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Peking Man - CBS network radio news says some of the bones may have been found by a man named Donald Giffens (phonetic)^{AMP-} in a footlocker in a remote cabin not far from the Marine base at Camp Pendleton. Broadcast includes tape of part of a statement by Christopher Janus (no date), describing contents of the footlocker, which he says also contains "pictures" of excavations in China. He says the man who made the discovery - whom he does not name, at least in the part of the tape used - took with him "a couple of the fossils" and "the pictures," some of which the man remembers as being dated "as way back as 1926."^{AMP-} This seems to indicate Janus has not been shown the pictures. CBS says Janus is to meet with Giffens later this month "and try to verify what the footlocker contained." A
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UPI, in undated story from New York (SFC) gives additional details. Story says Janus, in intv (no date) described the man as a young Californian currently in the army and stationed at Ft. Bragg, N.C. "Janus said the soldier, whose name he withheld, told of going on a hunting trip with his uncle, a Marine, near Camp Pendleton, three or four years ago and finding the abandoned cabin. Inside, according to the soldier, was a dusty Marine footlocker enmeshed in cobwebs and containing a variety of human-like bones, including a skull. Also inside, he said, were photographs appearing to show scenes of China in the 1940s and Marine facilities there." UPI says Janus is arranging to have anthropologists (unnamed) examine one of the bones to determine "its legitimacy."

"Janus said several persons contacted him following recent publicity on his MacMillan Publishing Co. book, 'The Search for the Peking Man.' Nearly all could immediately be dismissed as hoaxers except for the young California man," who, Janus says, (UPI:) "has all the appearances of being legitimate." There is no mention of the woman at the Empire State building, nor, in either story, any indication of when Giffens got in touch with Janus.

UPI: "Janus also disclosed that he met with President Ford late last month and Mr. Ford indicated he would like nothing better than to return the fossils to the Chinese when he visits China next October."

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"Gen. Alexander Haig - He's the Unsung Hero of Nixon's Resignation" - Long article on Haig's role as "surrogate President of the United States," on how he orchestrated Nixon's resignation, etc. Article is very complimentary.

Author, noting that Haig will not discuss any of the following, draws attention to "[the] role he played in helping appoint Clarence Kelley head of the FBI, Bill Colby director of the CIA, Ray Garrett chairman of the Securities & Exchange Commission, Henry Kissinger Secretary of State, how he replaced Archibald Cox with Leon Jaworski, got Fred Buzhardt, Len Garment, and James St. Clair to defend Nixon to the bitter and tragic end, how he ran the government when it had no Vice President and there was a distinct possibility Carl Albert, Speaker of the House, might take over the Presidency " Author says that "from 1973 to '74 ... Haig was virtually running the country " AMP-C

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Woodward and Bernstein are working on a new book devoted to the last 100 days of the Nixon Administration, for which they have been paid a \$300,000 advance. Publisher not given.

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Donald Giffens (phonetic) } See entry, Peking Man
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Ford (Peking Man) - See entry, Peking Man.

Korff to visit Nixon some time this week; see entry 28 May, Korff resigns.

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- Ⓐ - CBS does not say how it obtained Giffens' name; UPI, in its story, says Janus "withheld" the name.
- Ⓑ - Donald Githens is the name, as given by UPI (SFC 1 Jul 75).
- Ⓒ - See comment on Shearer's article by Edward Doherty, in letter to editor. WXP 20 Jun 75.
- Ⓓ - Janus in tape used on CBS: "The footlocker was full of fossils - bones - and in one side of the footlocker there were a great many pictures. And these were picture of China. And he remembers the dates on them, and some of them were as way back as 1926, but they were pictures of excavations in 1926. He took the pictures with him, and took a couple of the fossils with him - he just stuck them in a plastic bag and went off."
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