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Butterfield - In intv by Mike Wallace, Butterfield denies Prouty's allegations that he was a CIA "contact officer" in Nixon White House; says, "The fact of the matter is I never was assigned, never was attached and never have been their designated contact man." Of Hunt, Butterfield says, "I have never met Howard Hunt in my life and I have never seen Howard Hunt in my lifetime."

Wallace says that when he talked with Prouty earlier today and that Prouty reiterated that Hunt had twice told him Butterfield was "the guy in the White House." Butterfield replies, "If I was their contact man, I was a hell of a poor one because I had no contact whatsoever with the CIA."

AP: "Butterfield also repeated his contention that Nixon had prior knowledge of the Watergate break-in. 'Nothing happened at that White House, and I do mean nothing, without the President's knowledge,' he said. 'And I think for something of that magnitude to have been scheduled . . . of course the President had to know about it.'...."

"Butterfield also reiterated that he believes he did the right thing in disclosing the existence of the White House tapes. 'I feel very good about my role,' he said. 'I never had any regrets about my role.' Butterfield said he felt that his firing from his FAA job in March by President Ford may have been 'San Clemente directed' because he was the one to reveal the existence of the taping system."

WXP 14 Jul 75 [AP] - filed CIA (d)

Nixon (prior knowledge of break-in) - See entry, Butterfield.

Butterfield (firing attributed to
Nixon) - " "
(no regrets, tapes disclosure)- " "

Nixon (move to NY?) - U.S. News & World Report says today that Nixon is "definitely considering" moving from California to Bronxville, N.Y. AP: "The magazine quoted associates of [Nixon] as saying he may 'engage in projects with ... Abplanalp, who has a home near Bronxville.' [Abplanalp and Rebozo] are said to have urged [Nixon] to sell his San Clemente estate as a way of getting out of a financial bind, the magazine said." See entries, 14, 16 Jul; 30 May.

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Ford (Nixon) - Ford, who announced 8 Jul that he would campaign for the Republican nomination for the Presidency, has spent three days in the Middle West making public appearances. NYT, in general description of his remarks at various functions, says, "His criticisms of Mr. Nixon were indirect but unmistakable, and some of his aides went so far as to comment that Mr. Nixon was one of the President's chief campaign assets." See entry 9 Jul, same heading.

NYT 14 Jul 75, R.W. Apple Jr. - filed Ford Ad

Nixon (Ford) - See entry, Ford (Nixon).

Nixon (taxes) - Walter Scott's column says that Nixon has not paid his 1969 federal income tax bill of \$148,000, points out that while the statute of limitations has expired Nixon did say he would pay it. Column says Nixon owed \$432,787 in back taxes as of May 75, does not say whether these are for income or property, or whether they are owed to federal or state government.

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(A)- See entry 11 Jul 75, Butterfield.