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Nixon addresses luncheon meeting of National Citizens Committee for Fair Play to the Presidency, tells 1400 participants that their support will strengthen him as he leaves tomorrow on what he describes as "a long and difficult journey" to five Middle East countries. AMP - A

The meeting is devoted to praising Nixon and attacking the House Judiciary Committee, the Watergate grand jury, Cox, members of the special prosecutor's staff, and especially the press. All of the speakers, including Nixon, attack the press. "Each attack was greeted by roars of approval by the participants, who shook their fists and shouted imprecations at reporters and cameramen who were in a roped-off area." Story describes reaction at another point as "a deep guttural roar interspersed by rebel yells and gestures at the reporters."

"Mrs. Nixon and her two daughters ... were honored at [the] luncheon. Mrs. Nixon remained silent as she accepted her honor, but both daughters spoke up in support of their father."

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Mrs. Nixon - See entry, Nixon addresses ... AMP - A

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Calvin Kovens - (Undated story.) House Judiciary Committee investigators have been interrogating members of U.S. Parole Board about parole granted Kovens, who contributed \$30,000 to Nixon re-election campaign.

Kovens, a Miami contractor, was convicted of wire fraud with Hoffa in 1964; hired as his lawyer former Sen. George Smathers (no date); Smathers called Colson 30 Dec 71 to ask for a parole, "invoking" Rebozo's name; parole was granted five days later, 5 Jan 72.

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Rebozo)
Colson)
Smathers) See entry, Calvin Kovens
U.S. Parole Board)

Hunt - (Undated story.) NYNews says that, according to "informed sources close to the House Judiciary Committee," the staff is developing "a Watergate cover-up theory" that Nixon had "no alternative" but to order the cover-up "to conceal a series of other, allegedly illegal " activities during Nixon's first four years.

"As outlined by committee sources, the cover-up theory - part of which is based on circumstantial evidence ... - centers on Nixon's alleged desire [to buy Hunt's silence." All of the examples given ~~involves~~ in the story involve Hunt. "Said one source: "Whenever he (Nixon) was the only person who could do something, he did it."

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House Judiciary Committee - See entries, Hunt; Calvin Kovens.

Nixon (astrological prediction) - From item on Jeanne Avery, "who has taken up astrology in a big way:" "After reworking Richard Nixon's chart when she learned he was born at 9:44 p.m. instead of 9:14 p.m. on Jan. 9, 1912, she said she doesn't see him out of office until July 1975. But because of him there will be a sudden and drastic effect on the country's image on Aug 11 . . . "

NYT Encyclopedia and AP Almanac give 1913 as the year Nixon was born.

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④ - Letter of invitation from Rabbi Baruch Korff includes a list of "honored guests." Among those listed, the following did not accept the invitation: Ford, Simon, Goldwater, Scott, Bush, Burger. The schedule of events had said Burger would deliver a sermon on the White House lawn as part of the affair.

"Mrs. Nixon will go if her travel schedule permits, the White House press office said."

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