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Ehrlichman, "testifying in his own defense, continued today to implicate former President Richard M. Nixon in the Watergate cover-up." Story goes on to say that his testimony is generally "a repetition of his testimony before the Senate Watergate committee in 1973. At the Senate, however, Mr. Ehrlichman had defended Mr. Nixon." (NYT.)

Ehrlichman testifies about going to Camp David with Haldeman 29 Apr 73, when Nixon asked him to resign; says Nixon again offered him money, which he again refused. (For two earlier offers, see entry 4 Dec 74, Cover-up trial.) Ehrlichman says Nixon then asked him if there was anything else he could do; "I said some day I would like him to explain to our children" At this point "tears welled up in Ehrlichman's eyes as he tried to finish the sentence. He took his glasses off and wiped them on his necktie. His face grew red." Sirica calls a short recess, after which Frates turns to another subject but Ehrlichman says he wants to finish his answer. "I said he could explain to our children why he was asking me to leave. That, basically, was the end of the meeting."

In the final question of the day Frates asks Ehrlichman, "Did you recommend to the President to make a full disclosure of all the facts to the proper authorities?" Ehrlichman replies, "Beginning in the summer of 1972, I not only recommended there be a full disclosure to the authorities, but that there be a public disclosure."

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- Ehrlichman testifies that on 8 Jul 72, at San Clemente, he raised the issue of clemency, predicting this would come up in the case of those involved in the Watergate break-in, and advised Nixon against it. "We agreed he would never entertain a conversation on this subject with anybody" (WXP.) See entries, 7 Jul 72, Hunt - Bittman receives . . . , and 8 Jul 72, Ehrlichman, testifying