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Witness: Anthony Ulasewicz (2nd  
appearance)  
Fred Larue

Ulasewicz, testifying before Ervin committee, describes his dealings with Mrs. Hunt.

NYT 19 Jul 73, excerpts, testimony by Ulasewicz

WXP 19 Jul 73, Meyer and Jay; excerpts, testimony

White House recording system is turned off today and Secret Service surrenders custody of White House tapes to John C. Bennet, who assumes responsibility for the full library of tapes. Bennett (as of Nov 73; do not have date of appointment) is deputy to Haig and deputy assistant to Nixon; a retired general.

SFC 7 Nov 73 [NYT] See entry 6 Nov 73, Bennett

Cox writes to Buzhardt 20 Jun, 18 Jul (today), 20 Jul 73 in which (according to reply to Cox from Wright 23 Jul) he makes "certain requests with regard to tape recordings of or about conversations between the President and various members of the White House staff and others."

WXP 24 Jul 73, text of Wright letter

See also entry 11 Jun, on Cox letter to Buzhardt asking for tape of Nixon-Dean meeting 15 Apr 73.

Vesco (heroin) - See entry 16 May 74; clipping, "Senators Eye Vesco Link to Drugs Hush-up," WXP 17 May 74, Morton Mintz. AMP-A

Story deals with Frank Peroff, narcotics undercover man who was to have participated in heroin smuggling, allegedly involving Vesco money.

"Over a four-day period starting July 18, [Peroff] initiated 10 phone calls to the White House, and received about six. Peroff has said that among those he talked with was [Buzhardt]. A categorical denial of White House 'knowledge or involvement' was issued by press aide Gerald L. Warren on Nov. 27. [Senate Permanent Investigations subcommittee sources] said they have confirmed from Peroff's phone records that he made calls to the White House, but thus far have been unable to prove that he talked with everyone he claimed to have talked to." AMP-A

WXP 17 May 74, Morton Mintz

- See entry Oct 73 for other refs.

- See entry 9 Mar, Vesco, Senate Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations ....

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Frank Peroff - See entry, Vesco (heroin).

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Ⓐ- On Peroff's calls to the WH, see p. 211 of ref below. Chapter XIII of the report consists of findings (short summary of the Peroff case) and conclusions; Chapter ~~XIX~~ XIV provides chronology, 15 Jan 72 to 28 Apr 74.

"The staff's investigation centered on [among other facets of the case] ... (5) how drug personnel performed once the names of Vesco and LeBlanc surfaced in the heroin inquiry .... The staff finds ... that some Federal officials and agents conducted themselves in a highly unprofessional manner once the names of Vesco and LeBlanc came into the picture. The most salient example of unprofessional conduct by drug enforcement personnel was that neither agents working the Bouchard inquiry nor officials supervising the case thought the Vesco-Leblanc lead to be worthy of being committed to writing. The lack of records regarding this aspect of the case is a blatant violation of DEA rules."

Staff Study of the Frank Peroff Case, by the Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations of the Committee on Government Operations, United States Senate, March 1975. Filed with books.

See also review by David C. Martin, WXP 4 Sep 75