Nixon's swan song came Aug. 5, the day he confessed he knew

WASHINGTON (UPI) — The text of President Nixon's statement issued Aug. 5, releasing three transcripts to the public:

I have today instructed my attorneys to make available to the House Judiciary Committee, and I am making public, the transcripts of the conversations with H. R. Haldeman on June 23, 1972. I have also turned over the tapes of these conversations to judge (John J.) Sirica, as part of the process of my compliance with the Supreme Court ruling.

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On April 29, in announcing my decision to make public the original set of White House transcripts, I stated that "as far as what the President personally knew and did with regard to Watergate and the cover-up is concerned, these materials — together with those already made available — will tell it all."

Shortly after that, in May, I made a preliminary review of some of the 64 taped conversations subpoenaed by the special prosecutor.

Among the conversations I listened to at that time were two of those of June 23.

POTENTIAL PROBLEMS

Although I recognized that these presented potential problems, I did not inform my staff or my counsel of it, or those arguing my case, nor did I amend my submission to the judiciary committee in order to include and reflect it.

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At the time, I did not realize the extent of the implications which these conversations might now appear to have.

As a result, those arguing my case, as well as those passing judgement on the case, did so with information that was incomplete and in some respects erroneous.

I REGRET

This was a serious act of omission for which I take full responsibility and which I deeply regret.

Since the Supreme Court's decision 12 days ago, I have ordered my counsel to analyze the 64 Tapes and I have listened to a number of them myself.

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This process has made it clear that portions of the tapes of these June 23 conversations are at variance with certain of my previous statements.

Therefore, I have ordered the transcripts made available immediately to the House Judiciary Committee so that they can be reflected in the committee's report, and included in the record to be considered by the House and Senate.

WHAT I SAID

In a formal written statement on May 22 of last year, I said that shortly after the Watergate break-in I became concerned about the possibility that the FBI investigation might lead to the exposure either of unrelated covert activities of the CIA, or of sensitive national security matters that the so-called "Plumbers Unit" at the White House had been working on, because of the CIA and Plumbers' connection of some of those involved.

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I said that I therefore gave instructions that the FBI should be alerted to coordinate with the CIA, and to insure that the investigation not expose the sensitive national security matters.

That statement was based on my recollection at the time — some 11 months later — plus documentary materials and relevant public testimony of those involved.

JUNE 23, FATAL DAY

The June 23 tapes clearly show, however, that at the time I gave those instructions I also discussed the political aspects of the situation and I was aware of the advantages this course of action would have with respect to limiting possible public exposure of involvement by persons connected with the re-election committee.

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My review of the additional tapes has, so far, shown no further major inconsistencies with what I have previously submitted.

While I have no way at this stage of being certain that there will not be others, I have no reason to believe that there will be.

In any case, the tapes in their entirety are now in the process of being furnished to Judge Sirica.

He has begun what may be a rather lengthy process of reviewing the tapes, passing on specific claims of executive privilege on portions of them, and forwarding to the special prosecutor those tapes or those portions that are relevant to the Watergate investigation.

It is highly unlikely that this review will be completed in time for the House debate.

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It appears at this stage, however, that a House vote of impeachment is, as a practical matter, virtually a foregone conclusion, and the issue therefore will go to trial in the Senate.

In order to insure that no other significant, relevant materials are withheld, I shall voluntarily furnish to the Senate everything from these tapes that Judge Sirica rules should go to the special prosecutor.

DAMAGE TO ME

I recognize that this additional material I am now furnishing may further damage my case, especially because attention will be drawn separately to it rather than to the evidence in its entirety.

In considering its implications, therefore, I urge that two points be born in mind.

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The first of these points is to remember what actually happened as a result of the instructions I gave on June 23.

Acting director (Patrick) Gray of the FBI did coordinate with director (Richard) Helms and deputy director (Vernon) Walters of the CIA.

The CIA did undertake an extensive check to see whether any of its covert activities would be compromised by a full FBI investigation of Watergate.

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Deputy director Walters then reported back to Mr. Gray tha they would not be compromised.

CIA ORDERS

On July 6, when I called Mr. Gray and when he expressed concern about improper attempts to limit his investigation, as the record shows, I told him to pree ahead vigorously with his investigation — which he did.

The second point I would urge is that the evidence be looked at in its entirety, and the events be looked at in prospective.

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Whatever mistakes I made in the handling of Watergate, the basic truth remains that when all the facts were brought to my attention I insisted on a full investigation and prosecution of those guilty.

I am firmly convinced that the record, in its entirety does not justify the extreme step of impeachment and removal of a President. I trust that as the constitutional process goes forward, this perspective will prevail.

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Mrs. Hughes, Elzie Street married in Salisbury, Md.

By Elizabeth M. Oliver

Elzie Street, the Royal Roost Club owner and Mrs. Estella Price Hughes, divorced wife of Dr. Donald Hughes, were married in Salisbury, Md., July 31, while vacationing in nearby Ocean City.

