

10 May 74 through 15 Jul 74

Random entries, generally of material not easily retrieved - inconspicuous news items; dates; analysis and comment. (Dates have been entered where relevant.)

All papers read and marked.

10-13 May 74

Gallup poll - "President Nixon's release of the transcripts of the White House tapes on April 30 has not reduced the large percentage of Americans who believe the President was involved in a cover-up of Watergate or had advance knowledge of the incident. ....

"New developments, including Mr. Nixon's release of the transcripts, have had virtually no effect on his popularity rating. The latest survey (May 10-13) shows 25 per cent expressing approval of the way he is handling his job as chief executive with 61 per cent disapproving and 14 per cent undecided. The current approval figure matches his low point." See also Harris poll, WXP 23 May 74, 12 May 74.

WXP 2 Jun 74; SFC 23 May 74

Transcripts - See entry, Gallup poll.

10 May 74 (1)

Rebozo - Frates files lawsuit in Federal Court, WA, seeking to quash Ervin committee's subpoena for Rebozo's financial records.

Although what was described as a "negotiated settlement" was arranged with Rebozo and Frates yesterday in which Rebozo agreed to furnish some of the documents called for in the subpoena and to withdraw his petition to quash the subpoena, this new action by Frates is apparently based on Frates' belief that the committee had "completely violated" its assurances of confidentiality with respect to Rebozo's reported testimony about \$50,000 from A.D. Davis of Winn-Dixie Corporation, presumably because some of the details were given in WXP's story yesterday. (See entry 9 May, Rebozo - In separate WXP story ... ; last paragraph.)  
- NYT says Rebozo discussed the \$50,000 with Ervin committee in closed-door interview 20, 21 Mar 74.

NYT 11 May 74, Crewdson

Nixon-Hughes - Maheu says his influence with the Nixon organization began in 1956, when Harold E. Stassen was trying to have Nixon removed from the Republican Presidential ticket; says that Hughes paid most of the cost of his efforts to stop this, and that "The result was that the Stassen effort collapsed."

NYT 11 May 74 [Special to NYT]

Chapin files court papers seeking probation. (Convicted last month\*on two perjury counts.) His lawyer, Jacob A. Stein, argues that Chapin's family would be hurt by a prison sentence and that Chapin "does not require rehabilitation through confinement."

NYT 11 May 74, Ripley \*5 Apr - see entry that date

U.S.S.R. -"Despite the uproar in the United States caused by publication of the edited Watergate transcripts, the Kremlin has just enthusiastically told the Administration that Moscow is still looking forward to President Nixon's visit .... Privately, some well-placed Soviet party sources have inquired of Americans whether they think the President can survive until after his scheduled visit. Moscow is also putting new emphasis on relations with Congress by preparing to send a delegation to Capitol Hill later this month."

NYT 11 May 74, Hedrick Smith, datelined Moscow

10 May 74 (2)

Jaworski (subpoena for 64 tapes) - Jaworski makes written report in response to Nixon's refusal to turn over the tapes. The normal procedure is for such documents to be filed with the clerk of the court, as part of the public record, but in this case Jaworski submitted it in person to Sirica, at a meeting arranged by the judge with lawyers for the seven defendants in the cover-up case and Nixon lawyers. "The number and identities of the participants suggested that something crucial was happening. For the prosecution, there were, in addition to Mr. Jaworski, five other lawyers [named in story]. For the White House, both Mr. St. Clair and Fred Buzhardt." Sirica places the report under seal and imposes a strict gag rule on all concerned which "[appears] far broader" than his previous prohibitions on out-of-court statements. \* \* \* - I

NYT 11 May 74, Lesley Oelsner

Nixon (tapes as tax deduction?) - Rep. Jonathan Bingham (Dem-NY) introduces bill which would ban Nixon from receiving a tax deduction for charitable contributions if he should try to claim such a deduction for WH tapes. (See entry 9 May.)

NYT 11 May 74 [AP]

Samuel Garrison - Ford's office is in close contact with Garrison through Walter Mote, Ford's assistant; Garrison and Mote worked together for some time on Agnew's staff.

WAP 10 May 74, Jack Anderson

- See entries 1 Dec 73, 26 Feb, 26 Jul 74.

- See also entry this date.

Ford - See entry, Samuel Garrison.

