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Jaworski, in intv with Wall Street Journal (published in today's issue), says evidence will become public showing Nixon is guilty of an obstruction of justice; ^{AMP-AD} says the offer of a pardon and Nixon's acceptance of it signify his guilt. ^{AMP-AD}

WXP: "Jaworski said that he had assumed, on the basis of ^B an early press conference held by President Ford, that Mr. Nixon would be pardoned. ^{AMP} The only issue remaining, according to Jaworski, was the timing of the pardon.

"But Jaworski said it was ^a 'mistake' to believe that more would have been known about Mr. Nixon's role if he had stood trial. 'If he had been pardoned after indictment, the public would have no new information,' Jaworski said. 'If he had gone to trial, he could have invoked his Fifth Amendment guarantees against self-incrimination, pleaded nolo contendere, or even pleaded guilty, and we wouldn't have learned any new details.'"

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Lacovara, appearing on NBC television, says he resigned (9 Sep) because Ford's pardon was "fundamentally erroneous and inconsistent with the values" that Lacovara and others had been trying to uphold; says the pardon "undermined the principle of equal application of the law."

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Pardon - See entry, Jaworski; entry Lacovara.

Nixon (guilt) - See entry, Jaworski.

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Ⓐ - See comment by Ruth a year later: entry 19 Oct 75, Henry S. Ruth, Jr.

Ⓑ - SFC editorial points out that "a 1915 Supreme Court decision [holds] that a pardon 'carries an imputation of guilt' and acceptance of a pardon constitutes 'a confession.'" SFC 10 Sep 75, Editorial

Ⓒ - Jaworski: "A pardon isn't just a beautiful document to frame and hang on the wall. You are offered a pardon only because it is believed you can be charged and convicted. You accept it only if you want to be cleared." Quotation is from UPI account of Wall Street Journal intv. NYT 17 Oct 74 [UPI]

Ⓓ - "Jaworski also indicated there are areas other than obstructing justice in which a case could be made against Mr. Nixon." No details. SFC 17 Oct 74 [AP]