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Nixon (Harry Dent) - A Columbia, S.C., newspaper (The State?) reports on a telephone conversation between Nixon and Harry Dent ("a former Nixon political adviser who devised the so-called 'southern strategy' for the 1970 congressional elections" - Congressional Quarterly, p. 831).

KCBS, reporting on the newspaper's account of the conversation, says Nixon called Dent "unexpectedly" (no date, "recently"), and quotes Dent as saying, "He didn't sound like the old Nixon. He didn't sound like a whipped dog, not crying or mumbling, he sounded very good."

KCBS, in later broadcast, says UPI had spoken with Dent, who "said that he told Nixon his administration could have prevented the fall of South Vietnam. Dent said the former President, quote, 'emphatically agreed with that, but he was not being critical of President Ford's handling of the situation.' .... (Nixon on Watergate - see entry.)

"Dent also said Nixon didn't indicate that he would do anything before the 1976 elections, although he said Nixon has retained his strong interest in politics. Said Dent, quote, "He has no interest in getting out and campaigning and advising anyone." On this, see entry 9 Jul, Ford (Nixon), 13 Jul, Ford (Nixon). A M P - A

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Nixon (continued interest in politics) - See entry, Nixon (Harry Dent).

Harry Dent - See entry, Nixon (Harry Dent).

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Nixon on Watergate/- From AP account of this conversation: "In reference to Watergate, Mr. Dent said, Mr. Nixon told him that in his heavy involvement with problems in Vietnam and in his quest for world peace, 'he let some things slip past him.'"

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- This AP report, which is datelined 10 Jul, says Dent "said yesterday that Mr. Nixon made the comments in an hour-long telephone conversation." See entry 9 Jul, Ford (Nixon).

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Ⓐ - See entry 1 Oct 75, Nixon (return to politics?).