10 May 74 (3)

Liddy is found guilty of contempt of Congress on two counts, refusing to be sworn in before House intelligence subcommittee 20 Jul 73 and refusing to testify to the subcommittee. U.S. District Judge John H. Pratt suspends six-month sentence on each count (running concurrently) and puts Liddy on a year's probation. Liddy indicates he will appeal the conviction. XMP - C  
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SFC 11 May 74 [AP]; NYT 11 May 74

Nixon - On "family outing" tonight on the Sequoia, discusses possibility of impeachment bill going to the Senate. Julie Eisenhower:\* "He had a very great quote - that he would take this 'constitutionally down the wire.' He said he would go to the Senate and he said if there were one senator that believed in him that's the way it would be." She says Nixon will not resign.

Mrs. Eisenhower is very angry when a television newsman asks why she is answering questions for her father, says she is doing it against his wishes, "because he doesn't want anyone to construe that I'm trying to answer questions for him." Insists she is not doing that, but is "just trying to pray to have courage to meet his courage."

WXP 12 May 74 \*At outdoor press conference, WH,  
with both Eisenhowers, 11 May 74.

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Impeachment - See entry, Nixon, on "family outing" ....

Resignation (rumors) - "Nixon Loses More Backing; Rumors That He'll Resign Sweep Capital, Are Denied." See two stories in NYT on Republican reaction, samples of rumors.

NYT 11 May 74, Lydon

NYT 11 May 74, Crewdson

Milk money - See clipping for details on collection of money (meeting at Louisville airport, 4 a.m. 24 Mar 71, etc.), as described by D. Paul Alagia, former executive director of Dairymen, Inc.

NYT 11 May 74 [AP]

10 May 74 (4)

Ford meets privately for an hour with Nixon.\* "Ford's visit with the President, not on either man's schedule as of late [yesterday], caused a stir not only because of continued resignation rumors around Washington but in light of Ford's implied criticism of the edited White House transcripts on Watergate earlier [yesterday] in a speech in Charleston, Ill." See entry 9 May.

SFC 11 May 74 [WXP]

\*Meeting was in the morning, since after that Ford goes to luncheon meeting, Buffalo, N.Y.

"[Billy] Graham's View of Scandal" - "The evangelist said that, because of the heavy schedule of his crusade ... he has not read the transcripts of White House conversations ... and won't comment in detail until he does. However, in regard to the numerous 'expletives' deleted from the text, Graham said: 'It's not the language I've ever heard him use. However, around me, most presidents have been careful in their use of profanity. ....

"However, he added, 'The Lord is listening all the time. The Lord has got his tape recorder going from the time you're born until you die. .... "

SFC 11 May 74 [AP]

God's tape recorder - See entry, Billy Graham.

Nixon (tapes as tax deduction?)- Denied by White House. See entry 9 May.

SFC 11 May 74 [AP]

Vesco - Alwyn Eisenhauer, former pilot for Vesco, flies latter's Boeing 707 jet to Newark, N.J., says he took it without Vesco's "knowledge and consent" at the direction of a judge of the New Jersey Superior Court (Judge Irwin I. Kimmelman, who confirms he authorized Eisenhauer to do so).

SFC 11 May 74 [NYT]

- State Dep't legal expert, "expressing incredulity," says U.S. courts have no jurisdiction in another country and this is therefore a violation of Panamanian sovereignty, but that plane can be legally attached once it reaches this country no matter how it is brought here.

NYT 11 May 74, Sullivan

10 May 74 (S)

Hunt in Milwaukee, tapes intv by Buckley for "Firing Line,"  
scheduled for broadcast 12 May.

SFC 11 May 74 [AP] ; WXP 11 May [AP] ; NYT 11 May <sup>AMP-D</sup>  
(fuller account)

Sam Garrison - "Sources close to the House impeachment  
proceedings tell us that the Vice President's office has  
kept in close contact with Sam Garrison, the Republican staff  
man who was hired to obstruct President Nixon's impeachment.

"Garrison has denied that he is obstructing the House  
Judiciary Committee's investigation. He has contended that  
we have confused obstruction with opposition.

"But committee sources say he was hired for the principal  
purpose of delaying, harassing and obstructing the  
impeachment process." See entries 26 Feb, 26 Jul 74, and

WXP 10 May 74, Profile, CQII, p. 261 this date.  
Jack Anderson

House Judiciary Committee (Sam Garrison) - See entry, Sam  
Garrison.

