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Executive clemency (parole) - From story by David E. Rosenbaum on WH transcripts of tapes: "[At the meeting of 21 Mar 73] Mr. Nixon rejected the idea of granting Mr. Hunt clemency, but his primary reason seemed to be that clemency would be politically unwise rather than immoral or illegal. The idea of parole was also discussed, with Mr. Nixon saying, 'Parole, in appearance, etc., is something I think in Hunt's case, you could do Hunt, but you couldn't do the others.'" .... Mr. Haldeman\*on March 27 [said] ' .... The President maintains the ultimate stroke on it, because he always has the option on Jan. 19 [1977, the day Mr. Nixon's term expires] to pardon anybody who (unintelligible) a pardon. <sup>AMP-4</sup> So the potential, ultimate penalty anybody would get hit in this process could be about two years."

NYT 2 May 74, Rosenbaum

Transcripts, NYT 2 May 74, p. 30 (27 Mar 73)

NYT 1 May 74, p. 33 (21 Mar 73)

\*at the meeting

Hunt - see entry, Executive clemency.

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④ - From NYT editorial: "This reference to a Presidential pardon, a day before the end of Mr. Nixon's second term, is a laundered version of executive clemency."

NYT 3 May 74, Editorial