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Nixon (transition staff) - Montoya says there may be as many as 64 federal employees detailed to Nixon at San Clemente, with total salaries running at rate of about \$841,800 a year; Montoya aides say the new figures are about double the highest previous estimates of about two dozen, with salaries totaling about \$450,000 a year. See story for break-down.

WXP 8 Oct 74, Spencer Rich

Nixon - Mrs. Eisenhower says she would like to see Nixon serve the country as a "roving ambassador."
SFC 8 Oct 74 [UPI]

Nixon (pardon) - See entry, Colson asks

Colson asks for a reduction in his prison sentence (one-to-three years), in a one-sentence motion filed in U.S. District Court; in accompanying memorandum his lawyer says Ford's pardon of Nixon "raises serious questions with respect to even-handed justice for former subordinates of Mr. Nixon who have been prosecuted for offenses in which he was a participant." * Story says that after Ford's pardon of Nixon Colson's lawyer asked the WH about a pardon for Colson, but the Justice Department recommended against it.

SFC 8 Oct 74 [UPI]

Vesco - "New Costa Rican President Says U.S. Was Not Sincere in Its Efforts to Extradite Vesco." Senate Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations makes public letter from President Daniel Oduber of Costa Rica to Vesco, 6 May 74; other details.

Above entered as AMP-E, 20 May 74, Vesco (Costa Rica).

NYT 8 Oct 74, John M. Crewdson

also WXP 8 Oct 74, Morton Mintz

- "Much Testimony About Guns at Vesco Hearing." See clipping for details.

Jay Powell Cook testifies before unspecified Senate subcommittee (see item on Vesco, above) that he quit (no date) as skipper of a yacht owned by Vesco because it was armed with a variety of weapons, including a tripod-mounted machine gun, and he feared the crew would fire on U.S. vessels if they gave chase.

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"He also said he once overheard a conversation in which Vesco's sons spoke of a former pilot who would be 'taken care of in Sicily' for helping U.S. courts confiscate a Vesco plane. Cook said he felt his testimony would place his own life in jeopardy."

SFC 8 Oct 74 [AP]

Jay Powell Cook - See entry, Vesco.

Nixon (as ambassador?) - See ~~A.M.P.~~ E

(7 Oct 74) AMP ①

① - Alwyn Eisenhower? - See entry 10 May 74, Vesco, Alwyn Eisenhower

(from Colson's motion)
② - NYT, after this sentence, follows with, "This is particularly troubling in the case of Mr. Colson, who was convicted for disseminating derogatory information about Daniel Ellsberg's attorney at Mr. Nixon's direct request." NYT gives additional reasons included in the motion for reduction of sentence (see story). "But his basic argument is that his own incarceration for up to three years, and his \$5,000 fine, are unfair when, as the motion puts it, 'Mr. Nixon enjoys a full pardon.'" It is a rationale that is an issue in the cover-up trial, at least now during jury selection."

NYT 8 Oct 74, Lesley Oelsner

③ - See entries, 6 May, 20 May, 4 Dec, 8 Dec 74.

④ - "Senator Henry M. Jackson, Washington Democrat who is chairman of the subcommittee, expressed dismay today at what he called the Government's 'half-hearted attempts at Robert Vesco's extradition.' He asked whether the Nixon Administration had wished 'to keep Robert Vesco out of the country for some reason.'

"'Did he have some special information which he could supply to explain, in part, the national nightmare we have just lived through?' Senator Jackson asked.

"Noting that the Bahamian lawyer hired by the Justice Department at a cost of \$55,000 to represent it in that matter had had 'previous ties to Vesco entities and associates,' Senator Jackson said he was directing the subcommittee staff to 'review' the Government's attempts to return Mr. Vesco to stand trial."

Story says the subcommittee has been looking into Vesco's financial and other activities for the last year.

NYT 8 Oct 74, John M. Crewdson

(7 Oct 74) AMP (L)

(B) - "Julie Nixon Eisenhower said [today] she would like to see her father serve the country as a 'roving ambassador.' 'I feel it would be really a tragedy if his gift for working with foreign leaders and for communicating so well in all his experiences in world affairs, if those weren't put to use,' Mrs. Eisenhower said while taping a segment of the nationally syndicated Mike Douglas show."

SFC 8 Oct 74 [UPI]

- See entry 3 Feb 75, Nixon (ambassador to China?).

(F) - Figure originally proposed by Ford was \$96,000. See entry 27 Aug 74, Nixon (\$850,000).