

Nixon and Ehrlichman, Telephone

April 13, 1973 6:16-6:31 p.m.

1 Voice: Conversation number thirdy eight da:sh twelve. (0.3) Porshin of a [9.0]
2
3 telephone conversayshin between the Presidint? ·hh en John D.
4
5 Ehrlichmin. ·hh This po:rshin was recordid on April thirteenth, ·hh
6
7 nineteen sev'ndy three, ·hh between six sixteen? ·h en six thirty
8
9 one pee em.
10
11 (5.9) ((dead tape))
12
13 (0.3) ((rumbly noise)) [9.4]
14
15 Nixon: Hillo:
16
17 (): hhmhhh
18
19 ((tk dk))
20
21 Op: Mister President,=
22
23 Nixon: =ey↓Ya[h.ah
24 []
25 Op: [I have Mister Ehrlichmin ↓calling you si[r,
26 []
27 Nixon: [Aa:↑right?=
28
29 (): =mhh=
30
31 Nixon: =Thank you=
32
33 (): =hmhhh
34
35 ((tk dk))
36
37 (·)
38
39 Op: °go° ahead,
40
41 [((↑beep))
42 []
43 (): [·hhh

1 Nixon: [-tlk
2 [

3 Ehrl: [H'lloo[:; [9.5]
4 [

5 Nixon: ['Lo:,
6
7 (·)
8

9 Nixon: Yes ↓sir:::
10

11 Ehrl: ·p-t·hhehhhh Well ↑they have quite a tale iv horrors tih ↓te:ll?=
12

13 (): =hh
14

15 Ehrl: Ah::uh the bit iv infermation that they ha:d uwas that hHunt (·) <hhe:z decidid
16
17 tih tell a:ll duh the Gran' Jury Mondee et ↑two:.
18

19 (): °hmh^o
20

21 Nixon: ·ptch↓Mm↑hm
22

23 Ehrl: ·hhkheyah Thə:t uh:m (·) ↓ah: (·) ↑he: uh,hm[en en: my s- eh: the way theh=
24 [

25 (Nixon): [(↓Mmhm)
26

27 Ehrl: =they (·) ↑put it i:t's not kinclu↓si:ve.=but uh (·) my suspicion ↓i:s thet (·)
28
29 Bittmin. hi:s lawyer ·t·hh made a deal wih the gov'ment so thet Bittmin does
30
31 not git caught'n this obstruction a' just↓ice business.↓
32

33 (0.2)
34

35 Ehrl: ·hhhlyuruhhhh ↓But uh:: ↑he will:ll uh [i m p l-]
36 []

37 Nixon: [Bittmin]::: hhHont's lawyer?
38

39 (0.2)
40

41 Ehrl: Uh: right. [10.0]
42

43 (): ((tk tohk))
44

45 Ehrl: ih-He will implica:te uh:: the Commitee lawyers: m-Parkinsin en O'Brien.
46
47 t·hhhhh ha:s thē: uh(b) mbagmen: en thē:< (·) the transmitter::s of money::
48
49 through hHunt, tih the Cūbin:s en::d uh[: through] Hunt tuh Missiz Hunt fer=
50 []

51 Nixon: [↓Mmhhm]

- 1 Ehrl: =other people end so [on 'n so] ↓for:[th
2 [] []
3 Nixon: ¹ [>Mhm<] [Why will Hunt do ↓this.=so they say.=
4
5 Ehrl: =hUh:: [—(0.7)—] they think simply:: bekiz 'ee ez no incentive tuh stā:n'=
6 []
7 (([thk thrrapt]))
8
9 Ehrl: =mυ(·)te ↓uh=uh nō:w.hhh uh: hē sees the whole thin::g hē goin' up in smoke
10
11 en 'ee jis doesn' wan'oo uh,h
12
13 (·)
14
15 Nixon: ↓h[Hmhm]
16 []
17 Ehrl: [be the on]ly guy: hold'n the ↑ba:g.
18
19 (): ((tk koh))
20
21 Nixon: 'S hē think he's gunnuh get sohmething out iv it °thou:gh?°([])
22 []
23 Ehrl: [U h::: :]
24
25 I think ↑Bittmin:: is sh-the guy who's getting something out of it?='n a'
26
27 cou:rsē ↑Hunt (·) m-purges eeimself of contempt when 'ee ↓doe:s this↓ so::
28
29 uh ·hhh/ihh uh:::[↓: : :]: he (·) i-hē gits a liddle, something ↓out iv it=
30 []
31 Nixon: [Mhm]
32
33 Ehrl: =certain[ly? (en that's)] ()
34 []
35 Nixon: [T h e t's : this i]s this i[s s : :]
36 []
37 Ehrl: [(↑menac↓in[g)
38 []
39 Nixon: [This is at the Committee
40
41 Nixon: howe'er?hh
42
43 Ehrl: _____ eh No nō↓:: This iss it the t-Gran' Jury.
44 |
45 | (·)
46 (): | hmhh[h
47 (0.8) | []
48 (Ø): | [((tchih-duk))
49 |

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¹ In standard orthography “to they say” would be rendered as “do they say”.

