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Nixon (financial straits) - Nixon's attorney for personal financial affairs, Dean S. Butler, in telephone intv says, "I would expect that it isn't too much of an exaggeration" to say that Nixon is broke. "We won't say he's broke in the sense of you and I being broke, but all you have to do is look at his most recent financial statement and the payments he has had to make since then to know there is a cash problem." Says it may be the end of the year before Nixon's financial situation will be clear, but story does not explain if this means his financial situation will not be sorted out until then, or if he will then be in a better financial situation. (See entry, Nixon, transition funds.)

Story says, "Mr. Nixon has a good many financial assets, [Butler] added, but he faces the problem of 'what to do with his various properties.' The implication of Butler's remarks, although he did not say so explicitly, is that some of Mr. Nixon's properties, such as his house in Key Biscayne, Fla., may be sold." See entry 14 Jul 74, Key Biscayne (sale?).

WXP 30 Aug 74, Jack Nelson and Kenneth Reich, LATimes

Nixon (book) - Scott Meredith, literary agent, says he expects to represent Nixon if he writes his memoirs. Says that in addition to an enquiry by unnamed Nixon aide before Nixon's resignation (see entry 8 Aug 74, Nixon's memoirs), he has received another enquiry, this one after the resignation. "After he got out of office, I got another call to say, in effect, 'Do you still feel the \$2 million can be gotten?' .... I feel there's no question about the \$2 million figure."

Meredith says he is negotiating with Simon and Shuster and hopes to get an offer by the middle of next week. Book has already been turned down by Farrar, Straus & Giroux; head of the firm, Roger Straus, says that shortly after the resignation an unnamed Nixon intermediary called him to say Nixon would consider a \$2 million offer, and was told by Straus he "didn't think the property was worth \$2 million."

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Simon and Shuster }  
Farrar, Straus & Giroux } See entry, Nixon (book)  
Scott Meredith }

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Nixon (jury) - "One old Nixon hand at the White House argued strongly [no date] against putting the former President on trial, saying that there had been pervasive adverse publicity against Mr. Nixon. He also advanced the theory that Mr. Nixon, who is entitled to a jury of his peers, had no peers. He argued a jury would have to be made up of former Presidents. Mr. Nixon is the only living former President."

NYT 30 Aug 74, Anthony Ripley

Nixon (transition funds) - Ford asks Congress to appropriate \$850,000 for Nixon to cover the presidential transition, his pension and other expenses between now and 30 Jun 75. For details see clippings.

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"Boy Scouts Come to Nixon's Aid" - Two dozen Boy Scouts spend the day pulling weeds, etc., outside the wall surrounding Nixon house. Story describes this area as a "garden" and says it has not been taken care of since Nixon's resignation, becoming "something of an eyesore."

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Ehrlichman subpoena for WH documents - See entry 4 Aug 74, Ehrlichman, WH documents.