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Mrs. Mitchell will be "discreetly" interviewed by Ervin committee staff about her recent statements about a "campaign strategy book"; Dash says her account of it "was the only time we have heard of it."

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Nixon movements - From Evans and Novak column: "The record of the peripatetic President's last three weeks of travel reads like a man desperately searching for a peace he cannot find: Aug. 9 at the White House; Aug. 10 and 11 at Camp David; Aug. 15 back at the White House for two nights; Aug. 17 at Key Biscayne for three nights; Aug. 20 at San Clemente for 10 days. Mr. Nixon is due back East, in Washington or Camp David, today. So during the past three weeks, he has moved from one place to another no less than eight times." See also memo, filed Chrono 8 Aug 73.

WXP 31 Aug 73, Evans and Novak, "Mr. Nixon Needs A Rest" filed Nixon

Mitchell-Stans attorneys serve subpoena on Nixon, asking for all records, tape recordings, telephone toll records, etc., of meetings or conversations concerning Sears and Vesco "by or between" Dean, Sloan, Ehrlichman, Edward Nixon, Fielding, Flanigan and "a Mr. Rattigan," and apparently Nixon also; period covered is from 1 Nov 71 to 31 Jan 73. The serving of this subpoena becomes known when transcript of conversations held 10 Sep among prosecutors, defense attorneys and Judge Gagliardi, is made part of the public court record (no date - 13 Sep, date of story?). Subpoena returnable 11 Sep.

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Mitchell and Stans also subpoena records (from context, same day as above) of executive subcommittee hearing held by Sen. Proxmire (committee not identified in story), asking for testimony of William J. Casey and G. Bradford Cook, former SEC chairmen, and Daniel J. Hofgren, former finance officer CRP, who made one of the first contacts with Vesco.

Both subpoenas mention only Mitchell's name but according to the transcript Stans' attorney, William Bonner, says they are "joint subpoenas."

(Government attorneys, in opposing motion 13 Sep, ask that both subpoenas be quashed, using only Mitchell's name.)

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★ From story by Arnold H. Lubasch: "The defense move [subpoena of Nixon] appeared to be the first effort to imply a possible link directly between the Vesco case and President Nixon "

NYT 14 Sep 73, Lubasch

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Nixon (San Clemente) - Land survey documents in connection with sale of 23 [sic] acres to Abplanalp and Rebozo show alteration of dates - in at least one document - from 8 Jan 71, when the survey was completed, to 15 Dec 70, the date of the sales agreement. This was discovered by Ervin committee investigators, who inspected the original documents at the surveying firm in San Clemente and found that in one case there was an erasure, with the earlier date inserted; this could not be detected from a photostatic copy. Warren says there was nothing irregular or improper in changing the date, and that Nixon did not select 15 Dec 70 for the transfer of the property because of any tax considerations.

"As part of the 1969 Tax Reform Act, Congress approved higher taxes on capital gains of the type Mr. Nixon may have experienced in this sale. For 1970, for example, the maximum tax a person paid on capital gains was 29½ per cent, but the rate went up to 32½ per cent for 1971."

The surveying firm, South Coast Engineering Service, told the committee investigators they had been asked to change the date by attorney Frank De Marco, who represented Nixon in the sale. DeMarco says the survey began 28 Dec 70 but had to be re-figured because of a mistake in acreage. Warren says negotiations for the sale began in mid-September 1970, and that by 15 Nov the deal had been set for completion 15 Dec. DeMarco says it is "a very common thing in real estate" for a land survey to occur after a sales agreement.

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- See entry 19 Feb 75, Frank DeMarco and Ralph G. Newman, both indicted in connection of pre-dating documents involved in Nixon's donation of pre-Presidential papers.