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## Impeachment 'foregone conclusion'

# Nixon says new transcripts 'may further damage case'

### Bulletin

WASHINGTON (AP) — Rep. Charles Wiggins, R-Calif., who led Nixon's defense during the House Judiciary Committee consideration of impeachment, said Monday that he thought Nixon should resign.

After Nixon's disclosure on more Watergate evidence, Wiggins said the additional information now available is sufficient to support at least one criminal count of conspiracy to obstruct justice against the President.

### From press dispatches

WASHINGTON — President Nixon on Monday released transcripts of three 1972 conversations that he said "may further damage my case," admitting he kept the evidence from his lawyers and omitted it from his public statements on Watergate.

Acknowledging that his impeachment by the House is "virtually a foregone conclusion," he said tapes of all 64 conversations he is giving U.S. District Judge John J. Sirica also will be turned over to the Senate for use in his impeachment trial.

The development came just hours after Sen. Robert P. Griffin, R-Mich., the Senate Republican whip, issued a statement saying that Nixon's resignation would be in

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## 'Mama' Cass death ruled heart attack

LONDON (UPI) — Cass Elliot prayed for a triumph in the crucial engagement of her career at the London Palladium, and when it came it killed her, according to testimony at an inquest into her death Monday.

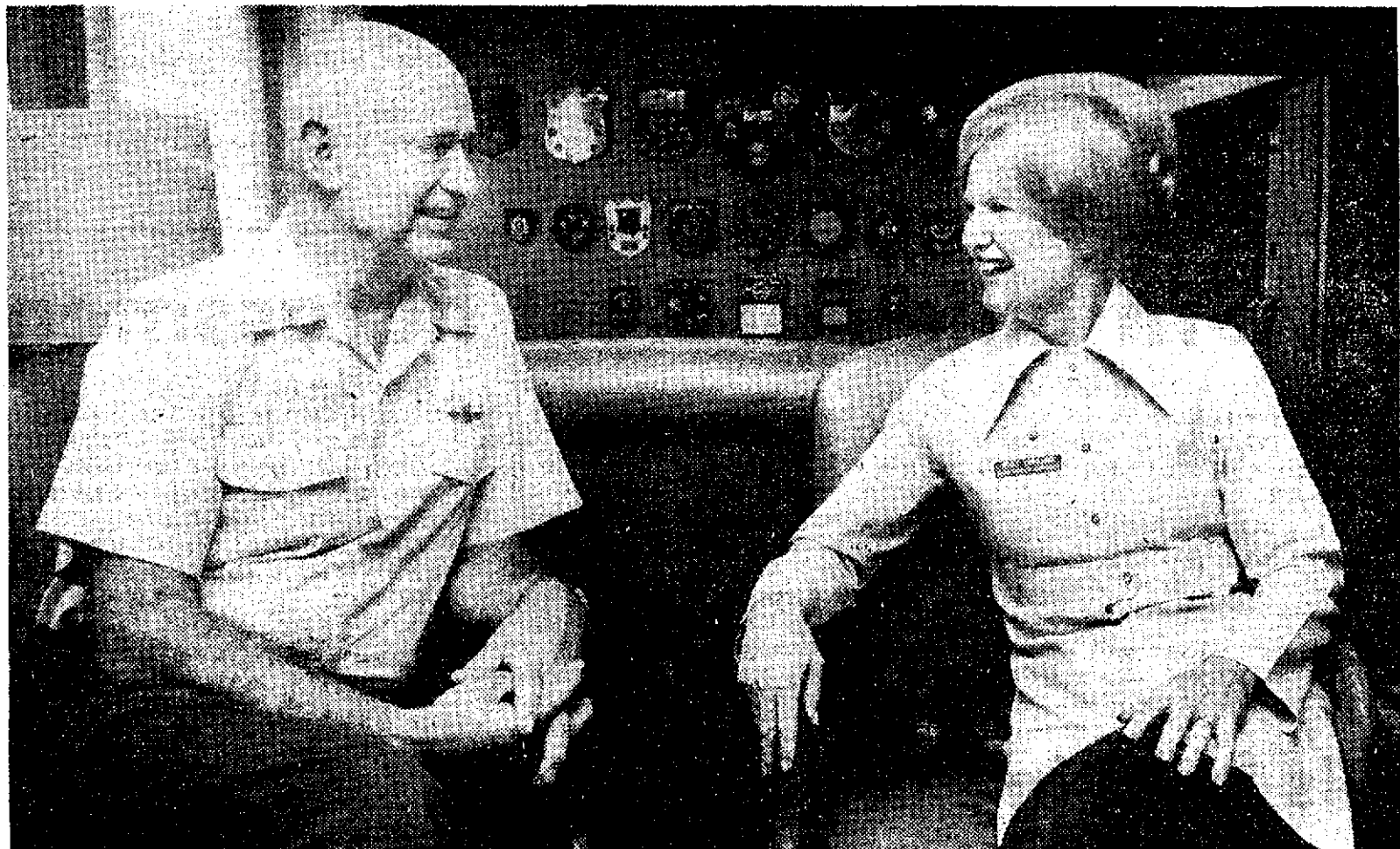
Prof. Keith Simpson, the Home Office pathologist who performed an autopsy and laboratory examination of organs, said "Mama" Cass weighed 225 pounds, twice the normal weight for a woman of her size, and was suffering from advanced fatty degeneration of the heart muscle.

