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Nixon tapes and documents (public access) - A set of rules governing release of Nixon tapes and documents, drafted by Arthur F. Sampson, is rejected as inadequate by unanimous vote of Senate Government Operations Committee. The committee, (WXP 12 Sep:) "unhappy with 11 of some 50 provisions," rejects the entire set of proposed regulations, and recommends that the GSA resubmit all of them by 10 Oct. Chairman of the committee, Abraham A. Ribicoff (D-Conn.) says he expects approval by the Senate, which is expected to take up this resolution tomorrow.

House Administration Subcommittee on Printing, in its own resolution, today also rejects some of the regulations proposed by the GSA. Subcommittee takes issue with Sampson's proposed prohibition of re-recording of the tapes by researchers, "to prevent unwarranted commercial exploitation," which would have prevented broadcast of the tapes.

Sampson appointed to his post by Nixon, has resigned as Administrator of the GSA effective 15 Oct 75.

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Arthur F. Sampson - See entry, Nixon tapes and documents (public access).

Alger Hiss, "a man whose case still nags at the American conscience after more than a quarter-century," speaks at WX Press Club "before an audience of more than 250, a big turnout for such an event."

If Hiss avoided direct mention of the downfall of Richard Nixon in his introductory remarks, he couldn't escape questions about Watergate and the man who, as an ambitious freshman congressman, pursued the Hiss case to vault to national political prominence as his first step to the White House.... A.C.P.-A

"In response to a question ..., Hiss said his best hope for vindication is for the Attorney General to recommend to the President that he be pardoned on the grounds of a miscarriage of justice - 'the only grounds on which I would accept a pardon.'"

Hiss was charged in 1948 with perjury in denying he had passed documents to Whittaker Chambers, and after conviction

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served 44 months in federal penitentiary before release in Nov 54. He is now 71.

See Nixon and Legis files, 1 Aug 75 et seq., for clippings on release of five microfilms used to implicate Hiss, after he sued the Justice Department under the Freedom of Information Act.

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Ⓐ- For Nixon's attitude on Hiss, as shown in WH transcripts,
see entry 3 May 74, Alger Hiss.