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Colson - Story on Colson meeting privately with investigators for Rockefeller commission, which is investigating domestic activities for the CIA, says that "earlier" Colson had told Weicker and Baker that Hunt forwarded sealed packages to Helms up until a month before the Watergate break-in.

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Hunt/Helms - See entry, Colson, story on ....

Nixon (ambassador to China?) - From transcript of Ford news conference, Topeka, Kan., this evening:

"Q. Mr. President, there has been a lot of speculation recently about former President Nixon's future. You talked with your predecessor by phone last weekend. [This would have been 8-9 Feb.] Can you tell us if Mr. Nixon is considering a return to the national scene, would you welcome that, and would you perhaps consider appointing Mr. Nixon to an influential diplomatic post such as Ambassador to China.

"A. Mr. Nixon called me last Saturday [8 Feb]. That content of that conversation, since he initiated it, I think should come from Mr. Nixon himself.

"Mr. Nixon is recovering from a very, very serious illness. I see no prospects for any appointment because of his health and any other comments concerning the conversation, I think, should come from him."

The above is complete as carried in NYT, and there is no indication if the questioner asked a follow-up question. It comes at the end of the transcript and is followed by a note that "The remainder of this transcript was not available at edition time. The full transcript will appear in later editions."

At press conference 6 Mar, Ford is asked again about Nixon's possible return to public life; says any comment he might make would be "inappropriate" at that time, since Nixon was still recovering from a very serious illness.\*

NYT 12 Feb 75, transcript - filed Ford Ad

NYT 7 Mar 75, transcript - filed Ford Ad

\*File contains ~~209~~ transcript of an intervening news conference.

26 Feb, at which Ford was not asked about Nixon.

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Nixon (return to public life?) - See entry, Nixon (ambassador?)

Ford on Nixon - " " " "