

25 May 73 ①

Nixon property, San Clemente - "Friend of Nixon [Abplanalp] Is Identified as Backer In Purchase of Western White House."

NYT 26 May 73, Wallace Turner, filed Nixon, real estate.
Check file above for following clippings.

Intelligence Evaluation Committee - "Senate investigators say they have uncovered extraordinary steps taken by the Justice Department to hide existence of an inter-agency security panel set up by President Nixon in December, 1970. These include the listing of the agency chief [Bernard Wells, former FBI agent] under an entirely different title and division [chief of the non-classified Inter-Departmental Information Unit] within the Justice Department. According to the investigators, the order to 'hide' the existence of the agency was given by Robert C. Mardian. Mr. Mardian has been identified in news reports as the Justice Department's liaison officer with the White House 'plumbers' group which was set up in June, 1971." Secret listing is confirmed by unnamed Justice Department official, who suggests the order did not come from Mardian, without actually denying it.

Baltimore Sun 26 May 73, Lewthwaite

See Nixon statement 22 May 73, describing various intelligence units set up by WH.

Nixon - "With each new set of falsehoods, evasions and calculated misunderstandings, Richard Nixon is being forced to lie his way into the truth."

WXP 25 May 73, Nicholas von Hoffman

Elliot L. Richardson sworn in as Attorney General.

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Nixons, Eisenhowers and Coxes fly to Key Biscayne for Memorial Day weekend.

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- Before leaving WX Nixon participates in Cabinet meeting at which, Ziegler says, Watergate was discussed briefly but the main topic was talks in Iceland next week with President Georges Pompidou and in WX next month with Leonid Brezhnev.

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Ziegler says, "The President again expressed his determination not to be deflected by the events of the time and to move ahead and get the job done in what he feels is the best interest of the country in domestic and foreign policy programs."

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