625,000 in loans and gifts from Nelson A. Rockefeller, which he said were "motivated solely by friendship and a lifelong practice of sharing." He was the principal witness on the final day of the Senate Rules Committee's hearings on Mr. Rockefeller's nomination as Vice President. The committee is scheduled to meet in executive session tomorrow morning to consider the nomination and is expected to vote overwhelmingly, if not unanimously in favor of confirming it. [1:6-7.]

The White House greeted the reconvening 93d Congress with a Presidential message

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"I received a letter [last May] from Nelson stating that as an expression of his friendship he was cancelling the notes and making the gift to me. Needless to say, I was deeply moved by this expression of his generosity."—Dr. William J. Ronan. [38:3.]

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