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25th Amendment - "Will Mr. Nixon 'Take the 25th'?" Article raises questions about the effect this would have, such as, "What would be the effect on the impeachment proceedings ... ? Would Mr. Nixon, in this state of limbo, be available as a witness in Watergate cases whereas he would not be as President? Could he be indicted, whereas he could not be were he a full scale President?"

WXP 15 May 74, Chalmers M. Roberts

Resignation - "The Case for Presidential Resignation," by Joseph Alsop. "The American system's stability will be far less impaired by voluntary resignation, to forestall impeachment and conviction, than it will be impaired by a paralyzing 'constitutional' process requiring at least six to eight months to produce the same result. The Watergate-induced paralysis of U.S. policy-making is the real source of the foreign danger, in fact. It is a plain historical fact that evidence of temporary U.S. weakness has always constituted an irresistible temptation to the Kremlin. "

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Dean Burch - Article on Op-Ed Page, "What Nixon Knew, and When, and What He Did: A View."

NYT 15 May 74, Dean Burch

Haig has been called by Ervin Committee to return today for further questioning. Does testify.

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SFC 15 May 74 [UPI]

Abplanalp - "With the House impeachment hearings in full swing ... the staff still hasn't completed its homework. For example [Abplanalp] hasn't appeared before the staff."

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Rebozo - Ervin committee takes steps to cite Rebozo for contempt. See also AMP-C.

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WXP 16 May 74, Lawrence Meyer

Jewelry - GAO will ask WH for a look at all records on foreign gifts to the Nixons.

WXP 16 May 74, Maxine Cheshire

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HJC votes, 37 to 1, to issue subpoena for 11 WH tapes. (See clipping for dates involved.)

HJC also issues second subpoena for Nixon logs of daily schedules, covering four time periods. (See clipping for dates.) Approved by series of four votes, ranging from 36-to-2 to 29-to-9.

Both subpoenas are returnable 22 May.

HJC hears tape of 15 Sep 72. One long passage, in which Nixon threatens WXP, does not appear in edited transcript.

WH transcript - See entry, HJC hears tape ...

Chapin is sentenced to ten to 30 months for perjury; two concurrent sentences. Chapin says he will appeal, if necessary to the Supreme Court. Gesell releases him on personal recognizance on condition his lawyer moves forward quickly with the appeal. Chapin, on leaving courthouse, reaffirms his loyalty to Nixon.

Jewelry - Mrs. Nixon, asked for comment on Maxine Cheshire column, says, "Oh, that's for the birds, everybody who read it said it was - from coast to coast." (See entry, 14 May.)

All above from NYT, WXP, SFC, SFCEx, 16 May 74

Pre-emptive leak - Example by Maheu of leak by Nixon in the case of Hughes loan to F. Donald Nixon, when Drew Pearson had damaging story. Time period is that of Kennedy-Nixon Presidential campaign, 1960.

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Liddy ~~is sentenced for contempt~~ writes to Judge John H. Pratt - See entry 22 May 74.

Vesco (taxes) - Undated story. "The government has suffered a setback in efforts to collect more than \$833,000 in back taxes and penalties from fugitive financier Robert L. Vesco. [In an unnoticed ruling last week in Newark, N.J.] a U.S. tax court judge ... ruled that the [IRS] was too vague when it charged Vesco with receiving 'certain payments' totaling

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\$1 million from International Controls Corp. and failing to report them on his 1971 income tax return. Vesco was chairman of ICU at the time." The tax court judge is William M. Fay.

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(A) - "According to two sources, Haig was permitted to answer questions after the White House realized that his continued silence would result in his being cited for contempt of Congress by the committee."

WXP 16 May 74, Lawrence Meyer

(B) - Action by GAO is undertaken at the request of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, and could result in making public the "gifts Unit" files which the WH has refused to allow reporters to examine. The committee oversees the State Department; did not know until early March that the Protocol Office had been relieved of its traditional recordkeeping duties by the Nixon administration early in 1969.

WXP 16 May 74, Maxine Cheshire

(C) - Haig testifies under oath; says he was warned in the spring of 1973 by William E. Simon (then Deputy Secretary of the Treasury) that an IRS inquiry into the Hughes money had led to Rebozo. See clipping on other details of his testimony, as reported by "sources familiar with the testimony." Names mentioned, Garment, Buzhardt, Rose, Gemmil, who "has previously acknowledge his role in arranging , in June, 1973, for the money to be returned by Mr. Rebozo to a Hughes lawyer in New York City."

NYT 16 May 74, Crewdson