1 Nixon: ___ I understand but what eez< (0.2) the Gra:nd Jury is pizzing on the
2
3 Committee.h
4
5 Ehrl:: ·pl↑Oh: yea:h.=Sure:.
6
7 (·)
8
9 Ehrl: Sure. ·hh[h h h
10 []
11 Nixon: °[Ri:ght?°
12
13 Ehrl: No:w.ghm <Uh:
14
15 Nixon: What [e].
16 []
17 Ehrl: [↑A:LL'v this: this who:le: hour I jus' spent with these fellows? wuuz
18
19 a mh was a Sink Mitchell operation.↓
20
21 (0.2)
22
23 Ehrl: ·pk ·hhahh[h
24 []
25 Nixon: [Well I hope you [—(0.7)—] glaid into 'im a lidd[le Joh: [n? [11.0]
26 [] []
27 (([grngle glk])) [] []
28 [] []
29 Ehrl: [I- [I di: [d? en I=
30 []
31 Nixon: °°[(Good
32
33 Ehrl: =[ha:ve: uh-what I: th-↓o[o eyoo fer what it's wo:rth I have Col's'n:'s=
34 [] [(glitch?)
35 Nixon: [good,)°°
36
37 Ehrl: =commitment that he: w'l: do nothin:g say nothin::g make no mo↓:ve.hh
38
39 (Nixon): ghmk
40
41 Ehrl: without prior appro↓val it this poin[t.↓
42 []
43 Nixon: [Buh wuh w'z ther argu↓mint about
44
45 s::iinking Mitchell.=uh me[an↓
46 []
47 Ehrl: [We:ll? i:t it isn't in argument it's eh: they recount.=
48
49 a who:::le lot o[f udetai::ls in [circumsta]nces he:re? ·HeHH↑: /uh:m ther=
50 [] []
51 Nixon: [°Mm° [°↓M m :°]

- 1 Ehrl: ² =apperently ↑two other Gra:n' Juries ↓et work.=the↓ one that we knew
2
3 [a]bout
4 [[]
5 Nixon: [t [One in Nee [Yor:k,]hhh[h
6 [[] []
7 (Ehrl): (↓[Yor:k.]) [R:i:[ght,]
8 [[]
9 Nixon: [Y a]h?=
10
11 Ehrl: =Which is ↑very close to indictin:g,h (·) Mitchell: o:n something ca:lled Section
12
13 Two Oh O:ne.
14
15 (): ·HHuH ·HHuH
16
17 Ehrl: Which involves hi:s giving en appointmentuhh when 'ee wiz Attorney General,
18
19 seeing Vesco:: in consideration of a campaigne contri↓byush'n. ·khhlhhh
20
21 Nixon: ↓Nh[n
22 []
23 Ehrl: [Uh::m=
24
25 Nixon: =A 'right?
26
27 Ehrl: ·pt:tk Aghn'im an:d deyss (·) eh:eh they represent one a' the ↓witness:i:z Danny
28
29 Hof↓grin. who: hez testifie:d 'n that ↓ca:se so: ther prety well up on the progress
30
31 a' that they [s a : y .]
32 [[]
33 Nixon: [Ri↓:ght.] hRi[ght?]
34 [[]
35 Ehrl: [·hhh]h The ↑second is here in W:ash'nin.hh< (·) kwher::
36
37 Ehrl: the Gra:n' Jury w'z convened to indict a fella name Kli:ne.
38
39 (·)
40
41 Ehrl: ·hh[hh
42 []
43 Nixon: [Mmhm,[h
44 []
45 Ehrl: [uh: fer income ↓ta:x evasion.hnh ·khihh h[A : : n]d app↑arently:;=
46 [[]
47 Nixon: °[Mh m]°
48
49 Ehrl: =(0.2) uh::: it comes ou:t thet he: (·) ·p mgayff (·) m-money tuh Mit↓chell en↓

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² Unless otherwise noted, words such as 'knew', 'due', etc. are pronounced "noo", "doo", etc.

- 1 Ehrl: theh eh they were not clear un whether it w'z s'pose tuh be ca:mpaign [12.0]
2
3 contributions er what. ·hh hUh in return fer Kline getting gover'm'nt
4
5 ↑c^hon↓tra:cts. hm ·t·heh·heh[h
6 []
7 Nixon: [°Jeesuss° [Chhri:s[t I can't b'l]ieve tha]t.
8 [[]]
9 Ehrl: [eh- [A : : n d] u h,h]hm
10
11 Ehrl: ↓We:ll? I:: can't either. But anywa:y the [thè] Gra:nd Jury: s::thinks there's=
12 []
13 Nixon: °[Mh]°
14
15 Ehrl: =enough the:re that ther going alon:g on i[t end u[h
16 [[]]
17 (([tk-duk])[
18 []
19 Nixon: [Ri:ght=
20
21 Ehrl: =·p th[at's eh-]
22 []
23 Nixon: [Right ri]ght u[ri:ght.
24 []
25 Ehrl: [in pro↓gress.
26 (:)
27
28 Ehrl: ·p·kh·khuhhh=eyh[h
29 []
30 Nixon: °[hhUh[gey°
31 []
32 Ehrl: [No::[w
33 []
34 Nixon: [Right?=
35
36 (Nixon): =hh[h
37 []
38 Ehrl: [Uh:mh [—(0.5)—] uthē uhhm< (0.4) ((swallow)) ss-uh:: ↑Liddy,=
39 []
40 (([thika thik]))
41 (): =hhh-hhh=
42
43 (): =·tsk
44
45 Ehrl: =·khh eh en Hont hedda conversation ↓according duh hhHunt.=uh:
46
47 this fella: Shapiro hhez interviewed hhHunt.h (:) En Hunt told eem this.
48
49 ·h[i hh ·he]hh=
50 []
51 Nixon: [Y a : h?]