In the bridal party were close friends, Clarence E. Polk, chemist for the Ocean City police department and his fiancee, Miss Doris Jamison of Salisbury. The Rev. John W. Ringgold, pastor of the Salisbury John Wesley United Methodist Church, presided at the double ring ceremonies.

The newly weds will reside at their Lyndhurst St. residence in Baltimore until a September honeymoon cruise.

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The couple also owns the American Ballroom Co., with Mrs. Street secretary-treasurer to her husband, the president. The new firm is over top the Royal Roost at 4227 York Rd. and plans are underway for the Roost Carryout to come next door this Fall.

This is the second marriage for both Mr. and Mrs. Street. The former Mrs. Hughes' children are, Jeanine, 16 and Valerie, 14, students at Western High and Kimberly, 10.

Mr. Street's children are Andre, a police deportment Burgulary Squad detective and 1973 Policeman of the Year and Miss Andrea Betby Street, a Coppin State College student.

The bride is daughter of A. D. Price, Richmond, Va.'s oldest mortician and Mrs. Mary Mabin of Upper Mt. Clair, N.J. Mr. Street is son of Mrs. Lillie M. Street, Baltimore and the late Elzie Street Sr.

MR. AND MRS. ELZIE STREET

Guidelines for getting unemployment benefits

If you have been determined ineligible for benefits under the Maryland Unemployment Insurance Law, you have the right to appeal.

The appeal must be made within seven business days to one of the Hearing Officers at the Maryland Department of Employment and Social Services.

If the Hearing officer upholds the original decision, further appeal may be made to the Superior Court of Baltimore for city residents, and in the circuit courts of the respective counties. This must be done within thirty days.

Francis Kenney, Chief of Benefits, told the AFRO, "It's important for people to know how to file for unemployment benefits and to know their rights. The guidelines aren't really that stiff and they were made to suit a community the size of Baltimore."

Mr. Kenney made specific mention of the requirement of being out of work for at least one full day before filing.

He said, "In smaller places, such as Glen Burnie, they don't have rules like that because they don't get too many people coming in, and they can handle them all. We get hundreds a day here in Baltimore, so we had to make a restriction somewhere."

Mr. Kenney stated that most persons should have no problem collecting unemployment insurance benefits. Benefits may be delayed or denied, however, if you are unable or unavavilable for full-time work; you left work voluntarily, without good cause (including strikes); you were fired for reasons of misconduct; you fail to seek and accept other suitable work, or you are receiving other unemployment benefits.

You may also have difficulty if you are applying for second year benefits and have not earned wages at least ten times that of your weekly benefits; failure to report or to mail a claim as instructed, or you are engaged in work considered to be self-employment.

If you are presently unemployed, you may file a claim at the Maryland Department of employment and Social Services at 1100 N. Eutaw St., 3rd floor.

Safety program for little tots at Druid Hill Park each day

Safety Cities East and West now in operation, on the grounds of City Hospitals and Druid Hill Park comprises a program designed to teach traffic and pedestrian safety to children between the ages of 5 and 9.

Two hours of instruction per day place in a miniature community environment complete with miniature hoses, battery operated automobiles, scaled roads and traffic signs and signals.

When a student completes the four hour course, he receives a "Safety Citizen" Certificate and a button proclaiming him a "Safety City Citizen."

The Summer session classes begin 9 a.m., 11 a.m. and 1 p.m.

Any child between the ages of 5 and 9 who is accompanied by a parent or adult is invited. Registration can be made by visiting either Safety City location, or by telephoning 539-5095.

Med students get Hammerman grants

Three medical students from the Baltimore area have been selected as recipients of the Greater Baltimore Chapter, National Foundation-March of Dimes' Belle and Herman Hammerman Scholarsip, according to Scholarship Committee Chairman, James W. Stevens Jr.

Winners of the 1974 Hammerman Scholarships are: Larry N. Stein, Howard University College of Medicine; Samuel Hassenbusch, Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine and Maury Silverman, University of Maryland School of Medicine.

The scholarships, totalling $1,000 per student for each of the four years of medical school, are named in honor of the parents of former March of Dimes Baltimore chapter Chairman, Honorable Robert I. H. Hammerman, Judge of the Supreme Bench of Baltimore.

A reception for recipients of the scholarship will be held in early September at which time the students have the opportunity to meet Mrs. Hammerman as well as the members of the scholarship committee.

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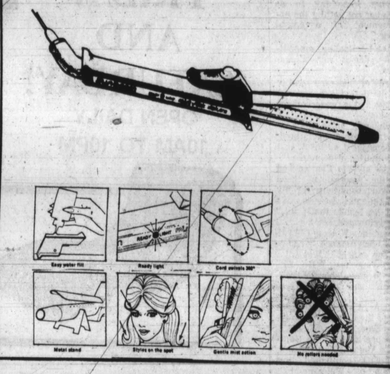

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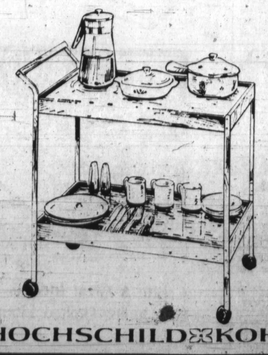

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