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McCord says in intv (story is datelined WX) that "Martha [Mitchell's] story is true - basically the woman was kidnapped" during the weekend of the Watergate break-in. Says Haldeman was involved in "a great effort in the White House to discredit Martha Mitchell."

NYT 19 Feb 75 [UPI]

Martha Mitchell)
Haldeman) - See entry, McCord says

United States v. Nixon - See article by Raoul Berger on Supreme Court decision in this case, that the Presidential privilege may not impair the fair administration of justice, and that the President is subject to the orders of the Court. "Seasoned 'court-watchers' - a breed akin to Kremlinologists who are accustomed to read obscure portents - have pointed out that the opinion was stitched together in order to obtain a unanimous decision that would be 'definite' enough for the intransigent Mr. Nixon to understand."

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Frank DeMarco and Ralph G. Newman are indicted by Federal grand jury for conspiracy to commit fraud and other crimes in connection with Nixon's tax returns involving donation of pre-Presidential papers. See WXP for the specific charges against them.

"There is nothing in today's indictment that asserts that President Nixon was a part of the alleged conspiracy or knew about it. If it were proved that he knew, he could become liable for the penalty for civil tax fraud.... There is no statute of limitations on civil tax fraud." (NYT.)

"President Ford's pardon of Mr. Nixon extends only to criminal acts, and thus imposition of a civil fraud penalty remains possible." (NYT.)

See also entry 31 Aug 73, Nixon (San Clemente), on DeMarco's involvement in another case of alteration of dates (land survey documents in Nixon's sale of part of San Clemente estate to Abplanalp and Rebozo).

WXP 20 Feb 75, Timothy S. Robinson

NYT 20 Feb 75, Eileen Shanahan

Nixon (tax returns, pre-Presidential papers) - See entry, Frank DeMarco and

Ralph G. Newman - See entry, Frank DeMarco and Ralph G. Newman

Nixon (Annenberg party) - The Nixons arrive, late afternoon, at Annenberg estate; are expected to stay through 23 Feb. "A few close friends [are] understood to be planning a party for the Nixons at the Annenberg home Saturday night [22 Feb]" Story says this is the first time Nixon has left San Clemente since returning there following surgery in November. See entry, Haldeman et al ...
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Annenberg - See entry, Nixon (Annenberg party).

Haldeman et al are to be sentenced 21 Feb; date was announced by Sirica 14 Feb. See entry, Nixon (Annenberg party).