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Tape erasure - FBI has begun an investigation (no date) of erasure of tape of 20 Jun 72. WXP: "The investigation, requested by ... Jaworski, is the firmest indication he has concluded the erasure may be a criminal act.

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- White House says it will "cooperate totally" with the FBI investigation.

SFC 18 Jan 74 [NYT]

FBI investigation of tape erasure - see entry, Tape erasure.

Raymond C. Zumwalt (Secret Service), testimony.

- Says wires of WH taping system were cut last Nov (see entry 16 Jan), after Sirica had begun hearings into WH tapes. "Ben-Veniste declined later to say whether he considered this action improper. However, in view of the fact that an inquiry into the non-existence or erasure of tapes might require inspection of the taping system it is considered possible that alteration of the system during the course of the hearing could be considered improper."

- "Ben-Veniste elicited another disclosure from Zumwalt - the disclosure that at least some persons at the White House had realized as soon as the Watergate break-in occurred that the taping system might have some significance in the days to come." See story for details. *WXP-4*

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Nixon Foundation - "I.R.S. Is Auditing Nixon Foundation; Errors Indicated." See story for many details.

"The Nixon Foundation has obtained a ruling from [IRS] that it is a 'public charity' and not a 'private foundation.' A public charity does not have to pay the annual tax of 4 per cent of its income that a private foundation does. The Nixon Foundation received what is known as as 'extended advance ruling' that it is a public charity - a device available to new organizations that gives them, in effect, six years to meet the requirements of a 'public charity.'"

"The returns also appear, on their face, to contain errors and to omit a considerable amount of information required by law to be included."

SFC 18 Jan 74 [NYT] - short version, filed Nixon, real
NYT 18 Jan 74, Shanahan estate, etc.

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Tapes (Ervin committee subpoena) - WH asks Judge Gerhard Gesell to dismiss Ervin committee suit for five tapes. See story for quotations from brief.

WXP 18 Jan 74, Robinson

Milk fund - Patrick J. Hillings says in interview that there was "no commitment, no quid pro quo" when he offered campaign contribution in 1970, that \$2 million figure was "pulled out of the air ... an attention-getter." Says case for government help to dairymen was so sound "money considerations didn't really figure into it." See entry 23 Jan 74.

SFC 18 Jan 74 [LATimes]

Campaign contributions - Common Cause subpoenas Nixon for records of major 1972 campaign contributors; subpoena names in addition, Rose Mary Woods, Colson, several others (unnamed in story). Subpoena asks for documents involving political fund bank accounts and records held by Kalmbach, Rebozo, Haldeman's brother-in-law, F.M. Raine Jr., and Thomas W. Evans, one of Nixon's former law partners.

SFC 18 Jan 74 [UPI]

Rebozo See entry, Campaign contributions

F.M. Raine Jr.

Thomas W. Evans

Resignation - State Senator Arlen Gregorio introduces resolution in California Legislature asking Nixon to resign "for the good of the republic."

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"President Nixon is still the man visitors hate and fear most at the Madame Tussaud's Waxworks exhibition in London. For the second straight year, Mr. Nixon tops the 'hate and fear' category, followed by Adolf Hitler and Jack the Ripper."

SFC 18 Jan 74 [Reuters], filed Nixon

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Taping system, WH - see entry, Raymond C. Zunwalt.

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① - Zumwalt, questioned by Ben-Veniste, testifies that in July 1971 Secret Service started a project to improve the taping system, but as soon as the break-in was exposed the project was put on a hold basis and never used. NYT says Ben-Veniste did not follow up on this matter.

NYT 18 Jan 74, Oelsner

- Article on WH bugging system says it was installed "some time before February 6, 1971."

WXP 12 May 74, Richard M. Cohen