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Bryce Harlow resigns (no date given), to return to Proctor and Gamble Corp. as WX representative. See entry, Dedars of WXP 14 Apr 74, filed Nix Ad Lebanon ...
- "Effectively off the job [14 Apr] as White House counselor."

SFC 15 Apr 74 [AP]

"Cedars of Lebanon Hospital of Miami, described in February by President Nixon as a model for his privately financed national health insurance plan, is in deep financial trouble. In 1970 the \$75-million medical facility received a \$62-million Federal loan guarantee despite the opposition of local health experts. [According to a report by the Miami Herald, William Bayer, trustee and paid lobbyist for the hospital, sought the aid of Bryce N. Harlow, then a White House aide, to obtain the \$62-million Federal Housing Administration guarantee.] On April 5 the hospital petitioned in [u.S. Bankruptcy Court in Miami] for reorganization under ... the Federal Bankruptcy Law. "

In 1969 the president of the hospital was Sanford K. Bronstein. "Mr. Bronstein is a member of a group of conservative Miamians regarded as friends of the Administration who are challenging the Federal license of Miami Television Channel 10, owned by the Washington Post Company." See entry 29 Jul 73, Washington Post Co.
NYT 15 Apr 74, George A. Volsky [Special to the NYT]

Washington Post Company, Miami TV Channel 10. See entry, Cedars of Lebanon Hospital.

Sanford K. Bronstein - See entry, Cedars of Lebanon Hospital.

Harold Simonoff - AMP-D.

William Bayer - See entry, Cedars of Lebanon Hospital.

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- Ⓐ - New multimillion dollar addition to the hospital dedicated by Nixon 14 Feb, 74.
- Ⓑ - "[The hospital's] operating head, Sanford K. Bronstein, was fired March 30 amid published reports that some hospital funds went to a Bronstein-owned jewelry firm and that thousands of dollars for 'consultants' were siphoned out of the country. The hospital owes the [IRS] more than \$800,000 in taxes, and there is little hope the \$62 million mortgage will be repaid."
SFEEx 28 Apr 74 [New York News]
- Ⓒ - Bronstein is charged by Florida State Attorney Richard Gerstein, ~~with 64~~ 22 May 74, with 64 counts ranging from check forgery to conspiracy to commit grand larceny of hospital funds totaling \$525,000; Gerstein says, "We believe there was a possibility that some of this money was funneled to Washington for political purposes and we expect to pursue that aspect of it."
Bronstein was fired "recently" as president of the hospital at the start of an investigation into his activities; "sold his palatial home several weeks ago," and is reported to be out of the country on an extended vacation.
The new \$75 million wing of the hospital was dedicated by Nixon 14 Feb 74.
SFC 24 May 74 [UPI]
- Ⓓ - "[Bronstein] has offered to plead guilty to theft of \$525,000 from the hospital and to name politicians who accepted his bribes, The Miami Herald said in today's editions [12 Sep 74]. Bronstein has named nine individuals.... Harold Simonoff, Cedars' comptroller who has been granted immunity from prosecution, has said that he helped forge endorsements on checks which he believed were needed to make payoffs in return for federal approval of [the hospital expansion]."
WXP 13 Sep 74 [AP]