

Nixon, Haldeman, Ehrlichman, Telephone

April 13, 1973 6:44-6:47 pm

1 Voice: Conversation number thirty eight dash (·) fourteen. (0.2) Portion of a [23.8]
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3 telephone conversayshin between the Presidint? (0.2) H. R. Haldemin?
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5 ·hh en John D. Ehrlichmin. (0.5) This porzhin was recorded on April
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7 thirteenth ·hhh nineteen sevendy three? ·hhh between six fo-rtty four ·hh
8
9 end six fordy seven p.m.
10
11 (6.0) ((dead air))
12
13 Nixon: °↓mgh H' llo:°? [24.0]
14
15 Op: Mis[ter Halde]m'n sir,
16 []
17 Hald: [Yessir.]
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19 Nixon: ¹ ·p ·tyhheah Well wha' did jer analysis of uh, hhh ↓Chuck's laytiss: uh::↓,h (0.2)
20
21 [(thing)
22 [
23 Hald: [I don' know wi'r jis' sitting here tryin' duh untengle i[t.hm[hhhhhhhh]hhh
24 [[]
25 Nixon: [hOh[bhho::y?]
26
27 Nixon: thOne thing I wantedju duh throw unduh the po:t.hm[hhmh °.hh° ↓is th[et uh
28 | [[]
29 | (([tk-k)) (([squeak))=
30 |
31 (1.3) =((sque[ak))
32 | []
33 (Ø): | (([whhhhhpk))
34 |
35 Nixon: p·t·k·k yih haftuh rec'gni:ze uh: hmhhh (0.5) the thing it chu hmh (·) brought
36
37 in::,h earlier thet ·hhh every indivjul here iv course is trying [(·) i_nh- (0.2) quite=
38 []
39 (([tik))
40
41 Nixon: =(0.2) ↑naturally tuh ·hhhh save iz ow:n p'sition
42
43 (0.3)
44
45 ((squeak))

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¹ The cross-hatched [h] indicates no aspiration in such words as 'what', 'which', 'when', etc.

1 Hald: Ye[p
2 [
3 Nixon: _____ [Second thin:g poy- eh-:-: point is thet uh
4 |
5 | ((tk))
6 (1.2) |
7 | (0.9)
8 |
9 Nixon: _____ uone **th**ing thet demehstrates that is thet ·pw ealmost (0.3) ·hhh esurd
10 |
11 2 suggestion thet (·) Mitchell should go in in plead ins(h)↑ani↓ty yih know.
12 |
13 ·hhuhh hI mean ·h wat the he:ll. ·hhh Ah mean,hh ·hhh 'at's jist
14 |
15 unb'lieveable. ^hyuh know thet they would suggest such a thing (but)
16 |
17 they're (·) thet shows yih how desp- (·) the poin[t is ·hh
18 |
19 Hald: [Don't think they were:
20 |
21 suggesting it I think he w'z sayin' that's what 'ee w'd do if he were his
22 |
23 lawyer.=
24 |
25 Nixon: =hhI know. hI know.=B't they're (0.6) they're also: (·) covering up their:
26 |
27 [ow::n
28 |
29 Hald: [This is a rather slimy fellow.=
30 |
31 Nixon: =hhhhuhhh Whell, (·) yih gotta realize is thet (0.2) this's the way ther ·hhh
32 |
33 indicating their ow::n concern about ther own problum.mhhhm↓ehhh at's w't
34 |
35 ther lawyer is c'ncerned about< (0.2) ·p·hh[hhhhhhh]hhh
36 [] [25.0]
37 Hald: [Mm:hm,]
38 |
39 Nixon: ↑Aa_{gh}-aa_{gh}-↓aa.=But uh,hhmhh (0.9) ·tch ·hhh hI would not uh:,hh make decisions
40 |
41 based simply un what they:'ve told ju ↓on this ·hhh u mean: i[h-ih- Ah mean=
42 |
43 [
44 (([squea:k])
45 Nixon: =obviou[sly th]e f- the fact thet (·) thet Hunt's going b'fore the jury fi:ne. We=
46 []
47 Hald: [Right]
48 |
49 Nixon: =understand that. En (I edmikkit on) that but ·hheyahhee ↓huh: some a' the

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² According to Emery, p. 305, when Colson and his law partner, David Shapiro, met with Ehrlichman, “Shapiro added the bizarre recommendation that Mitchell plead insanity; Shapiro wanted to be defense counsel with such a plea.”