- 1 Ehrl: =Liddy in ↓Ho:nt.hHunt says ↑this is a screwball: opera↓tion this Watergate
2
3 thing.=I d_{oh}- I don't think I woh-wanna go ↑forward ↓with it.↓=Liddy ·hhh
4
5 says well How'rd we haf to we can't call it off no:w(m) Mister Mitchell
6
7 [hez: u- [hass specifically instructid that we do en we must go ahead.
8 [[]
9 Nixon: [()] [()].
10
11 (0.3)
12
13 Ehrl: ·p·hhhhh So: thi[s i s h h h u-]
14 [[]
15 Nixon: [Who who who who] tell::s,h[h[who<]
16 [[]
17 Ehrl: [u[H u n]t tells ↓this. This is
18
19 Hu[n t t]estimony in i[t's res] gestae: en so on en so:[: i t] c[omes ↑i]:n.
20 [[] [[] [[] [[]
21 Nixon: ↓[Right.] [Ya:h?] ↓[Ri:ght.] [↓Right.]
22
23 Nixon: h↓Ri:[ght,
24 [[]
25 Ehrl: [·hh/hh [Uh::m [a↑:lso:~? uHunt=
26 [[]
27 (([thikuh [tik))
28
29 Nixon: =°Mh_{hm}°= [13.0]
30
31 Ehrl: =↓te:ll:s (·) ↓Shapiro? ·hh< the reasin Liddy is sitting ↓the:re? (0.2) iss eh:eh
32
33 Ehrl: without ↑sai_{ng} innything is 'ee ez a blood oath from Mitchell thet eez gunnuh
34
35 get a presidential ↑pard↓'n.
36
37 (0.2)
38
39 Nixon: ↓Shhi[t. ·hhuhhu:::h[h
40 [[]
41 (([tk tk tk)) [[]
42 [[]
43 Ehrl: [So::[: uh<]
44 [[]
45 Nixon: ____ °([ih-na]ts um↓n.)°
46 |
47 (): (0.2) ((liquid swallow))=
48 |
49 Ehrl: ____ =uh:: pres[u m a b l y]
50 [[]
51 Nixon: [Mitchell:'s ne]ver talked tih ↓me of course about=

- 1 Ehrl: [R i g h t.
2 = [[
- 3 Nixon: [(ohm)[hI:=
4
- 5 Ehrl: =But pres[umably t h a t] (·) that will a:l↓so go in yuh see.↓
6 [[]]
- 7 Nixon: [Never anybody](ed muh)- yhe]
8
9 (·)
- 10
- 11 Ehrl: ·t·h h h h N o : w (·) uh:m,hmhh (0.2) ((swallow)) tss (·) uh:::
12
- 13 Nixon: Mitchell? you think uut ·h h h h h h Yihknow he >might iv ↑done it< ↓thou::gh.=
14
- 15 Ehrl: =uWe↑:l!?=
- 16
- 17 Nixon: =H[e might'v[°↑t'lked ↓with the guy.]↓°
18 [[]]
- 19 Ehrl: [(Maybe) [I d o n' k n o : w. B u]t in any event tha:t's what Hunt wul say
20
- 21 Liddy ↑told ↓'im yih s[ee:↓ Tha]t's the pro[b↓lum. ·h h [h h h h
22 [[]] [[]] [[]]
- 23 Nixon: [Mmhm?] °[Mh?° °[Mh?°=
24
- 25 Ehrl: =hUH:::M,hhhmhhh[hhhh
26 [
- 27 Nixon: [·ptsk [↑W e l l]
28 [[]]
- 29 Ehrl: [uNothuh] thin:g ehnothuh thi:ng hHunt will:: f-uh
30
- 31 pre↑sumably testi↓fy i:s?=the't 'ee wiz idvize'duh leave the ↑coun↓try.=by
32
- 33 John Dean.
34 |
- 35 (Ø): (0.5) °°(tiki hh)°°
36 |
- 37 Ehrl: [·tk ·h h h h h]hEh-eh: right af↓ter thi:s.↓
38 [—(0.5)—]
39 |
- 40 (0.9)
41 (0.5)
- 42 (Ehrl): | ·h h h h [
43 [[]]
- 44 Nixon: [↓Was 'ee?
45
- 46 (·)
47
- 48 Ehrl: Uh: I think he ↑was.=
49 |
- 50 Nixon: =°°Yahh°°
51 |

1 (1.0) (0.4)
2 |
3 Nixon: | °°mnYawh°°
4 |
5 Ehrl: |_| I think 'ee=Well I don' know whether ↑Joh:n ed[↓vised eem [but I think=
6 [[]
7 (Nixon): °°([Mh])°° °°([Mhm])°°
8
9 Ehrl: =some↑buddy [must iv, cuz 'ee went tuh grou:nd ind he wiz missing ↓fer=
10 []
11 (Nixon): °°([Mhm])°°
12
13 Ehrl: =a lo:ng time.↓
14
15 (0.4)
16
17 Nixon: ↓hhMm:hm[;?]
18 []
19 Ehrl: [·hhh ↑Now,hhh ah::m ((swallow)) they ha:ve several: (0.2) they
20
21 have sever'l siggestions.=They say ↑first iv a:ll what's gunnuh happ'n is that
22
23 (·) (bid in: in ehd) by Wednesdee a' next wee:k.=if: if Hunt goes in like this
24
25 this iss sure dih leak.=en theh'd be a big front page story abaht some [a' the:]se=
26 []
27 Nixon: [Right.]
28
29 Ehrl: =allega:yshinss.= [14.0]
30
31 Nixon: =Ri::ght?hh
32
33 Ehrl: iLots'v c'ngresh'n'l excitement lots of: uh (th[r e s h]ing) a[round am]ong=
34 [] []
35 Nixon: [Yeah,] [Ri:ght?]
36
37 Ehrl: =Re↑pub[li↓kinss]:.=Next []
38 [] []
39 Nixon: °[↓Right.]° [Ri:?'?]=
40
41 Ehrl: =hhhh Uh::m eh:eh they ga:yee uh: the only thing you c'n do is: is beat this
42
43 thing dih the ↓punch.
44
45 (·)
46
47 Ehrl: ·pt En they ev sev'ral ↓sugge:s↓tions.
48
49 (): ·hh[]
50 []
51 (([thup]))=

