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Rebozo arrives in WX; he and Nixon go for twilight cruise on Sequoia. No Nixon family members or staff included.

SFC 2 Aug 74 [AP]

Ford meets with Haig to discuss the impeachment proceedings<sup>AMP - A</sup> and Nixon defense strategy; no indication who initiated<sup>-B</sup> meeting. Ford's speaking schedule calls for him to be away from WX for about 22 days in Aug, when the House is scheduled to debate impeachment. See entry, Nixon (pardon?).

SFC 2 Aug 74 [UPI]

Impeachment(House schedule) - Tentative agreement by leadership of House of Representatives calls for consideration to begin 19 Aug, with vote on first article by 26 Aug and final vote by 31 Aug. See also entry, House Rules

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Committee ....

HJC - "At the outset of the impeachment inquiry, all 17 Republicans were united behind the President. At least three Southern Democrats [Flowers, Thornton, Mann] were also in the President's corner. .... Then [Rodino] closed the doors on the inquiry and let his staff present the evidence. The committee members were able to ask questions without the glare of publicity. .... We can report it was the evidence alone that finally persuaded the ten Nixon loyalists [on the committee] to vote against their President."

SFC 2 Aug 74, Jack Anderson

This entry to 2 Aug 74.

House Rules Committee comes to tentative agreement on procedure for House debate on impeachment, under a closed rule which would permit introduction of amendments to eliminate an article or a particular paragraph in an article; no article could be amended with new language; new articles could not be introduced. See entry, impeachment.

WXP 2 Aug 74, William Chapman and Mary Russell

Dean - See entry 30 Jul 74. Jaworski is against suggestion by Dean's lawyers that Sirica delay sentencing until he has reviewed the 64 tapes; proposes that sentencing be delayed until jury has been chosen and sequestered for Watergate cover-up trial of Haldeman et al. Says he will oppose any delay beyond 9 Sep 74; wants Dean sentenced before

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prosecutors start presenting their case.

"The prosecutors apparently are eager to have Dean sentenced by then to blunt any charges that hopes of a light penalty would color his testimony. Some of the jurors at the [Mitchell-Stans] trial ... said they discounted Dean's testimony for that reason."

WXP 2 Aug 74

Nixon (plea-bargain?) - Senate Rules Committee has begun study of procedures for impeachment trial.

"Meanwhile, it was learned that several GOP offices [?] have been researching the legality of passing legislation letting President Nixon escape all criminal prosecution if he agrees to resign before the Senate trial starts. The mechanism suggested by one Hill attorney is a 'plea in bar,' the device usually used in plea-bargaining in the courts, in which the accused pleads guilty to a lesser offense in a manner that gives him double jeopardy protection against future prosecution."

WXP 2 Aug 74, Spencer Tich

Senate Rules Committee - See entry, Nixon (plea-bargain?).

"Nixon Strategy on Impeachment" - "The bottom line of statements emanating from the President's aides this week is that Mr. Nixon has made some serious tactical errors in his efforts to avoid impeachment, has few options left to exercise and is still searching for a new strategy. .... At present he is projecting the image of a helpless giant  
.... "

NYT 2 Aug 74, John Herbers

Nixon (pardon?) - Haig asks Vice President Ford about the possibility of a pardon for Nixon (presumably if Ford became President). Story is report on article in current issue of Newsweek, 7 Oct 74. AMP - A, 8

WXP 7 Oct 74 [UPI, Newsweek]

Haig ) See entry, Nixon (pardon?) AMP - A, 8  
Ford ) See entry, Ford meets with Haig ....  
See entry 2 Aug, Nixon (pardon?)

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Nixon (emergency powers) - Rep. Les Aspin (Dem-Wis) says he will ask House Rules Committee to prevent revival of 1950 law (federal Civil Defense Act) which he says "extends virtual dictatorial powers for the President whenever he declares a civil defense emergency," adding, "It is extremely foolhardy as we proceed toward the impeachment of the President to extend for four years what amounts to autocratic powers." AMP-C

The law gives the President the right to censor publications, mail and broadcasts, take control of economic sectors, including agriculture, industry and finance, seize private property and suspend judicial review of government actions.

The law expired 30 Jun 74. Rep. F. Edward Hebert (Dem-La.) had tried (no date given) to use a "suspension of the rules" to rush through the House the bill to renew the Act. Aspin says Hebert, chairman of the House Armed Services Committee, had pushed the bill through the committee without proper hearings or serious debate; Hebert says he will bring the bill to the floor by the normal Rules Committee route.

SFC 2 Aug 74 [UPI]

Rep. F. Edward Hebert - See entry, Nixon (emergency powers).

Butterfield - See column by Jack Anderson on a memo from Butterfield to Magruder, 8 Jan 70, which "clearly was doctored by the White House." Memo deals with a tapped conversation between Halperin and Clark Clifford.

"Butterfield was hauled before the Watergate prosecutors early last January for questioning about the memo. He quickly spotted indications that it had been altered. He obtained access to his White House files and found several of his January, 1970 memos missing, say our sources, including the doctored memo.

"But unknown to the White House, Butterfield had kept copies of some of his papers, and among them he found the Jan. 8 memo as he had originally written it. This proved the tampering beyond any doubt."

WXP 1 Aug 74, Jack Anderson

- See also NYT 3 Aug 74 [WX Star-News]

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Ⓐ - Hugh Sidey says that Haig went to Ford's office today "with word of the evidence against Nixon found on a new tape," presumably that of Nixon-Haldeman conversation of 23 Jun 72.

p. 23,  
Time magazine 7 Oct 74, / Hugh Sidey - filed 30 Sep 74

Ⓑ - For Ford's own account of meetings with Haig, see Transcript, Ford's testimony<sup>17 Oct 74</sup> before House Judiciary subcommittee in response to request for information about events leading up to his pardon of Nixon (NYT 18 Oct 74, p. 18-20)

NYT 18 Oct 74, David E. Rosenbaum  
Congressional Quarterly (Watergate), pp. 807-808

Ⓒ - See entry 24 Aug 74, Nixon (possibility of rash action).

Ⓓ - See entry 20 Aug, Impeachment. HJC report on impeachment is published 22 Aug 74.