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Hunt (payment on the evening of 21 Mar 73) - HJC investigators have what they believe is conclusive evidence that payment of \$75,000 was made to Hunt on the evening of 21 Mar 73. This is based on the testimony and travel records of Sherman E. Unger, who testified before the Watergate grand jury "late last year." His travel records were turned over to the HJC 25 Mar 74 and were examined at a closed hearing "last week."

Unger told the grand jury he had dinner with LaRue 21 Mar 73. LaRue, who testified at the Ervin hearings that he could not remember the precise date of the payment to Hunt, later (no date) ^{told} the grand jury the payment was made the same night he had dinner with a personal friend, whom he identified as Unger.

Unger is described as a Cincinnati lawyer and former Nixon administration official. "Unger is not under investigation for his apparently innocent involvement in the March 21 events. But his testimony about them, which he said he gave the grand jury ... 'long before March 21 took on any importance to me,' could prove to be a critical factor in the outcome of the impeachment proceedings."

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(Do not have the same story in NYT 27 May. SFC version is undated; NYT version could have been carried 26 May, a Sunday, or could have been in a different edition of 27 May.)

Sherman E. Unger - See entry, Hunt (payment).

Nixon returns to WX from Key Biscayne tonight (Monday).

WXP 28 May 74, Carroll Kilpatrick

Kissinger/Nixon - "Key Biscayne, Fla. May 27 - President Nixon said today in a Memorial Day speech that peace can be maintained only if America remains strong and if it plays its proper role in world affairs. Without naming Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger, the President said that diplomatically the United States fulfills its responsibility 'to act as peacemaker in explosive areas like the Mideast' by using 'the best possible men and ideas.'"

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Impeachment, Congressional responsibility - From column by Anthony Lewis: "President Nixon's flat statement that he will supply no White House tapes to the House impeachment inquiry, now or ever, has renewed talk of an alternative way to deal with the problem of evidence. That is for the Judiciary Committee or the President to take the issue to the courts. But the whole point of the impeachment process, its place in our solar system of constitutional politics, is that it is the duty of Congress. If Congress ducks this responsibility, we shall have no hope at all of restoring the balance of powers that was meant to be our safety. Many Presidents have said that Congress is entitled to all evidence for an impeachment; none before Richard Nixon ever suggested the contrary. Nor can anyone who opens his eyes have any doubt that what Mr. Nixon is doing now is simply continuing the Watergate cover-up. He is flagrantly, provocatively contemptuous of the House. If members of Congress cannot understand that and cannot deal with it as the constitutional offense it is, they will finally have forfeited the country's respect - and their own."

NYT 27 May 74, Anthony Lewis

Cox tells news conference that after reading the transcripts his conclusion is that there is "certainly a permissible inference" that Nixon was involved in the cover-up, adding that "Like all inferences, you don't have to draw it."

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Rebozo - AP has obtained a copy of Caulfield's secret testimony (no date) before the Ervin committee. According to this, Caulfield said he instigated a tax audit of Robert W. Greene of Newsday, who wrote articles about Rebozo's financial dealings. See clipping for details, which include the suggestion that Vernon D. Acree, then an assistant commissioner of the IRS, arranged for an anonymous letter which initiated the audit.

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