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"Nixon Depressed Over Finances" - Jack Anderson says that Nixon "intimates" and "close friends say that Nixon isn't taking in enough cash to meet his obligations."

The lettered items below are quotations from Anderson's column; the numbered items are his paraphrase of reports by Nixon's friends, that:

1 - Nixon's personal bank account is down to \$500, and he has only \$2,800 left to operate the San Clemente estate until July 1. (See item B, below.)

2 - He has paid off his back taxes with "a \$284,740 check," which cleaned out his cash reserves. This tax payment does not include additional \$148,000 tax debt (1969, entry 8 Feb 75) which is no longer collectable but which he had promised to pay.

3 - Because Nixon "neglected to take out health insurance," he is liable for a \$23,000 hospital bill, part of which he recently paid off with "a \$11,000 check," which left only \$500 in his personal bank account.

4 - He has had to refinance his San Clemente mortgage to reduce the payment schedule, and is left with little more than an acre "in his own name." XMP-A

5 - He has become so desperate that he has asked Rebozo to sell the Key Biscayne houses to pay off the mortgage. (Anderson:) "Instead, Rebozo is leading an effort [Nixon Historical Association, entry 20 Feb, Nixon, Key Biscayne] to raise \$500,000 from the public to purchase the two bayside homes as a nonprofit center for international study."

A - "Increasingly, [Nixon] is counting upon his hardcore supporters to bail him out of his financial difficulties. Address cards have been prepared on 300,000 people who have written sympathetic letters to him. These cards have been turned over to the Nixon Historical Association ... and to the President Nixon Justice Fund.... Direct mail appeals have been going out to the 300,000 names."

(Story on 50 to 60 volunteers helping with Nixon's mail at San Clemente (SFC 13 Feb 75) says that about half of them "spend their days building an enormous index of Nixon supporters, filling in the names and return addresses of well-wishers on 3x5 index cards. Story says that Edwin Bryant, the husband of one of the volunteers, "said he was told the cards were being accumulated so that some day the

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(A) - Audit by Coopers & Lybrand, 27 Aug 73, shows that on 15 Dec 70, Nixon sold Abplanalp and Rebozo 23 acres of the total 28.9 acres, retaining 5.9 acres.

NYT 28 Aug 73, text, report by Coopers & Lybrand -  
filed Nixon, real estate

(B) - "The sources said that Mr. Hunt also gave the investigators a statement in which he maintained that he had never visited Dallas until 1971 and had never met Mr. Sturgis until the year after that."

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(C) - On testimony by Sturgis, see column by Jack Anderson, WXP 12 Apr 75, and entry that date.

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Nixons could send 'thank you' notes to everybody who offered good wishes.")

B - "Of the \$100,000 that Congress earmarked for Nixon's transition, interestingly enough, he spent an astonishing \$59,721 for stationery. He purchased a huge supply of paper, according to one insider, for the mass fund appeals."

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Nixon - finances )  
hospital bill )  
taxes )  
San Clemente, mortgage ) - See entry, "Nixon Depressed"  
Key Biscayne, sale )  
appeals for money )  
transition funds )

Butterfield - William T. Coleman, described by AP as "the second black ever to serve in the Cabinet," is sworn in as Secretary of Transportation. Claude S. Brinegar, whom Coleman is replacing, resigned (no date), effective 1 Feb.

On Coleman, see entry 7 Aug 74, William T. Coleman.

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William T. Coleman - See entry, Butterfield.

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Hunt (and Sturgis) - Rockefeller commission on the CIA is looking into allegations that the CIA (NYT:) "was somehow involved" in the JFK assassination. AMP - C

"One focus of the commission's inquiry, [according to informed sources close to its inquiry,] is the recent assertion of a group headed by Dick Gregory ... that [Hunt] was seized by the Dallas police near the Kennedy assassination site within minutes of the shooting. Mr. Hunt ... was a clandestine political officer for the C.I.A. at the time President Kennedy was murdered. The Gregory group's charge is founded on photographs published last year in underground ~~paper~~ newspapers and elsewhere purporting to show [Hunt and Sturgis] ... being led by the police away from a grassy knoll across from the Texas school book depository AMP - B building." ....

"Mr. Hunt ... reportedly testified in a closed session with Rockefeller commission investigators [5 Mar] [and] reportedly told the commission staff that he was at home in the Washington, D.C., area on the day of the Kennedy assassination, had dined that evening with his family, and supplied the names of witnesses who could attest his whereabouts. .... Mr. Hunt also reportedly denied a report, which has lately gained some currency among amateur assassination investigators, that he met Oswald in Mexico City in 1963 while serving as chief of the C.I.A. station there."

Gregory met with commission investigators 4 Feb.  
(Filed Misc II - Study groups, Gregory.)

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JFK assassination )	
Dick Gregory )	Hunt (and Sturgis),
CIA )	See entry, Rockefeller commission ....
Sturgis	" " " "