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Mrs. Nixon (Haldeman) - From article, "Pat Nixon Today":  
"Then came the discovery in July, 1973, that President Nixon had secretly taped all conversations that had taken place in his Oval Office. According to a friend, neither Mrs. Nixon nor her children had suspected until then how deeply Watergate reached into the White House. 'She was appalled,' says this friend, who asks to remain anonymous. 'She couldn't believe the stupidity involved. She said the tapes should never have been used in the first place - it's something you just don't do. She blamed H.R. Haldeman. They weren't the best of friends; she was convinced that Haldeman did many things without the President's ever knowing - and that this was just another. She never saw Haldeman again after the business of the tapes.'"

The meaning of the phrase, "the tapes should never have been used in the first place," is not clear. "In the first place" suggests the tapes should not have been made; "should never have been used" suggests they should not have been made public. What is clear is that Mrs. Nixon blames Haldeman.

Ladies' Home Journal, Mar 74 - filed 20 Feb 75,  
"Pat Nixon Today," by Kandy Stroud

Haldeman - See entry, Mrs. Nixon (Haldeman).

Pardon (Ford) - Harris poll, "conducted just after Mr. Ford put forth his new economic program," no date.

Those polled were asked whether they agreed or disagreed with several statements. One of these was "[Ford] did not do the right thing in giving [Nixon] a full pardon." In Oct 74, 59% agreed, 35% disagreed, 6% were not sure. In Jan 75, 63% agreed, 29% disagreed, 8% were not sure.

WXP 20 Feb 75, Louis Harris

Richey (ownership of tapes and documents) - Richey refuses to remove himself from a three-judge panel which will hold a hearing 17 Mar on constitutionality of the law on ownership of Nixon tapes and documents. Miller had asked that Richey take himself off the panel (do not have this in file) because this panel must review actions of and decision made by Richey, thereby, Miller said, compelling him "to sit in

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judgment on his own prior decision." Richey denies this request in a brief order, saying it is "insufficient as a matter of law."

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Nixon (Key Biscayne property) - "A group calling itself the Nixon Historical Association says it will try to raise money to buy two Key Biscayne homes owned by [Nixon] and preserve them as historical sites. .... John Leatherwood of Fort Lauderdale, executive director of the association and a former Nixon campaigner ... said the association planned a drive for public donations to raise the estimated \$500,000 needed to buy and preserve the homes."

The group has rented office space in Rebozo's bank; Leatherwood says Rebozo is a strong supporter of the effort to raise the money. AMP-8

NYT 22 Feb 75 [AP]

• The story is datelined 20 Feb, but no dates are given in it for formation of the association or statements by Leatherwood.

Nixon Historical Association - See entry, Nixon (Key Biscayne/ property)  
John Leatherwood - " " " " " "

"Nixon Is Going to a Party" - "Former President Nixon [is] relaxing in the desert sun [today] and looking forward to his first social event since his resignation," the party to be given by Annenberg 22 Feb. (See entry, Haldeman et al.)

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Haldeman et al to be sentenced tomorrow; date was announced by Sirica 14 Feb (entry that date). (See entry, "Nixon is Going to a Party.")

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Ⓐ - See entry 23 Mar 75, Haldeman, First hour ....

Ⓑ - "One proposed solution in the worst days of [Nixon's financial] pinch was selling off Nixon's two houses in Key Biscayne, worth \$400,000 to \$800,000 together on the current market. A prospective buyer quickly emerged - an instant Nixon Historical Association, whose parentage was unannounced but whose headquarters was suggestively next door to Nixon crony Bebe Rebozo's bank. The association hung out a plaque, hired a former Boy Scout official named John E. Leatherwood III to mind the storefront and announced plans for a \$500,000 grass-rooted fund drive. That was spring; by summer, the plaque was taken down, the phone disconnected, the office padlocked - and the project, according to Leatherwood, 'in a manner of speaking mothballed until the core group sees fit to revive it.'"

Newsweek 20 Oct 75, p. 24 - filed 13 Oct 75, when  
available on newsstands

- See entry 6 Mar 75, Nixon Historical Association.