- 1 Nixon: =Fire,hh Dea:n=[uh?
2 [
- 3 Ehrl: [We:ll (.) no:,h tha[t's a: th]at's [minor as]pect a 'this all::=
4 [] [
- 5 Nixon: [↓N o :,] [aa-
6
- 7 Ehrl: =n::[(yoo nɑ:h).=They don:'t they d[idn't hhardly get tih that I d-incidently I=
8 [
- 9 Nixon: [Yah. [Yah.
10
- 11 Ehrl: =read Col's'nss: lo:::ng,h [uh: basic do:cumènt whiçh wuuz wrìten be↑fòre he=
12 [
- 13 Nixon: [Yah
14
- 15 Ehrl: =knew that hHunt [wiz going en:d eh: that hɑ:s fire Dean en these othuh=
16 [
- 17 Nixon: [Yeah.
18
- 19 Ehrl: =↓things in it.↓=h[h·hh]hh ↑First thi:n::g uh:m mn-uh Shapiro say:s i::s <uh:=
20 []
- 21 Nixon: [Yeah]
22
- 23 Ehrl: =to ↑restate very clearly,h ·hhh tha::t crimìnal c^honduct is not embraced within
24
25 ixe:cutive privilege. [Never wuuz intèdèd dih ↑cover it↑
26 [
- 27 (Nixon) | [(Yè)
28 (0.3) |
29 | ((thi[p))
30 | [
- 31 Nixon: | [Well [that (its it) fer me:, but that's fer somebody else tih ↓do=
32 [
- 33 Ehrl: [(),
34
- 35 Nixon: =tha:[t↓ ()]
36 []
- 37 Ehrl: [Yeah.=B't 'ee me]ans f:he means from he::re:[:
38 [
- 39 Nixon: [F'm the White [↓'ouse.]
40 []
- 41 Ehrl: [t h ē] ::
42
- 43 uh[: d u h-] J u s t i c e] Departmin' er] (ess)
44 [] []
- 45 Nixon: [↓Ri:ght] Ee-either] e i t h e r ↓y :]o_u : o[r:: Ya:h.] Ri:ght.=
46 []
- 47 Ehrl: [(er:: ik-)
48
- 49 Ehrl: =(f-f-) Kleindiens' could do that?=thet no act [(a') thè] ·hhh no crìmin'l a:ct is=
50 []
- 51 Nixon: [Ri:ght.]

- 1 Ehrl: =within the ↓sco:pe.=in so on.↓
2
3 Nixon: ·t Ri',
4 (·)
5
6 Nixon: ·pt hI [agree with that,]
7 []
8 Ehrl: [S e c o n d l y,] [14.9]
9
10 (·)
11
12 Ehrl: pSecondly:: ah: ↑someone,h ·t·hh ↓uh: Colson says me:, uh:m uh Shapiro sess::
13
14 uh Fred Fie:lding er somebody but eh ↑somebuddy (·) comes in dih you ·hhh
15
16 end lays out the damaging:h ↓evidence. ·hhhhhehhh uh:: the ↑U.S. Attorney
17
18 hhhhh uh is given: the damaging eviden[ce by::,h (0.2) ·ptch uh somebuddy: in=
19 []
20 Nixon: [(Mhm)]
21
22 Ehrl: =the Pres'dent's beha:lf.hh
23
24 (·)
25
26 Ehrl: ·t·hhh UH::: u↑Ne:xt the:: uyeh the Pres'dint's ma:n (·) uh::: goes to see
27
28 Gord'n uLiddy. (0.2) End says ↑Gord'n: I=uh I don' know what chu mayv
29
30 been (·) promised but (·) obviously: no one had authority dih promise you a
31
32 ↑pard'n? ·t·hhhhh ha[h::ey ah]::m the ↑only way y:ou could be intittled duh=
33 []
34 (Nixon) [()?]
35
36 Ehrl: _____ =any consideration in a c^hase a' this(t) ki:nd would be by c^homing c^hlean.
37 |
38 | (0.3)
39 (): (0.7) (·po:y)
40 |
41 Nixon: _____ ↓hhH[m h m?]
42 []
43 Ehrl: [By telling the ↓truth.
44
45 (·)
46
47 Ehrl: ·t·heghhh An:d uh the Presid'nt ↑very much w::ants ↓you duh tell the truth.↑
48
49 Ohweez ha:s ↓wannid ju dih tell the tru:th.↓=regard[liss (of whatevuh-)]
50 []
51 Nixon: [(me:)? h a v e y:ou]

- 1 Nixon: er :: uh::,hh [see,]
 2 []
 3 Ehrl: [(j a]k).[(j a [k)
 4 [] []
 5 Nixon: _____ ([Uh hu[h?
 6 | []
 7 (0.2) (([tk kt [tk [tk)
 8 | [] []
 9 Ehrl: _____ [·hh[↑The:n, (·) ah:: w-you [hev stolen a=
 10 []
 11 (Nixon): [°(Mhm)°
 12
 13 Ehrl: =march on hhHunt,h[h (0.2) y:ou hev: ↑br^oken the ca:se ↓by: uh (·) persuadin::g=
 14 []
 15 [((tikk-ing noises))
 16
 17 Ehrl: =Liddy tuh come ↑clean, ·hh he's the key dih thè: Watergate then:g the focus is
 18
 19 all on ↓Watergate with Liddy.↓ ·hh·hh An::d thet y:ou iv demonstratid [yer::,hh
 20 []
 21 Nixon: [Mhm↓hm=
 22
 23 Nixon: =m[hm
 24 []
 25 Ehrl: [uh:: desire that thet a↓::ll t-come out.h↓=
 26
 27 Nixon: =That's their pla:n. [16.0]
 28
 29 (0.3)
 30
 31 Nixon: ·t·hh ·hhhh W^hell how's this u-all affect Cols↓on:=ahh °hah hah° ·h_q:hh[h
 32 []
 33 Ehrl: [We↑:ll?=
 34
 35 Ehrl: =hmm Uh:m ah-I do[n't ↑kno:w.↓hhow it all 'ffeks Cols'n?=hHunt i:s gotta talk=
 36 []
 37 Nixon: [(No?)
 38
 39 Ehrl: =a lot about ↑Cols'n. I would gue:ss=↑Oh: ↑↑one ·hh[h [16.1]
 40 []
 41 Nixon: [That's the ether
 42
 43 ³ ↑poi:-:nt.=uh: he wantsh tuh keep kHunt salid.h[h
 44 []
 45 Ehrl: [·tk One marginal piece of new:s
 46
 47 thet they brought in, ·hhhh Uh::,h thet has Cols'n a little shook,h (0.2) i:s thit
 48
 49 Muh↑Cord he:ss (·) ntold the U.S. Attorney ·hhh thet he perticipated in un

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³ A possibility is “kHunt” is a very rapid repair from “C[olson]” to “Hunt”.

