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An eventful day for Nixon

As President Nixon arrived in Damascus yesterday, his flight shaken by a situation that sent jets on Mediterranean carriers scrambling, his host wasted no time revealing what was on his mind.

Said Syria's president, Hafez Assad: "The only lasting and durable peace would be a peace that would terminate Israeli occupation, restore the land to its people, of Palestine and ensure them of their legitimate national rights."

In Washington, meanwhile the Supreme Court revealed what was on the mind of the Watergate Grand Jury when it voted secretly last February to name the President as an unindicted co-conspirator in the Watergate coverup.

Said the jury: "There is probable cause to believe that Richard M. Nixon, among others, was a member of the conspiracy to defraud the United States and to obstruct justice."

The President had flown from Jidda, Saudi Arabia, whose King Faisal, the man who several months ago had strangled the world's oil supply, warned "anybody who stands against you" in and out of the United States is "splintering the world."

The second anniversary of that "third rate burglary" that became known as Watergate was a day away, and two men Nixon had named to run the nation's tax collection system told of political pressure from the White House. One said he resigned because of it.