1 Nixon: re:st ·hh (·) i-Did Chuck bring over the transcrip? *h h m h h h* [25.3]
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3 Hald: No?<
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5 Nixon: ·pNo
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7 (0.3)
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9 Hald: >J'st a minute< 'n Chuck didn' have the transcript did'ee,
10
11 (·)
12
13 Ehrl: ((from a distance)) No en thē- a:nd iz partner said ferget it °you'll never get it.°
14
15 Hald: ·h En iz partner said ferget it you'll never get the transcript.
16
17 (0.2)
18
19 Nixon: [·h h h h h h h h h h] *w h h [u h - u h - u h h h]*
20 [——(1.0)——] []
21 Hald: [But they swear up]seh- one side 'n down the other: in
22
23 crosswise that it's [(·) thet it's ab]solu'ly true.
24 []
25 Nixon: [°hmh hmhh°]
26 (0.3)
27
28 Hald: But ah'll tell yuh list'nin:g tuh thē thī:ng. (0.2) the other side I=
29
30 Nixon: ³ =Jerk id benchih that.=You've s- you heard the ↓transcript didn'tchu<.
31
32 (0.2)
33
34 Hald: ↑Yah.
35
36 Nixon: °hmhh° Whaddiyou thin=you think he's lying?
37
38 (·)
39
40 Nixon: _____ kmChuck is ly?
41 |
42 (Nixon):(0.6) (·t ·t)
43 |
44 Hald: _____ I- (·) I:ee<
45 |
46 (0.3)
47 (0.5)
48 Nixon: | ·t·pl[k
49 | []
50 Hald: _____ [find it very hard duh buhlieve thit eez telleen the truth.
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³ In standard orthography “Jerk id benchih that.” would be shown as “() had mentioned that.” (And “Jerk” might conceivably be “Chuck”.)

- 1 (0.4)
2
3 Nixon: ↓Mm hm.hh Hm hm ·pEn John does too isn' that true,
4
5 Hald: I think so; yes
6
7 Nixon: ⁴ ·tch·kl (·) 'n fact Joh:n usaid thet he believed ch- (0.2) thit uh ·hhuhhh
8
9 Muhgruder's ready dih crack in go in in tell [the whole]
10 []
11 Hald: [No quest]ion [26.0]
12
13 Nixon: _____ Hm hm?
14 |
15 | ((tk))
16 (0.6)
17 | (0.4)
18 |
19 Hald: _____ It isn't ready dih crack, he's obviously worked out with the [lawyers
20 []
21 (Ø): [dth
22
23 (·)
24
25 Hald: athè thè (0.6) pla[n f o r i t] 'n eez, tryina make the final decision,
26 []
27 Nixon: >[how duh do it?]<
28
29 Hald: ·t·hhhh as tuh whether he goes in in tells the truth?=er goes in in takes the
30
31 fifth.=He aa- (0.2) obviously has crossed the bridge thet eez not gunnuh lie
32
33 anymore.
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35 (0.5)
36
37 Nixon: hQkhay,
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39 (0.3)
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41 Nixon: ↓Mwayeh
42
43 (0.7)
44
45 Hald: Eh least that's my (·) reading
46
47 (·)
48
49 Nixon: ↓A'ri',
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⁴ In the utterance “Joh:n usaid thet he believed ch- (0.2) thit uh...Muhgruder's ready dih crack...”, “ch-” may be a start on ‘Chuck’.

1 (0.4)
2
3 Nixon: mWē:h,
4
5 (0.5)
6 Nixon: ·tk
7
8 (0.3)
9
10 Nixon: ·hh·hhhhhh h- hO:kə:y,hmhhh Wē:l, ·hhuhh yee uh: i-You haven' analyzed
11
12 thē uh,hhm[h-hmh]h thē ↓uh:
13 | []
14 Hald: | [Nə,]
15 |
16 | (0.7)
17 (1.1)
18 | °((tk))°
19 |
20 | (·)
21 |
22 Nixon: | thē: Col's'n thin::g eh yer looking at it no:w u[h,
23 | []
24 Hald: | [Yəh.
25 |
26 Nixon: | °hmhhh°
27 (1.0)
28 | ((tk-tk-tchikuh))
29 |
30 Nixon: | Wih yih wanna take a half hour in call me back?
31 |
32 Hald: | A 'right?
33 |
34 | (·)
35 |
36 Nixon: | ↓Fime. [26.6]
37 |
38 | ((receiver down))
39 |
40 | (5.8) ((dead air))
41 |
42 Voice: | This kincludes the Abuse of Gover'mint Power segmint, (0.2) fer
43 |
44 | co:nversaysh'n number thirdy eight da:sh (·) fourtee:n, [26.8]