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Helms (McCord; Hunt) - SFC carries undated story by Seymour Hersh, NYT, which does not appear in available edition of NYT for today. It may have been carried by NYT 2 Feb, a Sunday. *A M P - D*

Story is based on "previously unpublished testimony" which was "declassified late last year, without public announcement," by Lucien N. Nedzi, chairman of "a House intelligence subcommittee." (House Armed Services Subcommittee on Intelligence Operations?) *A M P - C*

Hersh says that Howard J. Osborne, director of security for the CIA before he retired "in late 1973," testified before the subcommittee, May 73. Osborne said Helms ordered that letters from McCord to the CIA were not to be turned over to the Justice Department. McCord's letters were sent between 29 Jul 72 and early (5) Jan 73, and warned that CREP officials were planning to contend that the Watergate break-in was a CIA operation. (See entry 29 Jul 72, McCord warns ....)

Osborne also said Helms instructed him not to inquire into the CIA's involvement with Hunt, and that the FBI was not to be permitted to intv Karl Wagner, ~~was CIA~~ who knew that Ehrlichman had authorized the CIA to establish a working relationship with Hunt in Jul 71.

Hersh: "The three U.S. attorneys who originally prosecuted the case for the Justice Department did not learn of the Ehrlichman link to the CIA for five months. They also were not told of the McCord letters to the CIA until May, 1973."

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McCord - See entry, Helms (McCord; Hunt)  
Hunt - "  
Howard J. Osborne - "  
Lucien N. Nedzi - "

Dean says he has decided to continue his speaking tour because (in AP's wording) "of student response." Story is on speech to 5,000 at Marshall University, where he is apparently well received. NYT says he also spoke today at Old Dominion University, presumably earlier today.

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Ehrlichman writes to Judge Sirica, asking that instead of a prison sentence he be sent to help Incians in New Mexico; letter also expresses profound regret for his part in "the whole Watergate episode." See entry 21 Feb, Mitchell, Haldeman ....

Nixon (ambassador to China?) - "Time magazine reported [today] that former President Nixon, in talks with intimates, 'has fantasized that he would not mind being U.S. Ambassador to China some day.'" No further details, nor in Time magazine itself. (Magazine is dated 10 Feb, on newsstands 3 Feb.) AMP-  
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The Time story also says, "Recent visitors to Nixon's Casa Pacifica compound report that his spirits and his health have taken an upturn."

See entry 7 Oct 74, Nixon - Mrs. Eisenhower says ....

See entries, separate chronology of Nixon visit to China, Aug 74, 20 Oct 74, 8 Nov 74, 27 Nov 74, ~~entry headed Dec 27 75 through 29 Feb~~

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Time magazine 10 Feb 75, filed 3 Feb 75

China - See entry, Nixon (ambassador?).

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Ⓐ - WXP says Lawrence Houston, the CIA's general counsel, testified before the Nedzi subcommittee (presumably at the same hearings) that Helms ordered McCord's letters withheld after Houston told Helms "that we had no legal responsibility to pass the letter [sic] on to any other authorities."

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Ⓑ - Osborne testified 24 May 73.

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Ⓒ - WXP: "The CIA's failure to turn ... McCord's letters over to the investigators was called 'a suppression of evidence' by Rep. Lucien Nedzi, chairman of the House Armed Services Subcommittee on Intelligence during closed hearings in May, 1973." The sentence does not make clear whether Nedzi said this during the hearings or at some other time.

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Ⓓ - Copy of NYT clipping, received later, filed 2 Feb 75; it is very much longer and much more detailed. See clipping on details of effort by CIA to suppress McCord letters.

Ⓔ - Ford is asked for his views on Nixon's wish to return to public life, and whether he would consider appointing Nixon ambassador to China, at two press conferences, 11 Feb and 6 Mar. See entry 11 Feb, same heading.