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White House/Dean transcripts - CBS News says that according to an "informed source" the WH some time ago put together transcripts of most of the Nixon-Dean conversations, preparatory to making them public. Source, who has seen the transcripts, says Dean's testimony about contents of conversations prior to 21 Mar is not borne out by the transcripts, and they could completely clear Nixon of at least one of the charges made against him by Dean.

CBS follows the above item with another on appearance of Hugh Scott on Face the Nation, in which he says he has had access to evidence that would exculpate Nixon; bracketing of these two items seems to suggest Scott is the "informed source." A~P- A

CBS News 20 Jan 74, transcript ; SFC 21 Jan 74 [NYT]

Hugh Scott - see entry, White House/Dean transcripts.

William Randolph Hearst, Jr., in editorial, expresses disillusionment with Nixon, brought on by report of expert panel on erasure of tape. "There is no doubt that the erasure was deliberate and that it was done after the tape had been subpoenaed as evidence, which makes somebody guilty of criminally obstructing justice. That tape was erased by somebody in the White House, somebody very close to the President, and it is almost beyond belief that it could have been done without his knowledge or permission."

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Tape erasure - see entry, Hearst.

Impeachment - Two features saying congressmen returning to their districts during Congressional recess have found their constituents are afraid of impeachment, leaving them "no surer about what course to take than before they left."

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- Reagan and Javits, in separate intvs, urge House of Representatives to decide quickly whether to impeach Nixon.
- McGovern suggests the Democratic party go on record favoring impeachment, says House Judiciary Committee should "move ahead on the impeachment question . . . that they resolve it as expeditiously as possible and vote the question up or down - clear the air."

SFC 21 Jan 74 [AP] [UPI]

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Nixon (State of the Union address) - Nixon postpones address, originally scheduled for 29 Jan, to 30 Jan, because it conflicts with long planned congressional dinner, ~~at~~ which Hugh Scott and Carl Albert are to attend.

See entry, White House/Dean transcripts.

CBS News 20 Jan, 74 [UPI]

Gallup poll on Nixon's standing with the public, taken 4-7 Jan 74, published today; Nixon's approval rating ~~was~~ down again to 27 per cent; disapproval, 63 per cent.

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Ⓐ - NYT says Scott is apparently referring to information that WH aides have mentioned in making similar statement to reporters in the last few weeks, without providing evidence to substantiate their statements; that reliable sources report Jaworski's office has developed evidence damaging to Nixon which conflicts "with the supposed White House transcript."