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On 13 July, 1973, The California Democratic Council held a meeting in San Francisco to celebrate "the checkered career of Richard Nixon." One of the speakers was Dr. Richard H. Popkin, Professor of Philosophy at the University of California at San Diego, who spoke on possible links between the Watergate scandal and the assassinations. It contained little new and dealt mostly with the general climate of the Nixon administration and its trends leading up to Watergate, but contained this excerpt (transcribed from tape):

An item which seems to have been forgotten: The Committee to Re-Elect the President was hiring more personnel in March and April. They were hiring lawyers and publicity men. And one of the things they were working on was repeal of the two-term amendment for the presidency. They actually had an office which is still in existence in New York and collection signatures about it. This was going to end up with the 1976 celebration and probably the third inauguration.

[Popkin gave no source for the existence of the New York office collecting signatures for the two-term amendment repeal, and does not specify the year, but from preceding context appears to have been speaking of 1973.]