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Nixon/Ervin committee subpoenas - Haig, in San Clemente, says/<sup>of</sup>  
Nixon's refusal to turn over subpoenaed material to Ervin  
committee, that "The President isn't sitting out here telling  
people to go to hell. We're cooperating fully with the  
Watergate prosecutor and I don't know how anyone makes a  
hardline approach out of that." WXP describes ~~Nixon's~~  
~~letter~~ tone of Nixon's letter to Ervin committee as  
"unyielding."

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"Haig Denies Nixon Has a 'Go to Hell' Attitude."

See entry above, Nixon/Ervin committee subpoenas.

Nixon/Ervin committee subpoenas - Ford suggests a compromise  
is possible between Nixon and committee if the committee is  
willing to cut down its demands; agrees with Nixon's  
rejection of the subpoenas. He believes Nixon should  
continue and expand Operation Candor, ~~and~~ release information  
on his income tax and financial situations and ~~will~~ make a  
full disclosure of the ITT and milk fund cases. ~~Does not~~  
~~believe~~ SFC 7 Jan 74 [WXP]

Impeachment - Reston: "Among many who long at the beginning  
of the new year for a new government and a new spirit in  
America, there is still a reluctance to call for the  
resignation or impeachment of the President, something that  
holds them back, probably some fear that somehow this would  
weaken the presidency and harm the nation. There is  
something to this notion, but not much. .... Nothing is  
likely to hurt the presidency more than tolerating a man who  
has been unfaithful to the spirit of the constitution, who  
has put a gang of twisters and moral cripples in high office,  
and lost the trust of the people. This trust is the first  
article in the political contract and essential to the moral  
authority of the presidency. The question is not what  
Mr. Nixon's mandate was in the last election, but what it is  
now. .... In human terms, it is easy to understand the  
reluctance of the people to insist on resignation or  
impeachment. .... It seems too cruel and humiliating, and  
would obviously be bad for Richard Nixon, but to argue that it  
would be bad for America in Mr. Nixon's last 1000 days is  
palpable nonsense." See entry Nov 73, Impeachment - Roper poll.

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Impeachment - The Rev. David O. Rankin, minister of the First Unitarian Church, San Francisco, delivers a special sermon on the reasons he thinks Nixon should be impeached; sermon applauded by 400 people attending the service. After the sermon "the congregation sang an emotional rendering of 'The Battle Hymn of the Republic.'"

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Nixon and Tricia Cox attend services at San Clemente Presbyterian church. Caption under picture says they heard "a sermon on the need for heavenly guidance in facing problems and correcting mistakes," and notes that this is the first time Nixon has attended religious services outside the White House since Easter.

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WXP: "The President had not attended worship services outside the White House since he went to the Key Biscayne Presbyterian Church last Easter\*and heard the Rev. John Huffman deliver a sermon that was widely regarded as critical of Mr. Nixon over Watergate. There was no reference to Watergate today."

\*Entry 22 Apr 73

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it is likely that  
Vietnam - Defense Secretary James R. Schlesinger says/the administration will ask Congress for authority to renew bombing in Indochina if North Vietnam launches an all-out offensive against South Vietnam "of the sort that occurred in May of 1972." Intv is taped for television broadcast

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tomorrow.

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