

16 Jul 74 through 23 Jul 74

Almost no entries.

SFC read, marked, but not entered.

NYT and WXP not read.

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Korff book on Nixon ("The Personal Nixon: Staying on the Summit") published today. Includes interview with Nixon 13 May 74; see entry that date. See entry below. * MP - A

NYT 18 Jul 74, Philip Shabecoff; also excerpts.

SFC 17 Jul 74 [AP]

"Congressman [R. Lawrence Coughlin] Reports 4 White House Contacts; asserts Invitations Could Be Viewed as 'Stroking' for an anti-impeachment vote." Dates mentioned, 10 Jul,

NYT 17 Jul 74 [UPI]

12 Jul, and "this week."

Colson, in second day of testimony before HJC, "reportedly defended President Nixon on a range of issues. Contradicting the sworn testimony of ... Dean, Mr. Colson said that he had never talked with the President or anyone else about the possibility of granting executive clemency to [Hunt]." Story recalls Dean's testimony before Ervin committee that Colson had spoken about this with him and Ehrlichman 3 Jan 73, and Colson spoke to him about it again the following day; also Dean's testimony that Nixon had said to him 15 Apr 73 that he was probably foolish to have discussed Hunt's clemency with Colson. (See separate entry.)

NYT 17 Jul 74, p. 17, David E. Rosenbaum

Korff meets with Nixon this morning at San Clemente and presents him with a copy of his book. Speaking to reporters (before? after? meeting with Nixon) says Nixon agrees with his view that Ehrlichman's conviction was "a blot on justice."

See entry above.

NYT 17 Jul 74, Philip Shabecoff

HJC releases ninth volume of evidence accumulated by its staff; NYT carries text of statement of information from this volume. Excerpts from the first eight volumes were published by NYT 12 Jul 74.

NYT 17 Jul 74

Rep. R. Lawrence Coughlin (Rep - Pa) says he received four "unusual" contacts from WH in the past week which could be

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interpreted as "stroking" in exchange for his support of
Nixon when House votes on impeachment. See story for
details.

NYT 17 Jul 74 [UPI]

White House (impeachment) - See entry, Rep. R. Lawrence
Coughlin.

9 a.m. to 6 p.m.,
Colson completes two days of testimony before HJC, "without
reportedly affecting the case for the impeachment of
President Nixon," one way or the other.

"In his second day before the committee, Mr. Colson
reportedly defended President Nixon on a range of issues.
.... Contradicting the sworn testimony of [Dean], Mr. Colson
said that he had never talked with the President or anyone
else about the possibility of granting executive clemency to
[Hunt]." (See separate entry.)

Says (reportedly says) Nixon promised nothing to dairy
cooperative in return for \$2-million pledge; NYT points
out there have been sworn allegations to the contrary, and
that before Nixon took any action Colson was instructed to
solicit a reaffirmation of the pledge.

"On the question of the Administrations's relationship
with [ITT], Mr. Colson is said to have insisted again that
he knew of no wrongdoing by the President. In March, 1972,
Mr. Colson wrote a memorandum saying that there were
documents that would 'directly involve the President' in
illicit dealings with the company."

NYT 17 Jul 74, p. 17, David E. Rosenbaum

Kalmbach - Following Colson's testimony, Kalmbach is
questioned by HJC; no indication of testimony except that
the members "hoped to elicit an answer from Mr. Kalmbach" on
how much attention Nixon himself paid to his personal
finances and tax returns.

NYT 17 Jul 74, David E. Rosenbaum

- On Kalmbach's testimony, see entry under date "Week of
28 Jul to 4 Aug."

- Kalmbach continued testimony 17 Jul before HJC.

NYT 18 Jul 74, James M. Naughton

NYT 18 Jul 74, David E. Rosenbaum

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George Wallace - Included in the material made public today by HJC is the testimony of Clark R. Mollenhoff, who said that Haldeman told him in 1970 that Nixon personally wanted a dreport on the IRS investigation of Wallace and his brother, George. Mollenhoff also testified that he had reason to believe that someone "at the highest White House level" gave derogatory information from the IRS report to Jack Anderson three weeks before the Alabama governorship primary in 1970. Story says that in this primary "White House agents" secretly gave \$400,000 to Wallace's opponent.

See story for other details on WH use of the IRS, including "testimony from both of Mr. Nixon's first two Commissioners of Internal Revenue confirming earlier indications that they had offered their resignations in the face of pressures from the White House to take what they considered to be improper actions." These two are Randolph W. Thrower, and by implication, Johnnie M. Walters. NYT 17 Jul 74, p. 17, Eileen Shanahan

Nixon (Wallace) - See entry, George Wallace
Clark Mollenhoff -

~~EdwHutch~~

Doar "is planning to urge the committee late this week to conclude that it has no choice but to recommend the impeachment of President Nixon. Representatives Edward Hutchinson ... and Robert McClory ..., the panel's senior Republicans, voiced resentment when they learned of the counsel's plans. They contended that the staff should be required to present what Mr. McClory called a 'neutral' brief, one that gave arguments for and against specific articles of impeachment. Mr. Hutchinson directed Samuel Garrison, a Republican member of the inquiry staff [note, not Jenner, the minority counsel], to marshal evidence that might be used to rebut Mr. Doar's proposals."

NYT 17 Jul 74, p. 17, James M. Naughton
- See entry 19 Jul 74, HJC "Summary of Information."

Sam Garrison - See entry, Doar "is planning "

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Taping system (disclosure by Butterfield) - "Only if the President on the night of that fateful disclosure had summoned up the ruthlessness to destroy every last one of the tapes might he have been able to brazen his way to safety. It would hardly have mattered what excuse he offered for destroying all the tapes - national security, concern for the feelings of foreign visitors, respect for privacy, anything. The swift destruction of the tapes would have required great audacity. Mr. Nixon is capable of such audacity but he was not capable of it fast enough on that night a year ago when his secret became known."

NYT 16 Jul 74, William V. Shannon

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(16 Jul 73 Butterfield testified publicly about taping system; had told Ervin committee staff 13 Jul 73.)

Fielding break-in - Statements (various dates) on responsibility for break-in of Dr. Fielding's office, by Nixon, Krogh, Colson and Judge Gerhard A. Gesell.

Gesell (no date), in his charge to the jury in this case: "Even the proper concern of the President of the United States and others in high office to prevent leaks of national security information would not have justified a warrantless search of Dr. Fielding's office without his permission. There is no evidence that the President authorized such a search, and as a matter of law neither he nor any agency such as the FBI or the CIA had the authority to order it."

WXP 16 Jul 74

Nixon jewelry (from Saudi Arabia) - Maxine Cheshire, in column listing those who have received gifts from foreign countries and turned them over to the government, says, "The General Services Administration's procedure with such gifts, after they have been transferred to its custody by the State Department, is to first canvass museums to determine if they want the items for display."

In earlier column (14 May 74) Miss Cheshire said that Mrs. Nixon's press secretary, Helen Smith, apparently in answer to inquiry, said the jewelry had been sent to the National Archives with other gifts being held in safekeeping for a proposed Nixon library. A check with the Archives

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established that the jewelry was not there.

All clippings on this jewelry are filed Nixon, under date of 14 May 74.

WXP 16 Jul 74, Maxine Cheshire, filed Nixon (14 May 74)

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Ⓐ- "It is interesting that this interview, which took place last May 13, was released over two months later, just before the Judiciary Committee was drafting the articles of impeachment for debate."

NYT 19 Jul 74, James Reston

Ⓑ- See entry 25 Jul 73, WH tapes, destruction suggested