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Nixon (gifts from foreign officials) - "The Ford administration has impounded all records and gifts left behind in Washington when the Nixons left for San Clemente after his resignation. But many gifts and records are scattered elsewhere, including San Clemente."

WXP 4 Dec 74, Maxine Cheshire; excerpts filed
Nixon under date of 14 May 74; original
clipping filed Ford Ad.

Cover-up trial - Prosecution reads to the jury portions of transcripts in which Nixon, 17 and 25 Apr 73, offers Haldeman and Ehrlichman \$200,000 to \$300,000 in cash for anticipated legal fees, the money apparently to come from a fund controlled by Rebozo. Haldeman and Ehrlichman refused the offers at the time they were made. Nixon describes the money as "available in '74 campaign already."

At least two portions of the transcripts read to the jury are described as "previously undisclosed." See clippings for stories and excerpts from the partial transcripts of conversations of

17 Apr 73, 5:20 p.m., Nixon-Haldeman-Ehrlichman.

25 Apr 73, 11:06 a.m. to 1:55 p.m., Nixon-Haldeman-Ehrlichman *

25 Apr 73, 6:57 to 7:14 p.m., Nixon-Haldeman (phone)

25 Apr 73, 11:06 p.m., Nixon-Haldeman-Ehrlichman

The stories on today's proceedings are not easy to follow; there is some confusion in the reporting on what was read to the jury and what transcripts were simply "filed with the court." Oelsner says Ben-Veniste read portions of two conversations to the court (17 and 25 Apr), and "three other previously undisclosed portions" of WH tapes were filed with the court; however, the NYT carries excerpts of only four altogether.

NYT 5 Dec 74, Lesley Oelsner

NYT 5 Dec 74, excerpts of partial transcripts

* See also NYT 22 Nov 74 for another
portion of this transcript

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Watergate grand jury completes its term, two and a half years after it was empaneled (its term having twice been extended). One of the 23 jurors, Julia L. White (39, mother of 11 children) said, "I'd have extended for another six months if they'd asked me." Judge George L. Hart in dismissing them, thanked them for their service and said they had set a record for the length of time they served.

NYT 5 Dec 74 [AP]

WXP 5 Dec 74, Timothy S. Robinson (general story on the record of this grand jury)

Nixon (illness) - Nixon leaves San Clemente for the first time since being discharged from the hospital 14 Nov, going to the Marine Corps hospital clinic at Camp Pendleton for chest X-rays. Dr. Hickman, who visited Nixon today, says his phlebitis condition has improved and will soon be able to increase his physical activity, but "he clearly remains in a period of convalescence."

WXP 5 Dec 74 [UPI]

Nixon, Rebozo and Abplanalp have asked authorities in Key Biscayne to have Bay Lane, on which Nixon compound is situated, ~~to have the street~~ declared a private road. Ray Goode, the county manager, recommends that the request be granted, but some of the other residents on Bay Lane say they intend to fight the petition at a hearing set for 18 Dec.

Date of Nixon-Rebozo-Abplanalp petition is not given.

NYT 5 Dec 74 [Notes on People]

Nixon properties - See entry, Nixon, Rebozo and Abplanalp.

"Korff Accuses White House of Holding Letters to Nixon." Korff describes these as "thousands and thousands of letters of support" written to Nixon after he resigned. WH spokesman has no immediate comment.

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Vesco - In Costa Rica a group of citizens "last week" submitted a petition to President Daniel Oduber, asking that the government expel Vesco, "whom they linked with 'the Mafia.'" Petition carried 209 signatures, including those of former President Jose Joaquin Trejos Fernandez, three former vice presidents and several cabinet ministers (unnamed). Petition calls Vesco a "fugitive from justice."

Today the petition is read on television by Maria Eugenia de Vargas, vice rector of the University of Costa Rica. Vesco, in "a surprise, late night television appearance," denies Mafia connections, says he has "never been tried or condemned for any criminal offense in any country." In WX a spokesman for the Securities and Exchange Commission disputes Vesco's claim about any criminal offense, saying (as paraphrased by AP) that a federal district court in New York had enjoined Vesco against "further violations of the anti-fraud statutes."

UPI: "[The] petition made Vesco break the silence he has maintained since coming [to Costa Rica] 2½ years ago."

WXP 6 Dec 74 [UPI; also paragraph from AP]

SFC 6 Dec 74 [UPI]

- See entry 8 Dec 74, Oduber announcement; also 6, 20 May 74.

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Ⓐ - Ehrlichman, testifying 10 Dec 74, says Nixon made a third offer of money to him 29 Apr 73, which he again refused.

WXP 11 Dec 74, George Lardner Jr.

Ⓑ - See entry 17 Dec 74, Nixon properties (Key Biscayne).

Ⓒ - There are two other sitting Watergate grand juries. ~~tz~~
(One of these is released from 18 months of duty 10 Feb 75. -
WXP 11 Feb 75.)