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Nixon (personal papers, etc.) - UPI says Judge Richey "cleared the way" today for shipment to San Clemente at government expense of Nixon's non-presidential material, but does not say specifically what action he took. The material involved pre-dates and post-dates Nixon's presidency and includes 2,000 folders of papers and documents, collection of gavels, elephants, etc.

"However, final shipment of the items was held up by Richey pending a modification of a stay order issued last week by a federal appeals court for the District of Columbia. That ruling barred Richey from making any further decisions in any of the several lawsuits pertaining to ownership and possession of White House tapes, documents and other Nixon era materials. So Richey put the burden on Mr. Nixon and his lawyers to secure agreement from the court of appeals so the final shipment order can be signed." See also entry, SFC 5 Feb 75 [UPI] Nixon, WH tapes ...

Nixon (lawsuits) - Suit against Nixon and nine others (unnamed in story) filed by Henry B. Rothblatt in Sep 73 (date not given) is dismissed by Judge George L. Hart Jr., after 30-minute hearing.

Rothblatt had claimed he was fired by four of the ^{AMP-B} defendants in the Watergate break-in after he would not permit a guilty plea, "when he ~~was~~ refused to yield to the coercive influence" of Nixon and the others.

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Nixon (WH tapes, documents) - Judge Richey ask chief judge for District of Columbia Circuit to appoint two other judges to sit with him later this week, to decide whether a three-judge panel should be named to hear arguments on ownership of WH tapes and documents. Richey and the two others will deal solely with the question of whether sufficient constitutional issues have been raised to warrant consideration by a three-judge Federal court. (See entry 31 Jan.)

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Three-judge Federal panel - See entry, Nixon, WH tapes, documents.

Richey - see entries, Nixon, personal papers; WH tapes ...

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Ⓐ - UPI, as carried by NYT, says "Judge Richey said he was prepared to approve shipment of the personal materials - excluding 17 folders that cover a 'transition period' [between election Nov 68 and taking office 20 Jan 69]. But the judge put the burden on Mr. Nixon and his lawyers to secure agreement from the Court of Appeals so the final shipment order can be signed."

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Ⓑ - Barker, Martinez, Gonzales, Sturgis.