- 1 Ehrl: o:peration w:ith MuhC₉₀-uh with hHu:nt eh:: (·) t₀ uh go aht tih Las Vegas ·hhh
2
3 huh-:-: leave their airpla:ne with the engines going standing by:₂? (·) Go indih
4
5 to:₂wn, (·) bust hhHank Gr:eenspun' sa:fe.
6
7 (0.3)
8
9 Nixon: ·hhh Ch^hee[↓zi[s.]
10 [[]
11 Ehrl: _____ [()]s]te[al some s]:Ya:p? steal s'm stuff from ut?
12 | []
13 Nixon: | [C h r i : s t.]
14 (0.5)
15 (Nixon) | hhmhhh
16 |
17 Ehrl: _____ :pt Jump ba:ck in the airplane en come on back. ·hhh En thet Cols'n
18
19 master↓minded it.↓
20
21 (): *hhheyhhuhhh*
22
23 (): *hmhmhm hmh[hh*
24 []
25 Nixon: [°What in the n:ame a'° Go:d would °↑that be.[h°
26 []
27 Ehrl: _____ [I: [can't i↓magine.
28 | []
29 (0.2) _____ (([tkking noises])
30 |
31 Ehrl: _____ But Cols'n:: s:↑toutly en devoutly maintains that he n:ever heard a thing abaht it.
32
33 ·hh thet- n:ever ↑heard iv it before never heard of Han:g ↑Green↓spun before.↓
34
35 (·)
36
37 Ehrl: 'n to [forth,
38 []
39 Nixon: [°Yeah, h yeah,h yah.°
40
41 (·)
42
43 Nixon: _____ °Yeah.°
44 |
45 (Nixon) | pt-tk
46 (0.5)
47 (Nixon) | hmhhh
48 |
49 Ehrl: _____ Well. [17.0]
50
51 Nixon: ·p·t·hhhhhh su see you've gotteh: enalyze all a' this ↓Joh:n ez you: iv course

1 Nixon: know in ter:ms of what Colson en Bittm'n-↓eh:: Colson en Shapiro er::::↓
2
3 thinking o[f
4 [
5 Ehrl: _____ [Su:re.
6 |
7 Nixon: | hmh hm [·h_ghhh °°(ee meenk)°°
8 | [
9 | [(((tkking noises))
10 |
11 (1.5) (·)
12 |
13 | [(((tk))
14 | [
15 (): _____ (But). ((sound is distorted))
16 |
17 (0.4)
18 |
19 [(((tk (·) tk-tuk))
20 [
21 Nixon: [M m m : : : . hhWhy d'n'tche think it over a bit?=
22 |
23 Ehrl: =I will?
24 |
25 Nixon: ·p·t·hhh
26 |
27 (Ehrl): uh-:-:=
28 |
29 Nixon: ='nd uh:°hn° (0.2) tsee wehr we go fr'm ↑he:re. (g[nh)
30 | [
31 Ehrl: _____ [((hoarsely)) My: uh:mhh
32 |
33 (0.4)
34 (0.9)
35 (Ø): | (·p·t_k ·p t_{cu}uh)=
36 |
37 Ehrl: _____ =((hoarsely)) <It's (·) e:z I ↑say it's a, ,it's ((clearly)) another Mitchell
38 |
39 (Nixon) (0.5) (mhh °hm°)=
40 |
41 Ehrl: _____ ⁴=ih- (·) i-↑tūb↓ing.h
42 |
43 (·)
44 |
45 (Nixon) (1.3) °°(hm-hm hm)°°
46 |
47 ((thsk))
48 |

48

⁴ As with words like “knew” and “due”, here, “tube” is pronounced “toob”.

1 Ehrl: ___ Their whole point i:s thet uh[: sometime b e] t w e]e n now en two i'clock=
2 []]
3 Nixon: [to sink Mitchell.]°(hm?)°
4
5 Ehrl: _____ =Mondee afternoon yih haft'sink Mitchell.
6 |
7 | (·)
8 |
9 () : (0.7) ·hhhhhhh
10 |
11 | (·)
12 |
13 Ehrl: ___ En thet every minute counts.
14
15 (0.3)
16
17 [((tchk))
18 [
19 (Ehrl): [(so eh)
20
21 Nixon: h↑I ↓haftih sink Mitchell.↓=
22
23 () : =hheyah=
24
25 Ehrl: =[i S o :]
26 []
27 Nixon: [Like hō]w: uh hō[w wuhd I do it.]
28 []
29 Ehrl: [I n o r d e r d]ih In order dih dē::↑tach yer↓self from it?=
30
31 becuz other wi:se Hunt will iv kenclusively sunk eem.h ·h En nothing you could
32
33 do thereafter could get out ahead ev it.
34
35 Nixon: ·t·hhhhh Whatta they say in en in essence Hahnt, is gonna testify is that it?<=
36
37 Ehrl: _____ =Right.
38 |
39 | (0.3)
40 (0.4)
41 (Nixon) | (thp)=
42 |
43 Nixon: ___ =Whe:n.=
44 |
45 (Ehrl): (0.2) =(t-p-)=
46 |
47 Ehrl: ___ =Two: (·) two ih'clock Mondee.<
48 |
49 | (·)
50 |
51 (Nixon) (1.1) °°·hhooyhgeh°°

