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Silbert (nomination rejected) - WH is notified that Silbert's nomination to be U.S. attorney, first submitted to the Senate 18 months ago, will be returned in 30 days with no action taken on it.

"The notification came as the Senate adjourned until Sept 3 under an agreement that all pending nominations will remain in force except those specifically designated to be sent back to the White House.... It would still be possible for the President to resubmit the nomination of Silbert....

"Silbert ... was appointed U.S. attorney by President Nixon on Jan. 29, 1974. The nomination subsequently expired without Senate action and was twice resubmitted by President Ford."

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Sampson (resignation) - "The resignation of Arthur F. Sampson, who had said he planned to remain as head of the General Services Organization until late 1976, has been accepted by President Ford effective Oct. 15. In his letter to the President [Sampson] wrote that 'circumstances are such' that he would set the earlier date.

"The 'circumstances,' according to Washington sources, are that the White House told [Sampson, who was appointed by Nixon] that he would be replaced and that, as the F.B.I. has acknowledged, the G.S.A. is the subject of an inquiry. At least part of Mr. Sampson's problems date back to his role in the improvements on Mr. Nixon's California and Florida properties."

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GSA - Subject of inquiry by FBI. See entry, Sampson, resignation.

"Tax chief says he didn't slow 'Haven' probe." Intv with Donald Alexander and other IRS officials. See also entry SFEEx 1 Aug 76, Larry Kramer - filed CIA (d) 7 Nov 75.

Project Haven - See entry, Tax chief says