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Nixon tapes and documents - Sampson submits proposals for processing Nixon material in report to Congress, which had instructed him to submit such a plan by today.

Sampson's proposals include a plan for establishing locations around the country where copies of "some of the most sensitive and well-known 'Watergate' materials" can be heard by the public soon after processing begins; "virtually all of the 'Watergate' materials" will be made available to the public within three years. Report estimates that processing and review (of the tapes? - of all the material? - unclear) should be completed by the fall of 1979. AMP-B

Sampson proposes that a staff of 100 work on the project over a period of three years at a cost of \$7 million. This will not begin until final settlement of Nixon's suits challenging the constitutionality of the law and the government's claim of ownership of the materials.

The GSA plans become effective in 90 days unless either house of Congress vetoes them. AMP-A

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- See also entry 12 Mar 75, same heading; also 13 May 75.

Sampson - See entry, Nixon tapes and documents.

Warren - Alden Whitman, in current issue of Esquire magazine, writes that Warren, in talks with him, said of Nixon:

"Tricky is perhaps the most despicable president this nation has ever had. He was a cheat, a liar and a crook, and he brought my country, which I love, into disrepute. Even worse than abusing his office, he abused the American people." No date is given in story for this quotation. Warren died in Jul 74.

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Nixon (Warren opinion of him) - See entry, Warren.

(Mrs. Kissinger's opinion) - See entry, Mrs. Kissinger.

Mrs. Kissinger (Nixon) - Marvin Kalb, in article/in Apr issue of Ladies Home Journal (which she read and approved), says "She thought that [Nixon] was somewhat unstable, and that this quality, more than any other, led to his

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downfall."

Kalb says Mrs. Kissinger disliked and distrusted Nixon and told Kissinger so "quite often." "Kissinger didn't argue with her, but his service to Mr. Nixon was never influenced by her feelings. Kissinger rationalized the whole thing by saying that he was serving the Presidency, not the President; the nation, not the Republican party."

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

Operation Leprechaun - Elizabeth J. Bettner, "with the help of a press agent," calls a press conference in New York; says she was involved in Operation Leprechaun, among 25 or 30 other persons. "Miss Bettner said that she had come forward in an effort to refute allegations" of unnamed other woman (from context, Mrs. Guterrez; see entry 14 Mar, IRS; entry 16 Mar, Operation Leprechaun).

"I can't think one person should tarnish the work of others," said Miss Bettner, who added that she was describing only her actions and could not comment on those of other informants."

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Elizabeth J. Bettner - See entry, Operation Leprechaun.

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Ⓐ - "Under the new law [on the Nixon material], Congress has only 90 legislative days - until late summer or early fall - to approve substitute regulations for releasing the material, or the proposed GSA rules automatically will take effect."

WXP 14 May 75, Douglas Watson

Ⓑ - See article by Lewis J. Paper for analysis of GSA's proposed regulations, and as later revised.

WXP 18 Nov 75, Lewis J. Paper