1 | (0.3)
 2 |
 3 Nixon: | hMmhm?=
 4 |
 5 (Ø): | =(pwh)
 6 |
 7 | (0.3)
 8 (1.3)
 9 (Nixon) | (sthp pt-up pt-ip)
 10 |
 11 (Nixon) | (thp)=
 12 |
 13 Nixon: | =En awn that occayshin he's going to say whaa[t.=Let's- eh (·) Rin that over=
 14 | [
 15 (Ehrl): | °([Ahwkee)°
 16 |
 17 Nixon: | =ihgin with me if you will.h
 18 |
 19 | (0.2)
 20 |
 21 Nixon: | hhaahh? jis'=
 22 |
 23 Ehrl: | =uWell: he will< (0.2) i-he will:: s:: u-tell about iz conversation with Liddy where
 24 |
 25 | Liddy said we haftih do this becuz Mitchell want iss ↓on it.↓=
 26 |
 27 Nixon: | =Ri:ght.=
 28 |
 29 Ehrl: | =·hh He will say Liddy told him thet 'ee shouldn't tes- eh thet eh: thet he Liddy
 30 |
 31 | wasn' gunnuh testify becuz Mitchell wuuz gunnuh get eem a Presidential pard'n.
 32 |
 33 () : (1.5) | ·hoh·ha ↑·hih ·hhawry?
 34 |
 35 Ehrl: | He: uh,mhh[h [18.1]
 36 | [
 37 Nixon: | [Yah_m
 38 |
 39 Ehrl: | uh::: perticipatid=
 40 |
 41 Nixon: | =Hadduh we hendle tha:t.=The Presidentshuh pard'n thing we jist< (·) deny it
 42 |
 43 | fl[atly
 44 | [
 45 Ehrl: | [Fl:at ↓ou:t deny it.h
 46 |
 47 Nixon: | ·t Coursh i[t
 48 | [
 49 Ehrl: | [(picture is[n't rilly strong)
 50 | [
 51 Nixon: | [Well- hh [Well frankly,

1 (): | °hmhh°
2 (0.4)
3 | (·)
4 |
5 Nixon: | Frankly it's a::h it >not only< ·hh·hh·hh only a flat out denial it's: (·) t^hotally
6 |
7 | ↑true:.
8 |
9 (): (0.5) ·p·pt
10 |
11 Nixon: | Yuh [k n o w ?]
12 | []
13 Ehrl: | ['t's ↑right]t.=
14 |
15 Nixon: =Mittell's never dis↑cussed the ↓God da[mn ca]se with me↓=
16 | []
17 Ehrl: [Right]
18 |
19 Ehrl: =Right
20 |
21 (0.4)
22 |
23 Nixon: ·ptk ·tluk pi Course ·huhhh the way he says Mittell says ↑he's ↓gonna get a
24 |
25 pard'n↓ We:ll? (·) that's Mittell.
26 |
27 ((klok))
28 |
29 Nixon: Eh (0.5) not that that's any comfort.
30 |
31 ((ca 15 seconds high-pitched tone)) [18.5]-[18.7]
32 |
33 (0.9)
34 |
35 Ehrl: But um,hh ·tlk=ey-uh::m he says that (·) that uh Mittell hass tuh be aware
36 |
37 a' these othuh two gra:n' juries going.
38 |
39 (): (0.4) ·huhhh
40 |
41 Ehrl: | ·tshk (·) A:[n d uh,h]↓uh: that that is certainly: addin:g to: hi::s mental=
42 | []
43 Nixon: °([Mm: hm])°
44 |
45 Ehrl: =kinfusion et the moment.h
46 |
47 Nixon: | ↓Mm hm?
48 |
49 (): | aheeyeh
50 (0.9)
51 | (0.3)

1 Nixon: ___|___ ·hheeyeh Well ac'shly all thet chu've said doesn't per^otic^oerly cha::nge anything
2
3 thet we talked about=this [afternoon] ()]
4 []]
5 Ehrl: [No not] really
6
7 (·) [19.1]
8
9 Ehrl: Not really, h uh:[:
10 []
11 Nixon: [Uh: except thē: uh[: ,hh
12 []
13 Ehrl: ['s cūmilitive in: many respec's.=
14
15 Nixon: =Well exshept un the hHunt thing I: I ↑don'know ↑I [(d'know) ()]
16 []
17 Ehrl: [I think I: hed better let
18
19 Dean ↓know this. 'n↓ case he doesn' know it.
20
21 (0.8)
22
23 Nixon: ↓Mm: hm?=
24
25 Ehrl: =Cuz this will cha:nge (0.3) uh:: some a'this a:fter↓math business I think.h↓ ·hh
26
27 C'z Hunt is in actor in that a:fter↓math business.↓
28
29 (1.0)
30
31 Nixon: Y'mean thet Dean then wuhd say: thet he [()]
32 []
33 Ehrl: [Well I doh- I don'know if it w'd
34
35 change iz: testimony any but'ee certainly oughta be awa:re thet it's hap'ning.
36
37 (0.6)
38
39 Nixon: gMm: hm.h
40
41 (·)
42
43 Nixon: °↓Mm hm.h°
44
45 (3.6)
46
47 Nixon: No:w. (·) u-hhzh lemme ask yih deh (·) m-do this eh you check with Bob [19.7]
48
49 on ut
50

- 1 Ehrl: He's sitt[ing righ[t here]:.
 2 [[]
 3 Nixon: [Y i h- [i-Yih-] Yi'v gottah figure (·) u-what will: (0.5) ·t Put cherself
 4
 5 in Mihgruhder's in Mitchell's ↓pla:ce. ·hhuhh (·) What'r they gunnuh do.hmh
 6
 7 (0.4)
 8
 9 Nixon: _____ (nomerr) Er they [gunnuh]
 10 | []
 11 Ehrl: | [°Well.°]
 12 |
 13 (): (0.8) ·hhari'?'
 14 | (0.3)
 15 |
 16 Nixon: _____ Is uh: *hhis* Mitch'l gonna sit here? 'n:d uh
 17
 18 Ehrl: Nuh I [don't think so]
 19 []
 20 Nixon: [a n : d Martha]
 21
 22 (·)
 23
 24 Nixon: en [the r e s t?]
 25 []
 26 Ehrl: [I don't thin]k so.
 27
 28 Nixon: *Wha*'dō you **th**ink [eez g'nna d]o.[
 29 [] []
 30 Ehrl: [I t h i n k] [come in.
 31 (0.3)
 32
 33 Nixon: Huh?
 34
 35 Ehrl: I think theh'll come in dih the U.S.'ttorney.
 36
 37 (0.6)
 38
 39 Ehrl: hI thing Magruder's ready no:w.
 40
 41 (0.2)
 42
 43 Nixon: .hhmh Come in in confe:ss? [20.0]
 44
 45 Ehrl: ↓Su:re.
 46
 47 Nixon: ·pl Yah ·h Buh what er they g'n do er they gunnuh piss un the *Wh*ite 'ouse. thet's
 48
 49 what I'm werr[ying abou:t.](yih-)
 50 []
 51 Ehrl: [O h I s e]e,