"Jesuits on Watergate" - NYT reprints excerpts from open  
letter to Nixon which had originally appeared 21 Jul 73 in  
the Jesuit magazine America. Excerpts include: "The  
Watergate conspiracy betrayed the public trust ... it stole  
our birthright. The actual incident of June 17, 1972, was  
no isolated adventure. It was part of a deliberate plan to  
subvert the process of democratic election."

NYT 10 May 74

Silbert - "A Strange Nomination." Wicker on Nixon's  
nomination of Silbert to be U.S. Attorney for the District  
of Columbia.

NYT 10 May 74, Wicker

Impeachment - "Nixon Loses Support of 3 Newspapers," the  
Los Angeles Times, Chicago Tribune and Cleveland Plain  
Dealer. LATimes today; date not given for other two.

SFC 10 May 74 [UPI] This entry to 9 May.

"Business is Souring on Nixon"

WXP 11 May 74, Peter Milius

10 May 74 (7) (6)

Dr. Kenneth Riland, Nixon osteopath, is acquitted on all five counts of Federal indictment charging him with evading income taxes by not reporting fees received from Nelson A. Rockefeller and Nixon (\$4,516 paid by the Navy to Dr. Riland). (Date is not given, but charges cover 1966 through 1970 and involve non-reporting of \$82,000, thus evading tax payment of \$39,000, for which he could have been sentenced to five years in jail and fined \$10,000 on each count.) Treatment of Nixon apparently goes back to 1969 and 1970.

"Dr. Riland did not take the stand during the trial and his lawyers called no defense witnesses. They concentrated instead on trying to prove, through cross-examination of Government witnesses, that the accountant, Bernard Weiner, who prepared Dr. Riland's taxes, was to blame for submitting erroneous returns. The strategy worked, according to jurors who were interviewed after the verdict. .... 'As we examined the evidence we found a lot of holes in the Government's case,' said the foreman, Harry Park. .... Mr. Park and other jurors spoke scornfully of the accountant.... "

See also earlier story (5 Mar), which reports on missing WH tape of 17-minute conversation between Nixon and Riland, Oval Office, May 71. Federal grand jury indicted Riland 10 Apr 73.

NYT 11 May 74, Edith Evans Asbury

NYT 5 Mar 74, Emanuel Perlmutter

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Alwyn Eisenhower - See entry, Vesco. Alwyn Eisenhower ....



(10 May 74) AMP

(A) - See same story in WXP, which includes a paragraph on WH saying Ford's meeting with Nixon was tentatively arranged yesterday morning; story gives details.

WXP 11 May 74 , Jules Witcover

(B) - See "The President's family," by Marianne Means, SFEx 16 May 74, filed Nixon.

(C) - Liddy "spoke briefly during the sentencing procedure to tell the judge that the 'legal theory' on which he and his lawyer had proceeded in the contempt case 'now appears . . . (to have been) wrong. I preserve the position that it may be correct and that I may be borne out' on appeal."

WXP 11 May 74, Robinson

NYT 11 May 74, Ripley

(D) - During questioning by a three-member local panel, Hunt is ~~was~~ asked if he thought Nixon should be impeached. After long silence, Hunt says, "I've been subjected to the course of American justice, and I expect others to be, too." At some point in the intv Hunt ~~is asked~~ ~~if he~~ ~~thinks~~ ~~Nixon~~ ~~should~~ ~~be~~ ~~impeached~~ ~~and~~ ~~he~~ ~~says~~ ~~that~~ ~~he~~ ~~is~~ ~~an~~ ~~ardent~~ ~~supporter~~ ~~of~~ ~~the~~ ~~President~~." ~~He~~ ~~says~~ ~~that~~ ~~he~~ ~~is~~ ~~an~~ ~~ardent~~ ~~conservative~~." Asked later if he still is, replies, "I'm an ardent conservative."

NYT 11 May 74, Malcolm

(E) - "[Ford], expressing full support for [Nixon] after the two met earlier today, added that the President had suggested that Mr. Ford curtail his speaking appearances because the Vice President was 'working too hard.'"

NYT 11 May 74, Marjorie Hunter

(F) - See entry 22 May, Liddy writes ...

(G) - See entry 7 Oct 74, Vesco, much testimony about ...

(H) - See entry, Early (?) May 74.

(I) - For list of related refs, see entry, Early (?) May 74.