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Watergate cover-up trial begins; Judge Sirica spends most of the day in preliminary questioning of prospective jurors summoned for the first panel, much of it closed to the press and the public.

NYT 2 Oct 74, Lesley Oelsner

Ford to testify before House subcommittee - Ford, in letter delivered last night to House Judiciary Committee's subcommittee on criminal justice, says he will testify in person "at a mutually convenient time within the next ten days." Rep. William L. Hungate says the testimony will be on Ford's pardon of Nixon. AMP - C

Hungate is chairman of the committee; Democrats on the subcommittee are Robert W. Kastenmeier, Don Edwards, James R. Mann and Elizabeth Holtzman; Republicans are Henry P. Smith, David W. Dennis, Wiley Mayne and Lawrence J. Hogan. ~~xxxxAllxxxxmembersxxxx~~ All took part in HJC's impeachment hearing.

Hungate says he will permit Rodino and Hutchinson to participate in the Ford hearing, and that other members of Congress will not participate. The hearing will be based on two resolutions of inquiry by Bella S. Abzug and John Conyers, who say they still hope to take part in the hearing. See clipping for the ten questions asked by Abzug in her resolution, and the four in Conyers'.

NYT 2 Oct 74, David E. Rosenbaum

NYT 2 Oct 74, resolutions of inquiry, Abzug, Conyers

Nixon tapes and documents - John G. Tower of Texas (chairman of Senate Republican Policy committee?) says (presumably today) that he will push for public hearings by the Judiciary committee on a bill which would give the Government sole possession of these tapes and documents. AMP - D

NYT 2 Oct 74 [UPI]

Nixon (Lungren report) - Lungren says Nixon's damaged lung has partly healed. See story for details including his explanation that when he first examined Nixon last month and Nixon refused to go to the hospital where he would have been given anti-coagulation therapy, Lungren did something ^{which} (in

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his words) "might be questioned:" that because he believed it would be too dangerous to start such anti-coagulation therapy outside a hospital he gave Nixon at that time an anti-inflammatory drug, which sometimes blocks out "the very appearance of a pulmonary infarct." Says also that he is not planning to have Nixon given a venogram, an x-ray test, because Nixon might develop an allergic reaction to the chemical injected into a vein as part of the test and risk aggravating the phlebitis. When asked if a copy of the lung scans could be made available to the press, says they will not be; "I think that's a question of the patient's record."
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Story says Lungren "has repeatedly stressed that his bulletins and the gist of his remarks were approved by Mr. Nixon in accordance with the principles of the confidentiality of the doctor-patient relationship." Lungren has treated Nixon and his family for more than 20 years.

NYT 2 Oct 74, Lawrence K. Altman

Haldeman - From general story on mood of the courtroom at the start of the cover-up trial: "Mr. Mitchell ... looked gray and shrunken as he slouched in his seat. Under his new Florida tan, Mr. Ehrlichman ... seemed worried and edgy. Only Mr. Haldeman ... seemed as confident and self-possessed as ever. The haircut had changed, his crewcut having given way to a more modern style, but the Nixon tie clasp, bearing the Presidential seal, was still securely in place."

NYT 2 Oct 74, R.W. Apple

Nixon (Gov't funds) - Montoya says the government has spent \$316,000 to support Nixon in first 42 days as private citizen, about \$7,350 a day; this does not include use of office equipment. Thirteen Nixon aides are still on the WH payroll and they drew \$8,330 in per-diem expenses in the first five weeks after Nixon's resignation.
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Ellsberg (home break-in) - Ellsberg's home is broken into,
documents stolen; information not made public until 6 Dec 74.
See entry that date.

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(A) - Lungren says analysis of a new lung scan and one made when Nixon entered the hospital indicates that the clot probably moved from left leg to lung about two weeks before Nixon was hospitalized; he believes this happened while Nixon was at Annenberg estate in Palm Springs.

The Nixons left for Palm Springs 8 Sep, the day Nixon was pardoned.

WXP 2 Oct 74 [AP]

SFC 2 Oct 74 [Los Angeles Times]

(B) - Nessen, responding to questions 2 Oct, lists nine WH aides who have been detailed to Nixon in San Clemente, who will remain on the WH payroll until Congress votes transition funds for Nixon. The nine are Ziegler, Bull, Ray Price, Rose Mary Woods, Frank Gannon, and four secretaries.

SFC 3 Oct 74 [AP]

(C) - "[House Minority Leader John J. Rhodes] played a role in persuading the President to answer congressional questions on the Nixon pardon, even though Rhodes hadn't intended that it be done in person. After Mr. Ford's first reply to the Hungate subcommittee merely referred questioners to his press conference statements, Rhodes said, he told White House advisers that the President should answer the questions. The alternative would have been a floor fight over a resolution directing him to answer."

WXP 3 Oct 74, Richard L. Lyons

(D) - See also 2 Oct 74, AMP-D.