1 (·)

2

3 Ehrl: I see.

4

5 (0.2)

6

7 Nixon: ·p·t·k Mitchell gonna say ee[z ()

8 [

9 Ehrl: [I don't think Magruder wi:ll.=uh think uh=

10

11 (Nixon): =hhuh=hmhh

12

13 ((tk))

14

15 Ehrl: Hik- (·)Higby:: uh sewed him: (0.2) up pretty tight on this telephone thing.

16

17 Nixon: jYah [but that]hmhh

18 []

19 Ehrl: [En eh fa]r ez Bob's kincer[n

20 [

21 Nixon: [That's not evidence iv course [(is it)

22 [

23 Ehrl: [He'll i-he'll

24

25 (·) try en: get Dean in Strawn in↓dih thi:s I think.↓hh

26

27 (0.8)

28

29 Nixon: Higby wi:ll?

30

31 Ehrl: No[:.

32 [

33 Nixon: [Uh mean uh:: ↓ehr Magruder wi:ll?=
34

35 Ehrl: =Yeah.

36

37 (0.3)

38

39 Ehrl: Ye[ah.

40 [

41 Nixon: [·p·t·hhehh uButchu see the telephone conversation is not evidence Joh:n,=
42

43 Ehrl: =I understand.

44

45 (·)

46

47 Nixon: ·nyahhh

48

49 Ehrl: I understand, bu[t u h]·hkhhh It's a prior inkinsist'n statement en hHigby's a=
50 []

51 Nixon: [Ri:ght,]

1 Ehrl: =w:itniss in 'ee re[fleh- r]uhf^hreshiz iz recollection by a recorded conversation.
2 []
3 Nixon: [N_Q 'ee]
4
5 Nixon: Mhm^h?
6
7 (·)
8
9 Nixon: Which wuuz illegal hhhuh-hu[h!
10 []
11 Ehrl: [Uh well su:re but (·) neverthe^hss: it's: [uh:eh:]
12 []=
13 (Nixon): °([Mhm]°)
14
15 Ehrl: [b^hasis fer]ref^hreshmin'.
16 [] []
17 Nixon: [(maah) W]ell- ·hhhh [hA'right fine. What uff M^hitchell ↓say. hhWh^hat the hell
18
19 is he guu- 'Ee doessn' wanna hurt the P^hresident.=that's, fer damn sure this is a
20
21 decent ma:n,
22
23 (): ·tlk
24
25 Ehrl: Well (·) ↑yeh-eh-ih↑-if I were M^hitchell,
26
27 Nixon: ·ptch [↓Mm
28 []
29 Ehrl: I['d get on a (·) plane in I'd come down [here in ask tuh see you.
30 []
31 Nixon: [°°()°°
32
33 (0.4)
34
35 Nixon: Hmhm^h?=
36
37 Ehrl: _____ =En ah'd come in in say:: uh (0.3) well [21.0]
38 |
39 | (0.2)
40 (0.8)
41 (): | ·tch!·h:
42 |
43 Ehrl: _____ uh:: I've put this (·) meeting off iz long ez I ca:n,hh
44
45 Nixon: B['t now]
46 []
47 Ehrl: [No:w] now you've gotta know (0.4) [wh^hat- what h^happened.
48 []
49 Nixon: [hh
50
51 Nixon: Ri:ght?

- 1 Ehrl: A:nd uh,hmh
2
- 3 Nixon: ·t hRi[:ght?
4 [
- 5 Ehrl: [It's up tuh you: (·) əs tuh what I do from he:re.
6
7 (0.2)
8
- 9 Nixon: °↓Hmhm.°
10
11 (0.5)
12
- 13 Nixon: [·p·tch °p p pt° hmhh ·heh·heh:uh ·lk] Yuh see:< (0.6) Yuh c'n be: very
14 [—————(2.7)—————]
15
16 considerate about a former Attorney General yuh know,hmh
17
18 (0.2)
19
- 20 Ehrl: Su:re.
21
22 (·)
23
- 24 Nixon: That's the point. thet he's got t'reali:ze.=But Go:d ↑damn ↓eez ·hhehh Any- (·) mbut
25
26 ⁵ (·) but 'ee mee juus' teeciduh strawnwall it in fight it ↑throu:gh,
27
28 (1.2)
29
- 30 Nixon: ↓They never win ↓on tha[t (we:ll?)]
31 []
- 32 Ehrl: [I d o n 't
33 (·)
34
- 35 Ehrl: thè- I can't s:ee thet 'ee would.hh hHe's jis[t i-he's j]'[st-
36 []
37 [((tk)) []
38 []
- 39 Nixon: [With Liddy=
40
- 41 Ehrl: =hand en foo[t.
42 [
- 43 Nixon: [With Liddy crackin:gk, ·hahh If Liddy ↓cracks: en: en ↑Hunt
44
45 cracks ↑shi(·)t ↓uh:: Wuh no Hunt's hear↓say though.↓ hhm:hhh ↓mgh[:
46 []
- 47 Ehrl: [We:ll
48
49 eez hearsay on a lod of it< (0.4) uh::m (0.2) 'n eez not hearsay on Col↓s'n.

49

⁵ In standard orthography: "but he may just decide to stonewall it and fight it through".

