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Nixon (federal funding) - Senate votes to deny all but \$200,000 of the \$850,000 recommended by Ford; under provisions of the Senate and House bills, Nixon would receive \$100,000 of the \$450,000 requested for transition costs and \$100,000 of the \$400,000 asked for pension and allowances.

The funds for Nixon were contained in an \$8.3 billion catch-all supplemental appropriations bill, adopted 65 to 18.

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Bittman - "A former law partner of ... William O. Bittman gave testimony [today] that appeared to conflict directly with Bittman's sworn statement that he did not read a blackmail memo given him by ... Hunt until April or May, 1973. Autin Mittler, a former partner and a close associate of Bittman's, testified that on Nov. 14, 1972 [date of Hunt's memo], Bittman showed him a memo from Hunt, Bittman's client, in which Hunt, in effect, demanded hush money from the Nixon administration." Mittler produces his diary which shows notation for that day on conference with Bittman "re: Hunt position - review of memo." See story for details.

WXP 21 Nov 74, Lawrence Meyer

- NYT story includes testimony on a file Hunt gave Bittman for safekeeping (no date); ^{A N P} file contained personal correspondence between Hunt and an unnamed woman. See story.

NYT 21 Nov 74, David E. Rosenbaum

Hunt (and unnamed woman) - See entry, Bittman.

Cover-up trial (Nixon tapes) - Jury hears tapes of nine conversations, all of which occurred in mid-April 1973, between Nixon and either or both Ehrlichman and Haldeman. ^{A N P - A}

The only ones mentioned by date in stories for today are:

- 14 Apr 73 - Nixon-Haldeman-Ehrlichman, meeting
- 14 Apr 73 - Nixon-Haldeman, phone call
- 14 Apr 73 - Nixon-Ehrlichman, phone call
- 16 Apr 73 - Nixon-Haldeman-Ehrlichman, meeting (X)
- 17 Apr 73 - Nixon-Haldeman, meeting?
- 17 Apr 73 - Nixon-Haldeman-Ehrlichman, meeting?

✓ NYT, WXP and SFC all include deletions from edited transcripts made public by Nixon 30 Apr 74, as heard today on these tapes.

"According to a tape [of 14 Apr], Mr. Nixon told

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Mr. Ehrlichman and Mr. Haldeman that he would give 'full pardons' before he left the Presidency to various Watergate participants, apparently the seven original Watergate defendants." Quotation*from transcript not given. (NYT)

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"Full pardons" planned by Nixon - See entry, Cover-up trial.

Nixon tapes and papers (Congressional action) - "The House has begun action on a Senate bill that would require the Government to take possession of ~~former~~ [Nixon's] tapes and papers and open up those dealing with Watergate to the public. The bill requires public access 'to provide the public with the full truth, at the earliest reasonable date, of the abuses of governmental power popularly identified under the generic term Watergate.' What public access means is not detailed.

"The bill was approved by voice vote without dissent by the House Printing Subcommittee after revisions were made to put more emphasis on the requirement for opening up the material to public access."

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Nixon (medical panel) - Miller reports to Sirica that medical panel hopes to conduct its evaluation 25 Nov. Miller had been ordered to report 19 Nov (entry 15 Nov).

"Mr. Miller said - and Judge Sirica ultimately agreed - that all details of that examination of Mr. Nixon and his medical records should not be made public. Judge Sirica said that his law clerk ... had spoken to one of the doctors, and that it was understood that the doctors would report their conclusions as to whether and when Mr. Nixon would be able to give testimony in the case but that they would not have to make public a long explanation."

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Nixon tapes (civil suit) - U.S. District Judge William B. Bryant has ordered the WH to turn over nine hours of Nixon tapes to plaintiffs in a civil suit arising from arrests during anti-war demonstrations in WX 5 May 71. No date is given for Judge Bryant's order beyond "last week." The suit was brought by Rep. Ronald Dellums (D - Cal.), a speaker at the anti-war rally on the capitol steps.

This ruling is the first to order release of WH tapes in a civil suit, and Nixon's lawyers say they will attempt to block the WH from turning over the materials. Story says they are known to view the order as a serious precedent to the more than 28 other civil cases across the country in which Nixon is involved.

At a brief hearing today, David Anderson, a Justice Department attorney representing the WH, asks for additional time to comply with the subpoena. Raymond Larocca, Nixon lawyer, tells Judge Bryant Nixon will move to block compliance; Bryant says he is ordering the tapes to be produced a week from today and "You can file what you want."

See story for details on the suit, arguments by Larocca, etc.

WXP 21 Nov 74, Timothy S. Robinson

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Ⓐ - Lardner says of these tapes that "the alarums that rang through the White House came through loud and clear "
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Ⓑ - See entry 19 Nov, Bittman (Hunt memo).

Ⓒ - Pincus gives the quotation as: " . . . and before I leave office and they'll get off. You get them full pardons. That's what they have to have, John."
WXP 27 Nov 74, Walter Pincus