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"Richard Nixon's impenetrable isolation at San Clemente" - Undated story gives the impression that the Nixon estate is a fortress, with only those most trusted and essential remaining behind its walls. (Ziegler, Bull, former military aide Col. Jack Brennan, two secretaries.) "The grocery shopping is done ... by the Nixons' longtime close family servant, Manolo Sanchez. His wife, Fina, does the cooking."

"Early last week, a communications expert moved into Casa Pacifica to remove the sophisticated electronics equipment.... The man said he was under guard the entire time. He was told specifically not to move from one room to another without Ziegler's okay. He crossed the courtyard one afternoon and saw not one single person. Outside the house is a swimming pool and grass patio which previously had been carefully manicured. 'Leaves were blowing across the lawn and into the pool,' he said. 'It had a ghostly and eerie effect.'"

Nixon has been seen on several occasions on the beach below the house, strolling and taking a swim, and once with the Coxes on a drive up the coast to Ventura for a picnic. Mrs. Nixon "is even more out of contact than her husband," and has not been seen in the small town of San Clemente.

"A few days ago" several local doctors were observed driving into the Nixon estate; explanation given in story is that "like any family settling down in a community, the Nixons wanted to make arrangements for several 'family' physicians who could treat any minor ailments and be ... available to make a house call at any hour if needed. .... Dr. Walter Tkach, Nixon's personal physician, came here with the family. It is not known if he still remains."

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Herbert J. Miller Jr. checks in to San Clemente Inn, checks out 27 Aug. Miller is new lawyer hired by Nixon 26 Aug; see entry that date.

"One reliable source said that Mr. Miller and [Nixon] began their conversations late last week and spoke again [26 Aug] in concluding the negotiations." Story is datelined 27 Aug; presumably "late last week" refers to the week of 18 to 24 Aug.

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Nixon, new lawyer - See entry, Herbert J. Miller

Rebozo (wealth) - "By his own accounting, [Rebozo's wealth] increased nearly sevenfold in the first five years [that Nixon was President].... A Miami lawyer familiar with many of the holdings listed in Rebozo's statements characterized as 'conservative' most of the values Rebozo placed on them."

See clipping for detailed breakdown.

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