1 Nixon: (h^hm^h)
2
3 Ehrl: hEn that may be a (·) prob'm ↓for us.↓
4
5 (0.4)
6
7 Nixon: I really think (·) Colson ↓is deeply ↓uh concerned abou(·)t hHunt do[n't ch]u?
8 []
9 Ehrl: [Yah.]
10
11 Nixon: I'm sure he i:s.
12
13 (·)
14
15 Nixon: Or didju sense that 'm yer meeting,h
16
17 Ehrl: He: uh:m ey-uh:: he ed ha:d hHunt talk tuh Shapi↓ro a lo:ng ti:me.h↓
18
19 (0.2)
20
21 Nixon: è[Y a h ?]
22 []
23 Ehrl: [the othuh] da↓::y. [22.0]
24
25 (·)
26
27 Ehrl: h[En 't tha]t ti:me Hunt w'z uuv a frame a' mind that 'ee was not going duh=
28 []
29 Nixon: [Y e a h?]
30
31 Ehrl: =↓say anything.↓
32
33 (0.3)
34
35 Nixon: hRi:ght?
36
37 (0.6)
38
39 Nixon: ·k|But now'ee i[:s,
40 []
41 Ehrl: [Now 'ee i:s.
42
43 (0.2)
44
45 Ehrl: I=en I think th'Bittmin iz brought eem around,
46
47 (2.1)
48
49 Nixon: ·p Bittmin who is Hunt's attorney right,
50
51 (0.3)

1 Nixon: And uh hI °↑don'know what's° ↑in it fer Hunt tu[h come ar]ound [()
2 [] []
3 Ehrl: [W e l l] [WELL=
4
5 Nixon: =>Oh what the hell 'ee prob'ly figgers he isn' gonna get a presidential<
6
7 ↑par↓d'n=
8
9 Ehrl: [That's right.]
10 =[]
11 Nixon: [Thet's w't it g]ets down t[o,
12 []
13 Ehrl: [Su[:re.
14 []
15 Nixon: [let's face it. <'N'ee isn't. ih[You know God]
16 []=
17 Ehrl: [That's right]
18
19 Nixon: =damn ↑well I ken't ↓give'm a [par:d'n.↓]
20 []
21 Ehrl: ['t's right]
22
23 Nixon: ·t·hh[hhhh
24 []
25 Ehrl: ['t's ri:ght?
26
27 Nixon: ·p·tk They're lookin' it theh-ey're lookin' right in they uh ·hh·hhh (·) han:d
28
29 uh↓:: Colson sort of made a:ll these protestations perhaps to him?=in: (0.2)
30
31 he knows damn well we can't come ↑true on ↓u[m].
32 []
33 Ehrl: [Mhm?
34 (·)
35
36 Nixon: The[t ·hh<
37 []
38 Ehrl: [Mhm?
39
40 Nixon: Cuz Colson has no commitmint
41
42 Ehrl: Yahp
43 (0.2)
44
45 Nixon: ·p·tk Don't chu think that's i[t ()
46 []
47 Ehrl: [And Cols'n isn't here anymore?=in the thing is
48
49 obviously going a differe[n' directio[n
50 [] []
51 Nixon: °[Ri',° °[Rahht° ·hhhhh (·) So Hunt says good

- 1 Nixon: God let's (0.3) in [cut my los]sis[s.
- 2 [] []
- 3 Ehrl: [°(Cols'n)°] [Colson prob'ly said uh yihknow: thè: White
- 4
- 5 House ul hard line this thing in you don't 'av a thing duh worry a↓bout.
- 6
- 7 (Nixon): ·nhhh
- 8
- 9 (0.3)
- 10
- 11 Nixon: ↓Yeahm.
- 12
- 13 (0.2)
- 14
- 15 Nixon: ↓Mgh hghm ·p·hheyahhh (0.3) So Hunt the:n?=will uh,hhmhh ↓pull the plug
- 16
- 17 'n::d uh ·huhh Isn' that really Colson's conce:rn that Hunt w' pull the plug
- 18
- 19 un him?hmh ·p[-t
- 20 [
- 21 Ehrl: 6 [I ig I:oo i-He didn' say so: but I'm sure it i:s. [23.0]
- 22
- 23 (·)
- 24
- 25 Nixon: Hm: [hm
- 26 [
- 27 Ehrl: [Ah'm sure it is.
- 28
- 29 Nixon: °Mhm?°
- 30
- 31 (0.3)
- 32 Nixon: ·ts[s
- 33 [
- 34 Ehrl: [And he's prob'ly doing evrething he ca:n tuh: get a line arou:nd. <hHunt et
- 35
- 36 this point=
- 37
- 38 Nixon: =But it the present time fer God sakes (0.3) keep him fr'm t^halking end ·hh Weh
- 39
- 40 now know what I mean. ee-Yeh< ih yihknow: b[y talk]ing I: me[an
- 41 [] []
- 42 Ehrl: [Yeah] [I understan[d
- 43 [
- 44 Nixon: [tell
- 45
- 46 the tru:th but fer Chri:sakes ·t·h[h [don't g]o off un iz ↑o[w:n
- 47 [[] []
- 48 Ehrl: [I c[ou]ld'n] [I couldn' raise that
- 49

49

⁶“I ig-” may be a start on “I agree”

1 Ehrl: other ques↓tion with Shapiro here,
2
3 (0.3)
4
5 Nixon: nihYah.=
6
7 Ehrl: =But I wi:ll.
8
9 (0.4)
10
11 Ehrl: A:nd uh (·) the other<=
12
13 Nixon: =ehYa:h I kno[w ()
14 []
15 Ehrl: [Ah'll talk tiyou duhmorrow.
16
17 Nixon: Okay.
18
19 Ehrl: A'right fine. [23.4]
20
21 (1.0) ((tlk)) (0.2) ((tlk-tk))
22
23 ((vooi:p))
24
25 ((ca 6 seconds dead air))
26
27 Voice: This conclu:des the Abuse? of Gover'mint Power segmints, (0.2) fer
28
29 co:nv^{er}sation number thirdy eight dash (·) twelve. [23.6]