He said the specific cause of death was a heart attack, and no drugs or alcohol were found in her body.

The plump, 32-year-old star of the former Mamas and Papas group was found sprawled naked and dead on the bed of her luxury apartment here July 29 after a round of receptions that marked the end of her two weeks as the Palladium headliner.

It was her most important solo appearance since she left the group and on its success depended her immediate future in show business. As a result, said her man-

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John W. Vogt Jr., USAFE commander-in-chief, enjoys a joke with his executive officer, Nancy Collins. — S&S photo, Cole

## Aiding general is 'a dream come true'

By JOHN HART  
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RAMSTEIN, Germany (S&S) — "Go . . . go . . . go" is what a general's executive officer does, according to Nancy Collins of Lawton, Okla.

Her job is to keep track of the general's appointments, correspondence, briefings "and things like that. Part of my job is to see that Gen. Vogt is not

disturbed any more than he has to be."

She is executive officer for Gen. John W. Vogt Jr., USAFE commander-in-chief. "I've been working for him the past 12 years . . . but only as executive since 1972," she said.

Miss Collins claims to be the only known civilian female employe of the Armed Forces serving as a general's

executive. (A four-star general's executive job is normally for either a lieutenant colonel or full colonel.)

"It's a dream come true" for Miss Collins. She began her Civil Service career 20 years ago as a file clerk in the post library at Ft. Sill, Okla.

Miss Collins wears a self-designed uniform of dark blue slacks and a

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## Miami building collapses, killing 4

MIAMI (UPI) — A corner of a downtown building housing the Federal Drug Enforcement Administration crashed to the ground with "a deafening roar" Monday, crushing four people to death, injuring at least nine others and trapping several more in a pile of twisted steel and concrete.

Rescue workers, aided by a 100-foot derrick, feverishly pulled at the pile of wreckage which included several cars that had

been parked on the roof of the three-story building. (See photos on page 5.)

Fire Chief Don Heckman, who was in charge of the rescue operation, said: "I know of three dead still in there now."

He said three other persons were trapped but visible and "there are four more we can't account for."

Another victim was dead on arrival at a hospital.

Twelve survivors were pulled from the

rubble, and nine of those were taken to the hospital, where one was listed in critical condition and another — Deputy Regional FDEA Director David Costa — was listed as serious.

"We're doing the rescue work the risky way by sending firemen down into the wreckage before we can lift it out," Heckman said. "We are putting IV (intravenous injection needles) into any hand or arm or

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