

Ehrlichman and Kleindienst, Telephone

April 14, 1973, ? between 5 and 6 pm

1 Voice: Conversation number thirty eight dash (0.2) thirty one.h (0.3) Po:rsh'n of a [31.5]  
2  
3 telephone co:nversation between John D. Ehrlichmin, ·h en Richard G. Kleindienst..  
4  
5 ·hh (·) This portion? uwas recorded on April fourteenth ·h nineteen sevendy three,  
6  
7 ·hh at en unknown ti:me between fi:ve fifteen ·hh en six oh eight p. m.  
8  
9 (5.7) ((dead air))  
10  
11 Ehrl: ...lo:,h<sup>h</sup>m[hh [31.9]  
12 [ ]  
13 Klein: [Hi Joh:n,  
14  
15 Ehrl: Hi Gener'l how er you:.  
16  
17 Klein: Good how'r you.=  
18  
19 Ehrl: =How w'z the golf.uh  
20  
21 (0.4)  
22  
23 Klein: <sup>1</sup> •Well,h half good'n half ba:d.  
24  
25 Ehrl: ↓Hm:: hh• First ha:lf good?hh·hh  
26  
27 Klein: Well?< (0.3) The middle was good 'n the=  
28  
29 Ehrl: =hhhu:h[huh huh huh ↓huh h[uh ↓huh °hn° ·hh]hhhhh  
30 [ [ ]  
31 Klein: [( bad) [heh huh hu:h hu ]  
32  
33 Ehrl: <sup>2</sup> •Ljsten I wunnuh bring eeyou up tuh date on what I've been doing. [32.1]  
34  
35 Klein: Okay?  
36  
37 Ehrl: \_\_\_\_\_ ·pt Uh: ·pt ·hh·hh·hh ·(·) Fer abaht the l:ast<  
38 |  
39 | (0.2)  
40 (0.5) |  
41 | ((grk))  
42

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<sup>1</sup> The bullet • indicates a sort of pop! in the recording.

<sup>2</sup> The 'h' with a crossbar: 'h', indicates no aspiration in such words as "what", "which", etc., in contrast to the italicized 'h', which indicates aspiration in such a word.

- 1 Ehrl: \_\_\_ three: wee=well.=since I: saw you im: before I saw yuh out'n San Clemenee.  
 2  
 3 (·) Uh the Pres'nt iz had me tryina gather dihgether iz zhu know.=a certain  
 4 amount a' la:w in è-an::d fa:cts, (·) •to: be in a puhsition dih kynu substitute fer  
 5 Dea:n en do: edvise him on (0.3) • on thē: Wh•ite House involvemint but (·)  
 6  
 7 even: broader ·huhh • uh invo:lvemint in this who::le transsa:ction.[·hhhhhhh]  
 8  
 9 [—(0.8)—]  
 10 •Uh, hhh yesterda::y, hh •I gave eem:,h my (0.7) ·p↓u<sub>gh</sub>h-hm: summary. (0.7) • a:nd  
 11  
 12 eh- •edmitidly: it wuuz hea:rsa:y, ·huhh ey •but uh:,h< (·) some of it pretty (0.6) •  
 13  
 14 rel↓iable, en the whho:le thing fit tihgether pretty well ez uh- as et least a working  
 15  
 16 hy:po↓thesis.  
 17  
 18 (0.3)  
 19  
 20  
 21 Ehrl: ·t·hhhh •↑One of the things that I told eem was that I ed encountered people whho:  
 22  
 23 (·) appeared tuh be r::eti↓c'n. t'come forward, •(be)cuz they: someho:w thought  
 24  
 25 thet thē ·hhhh •presidency: er the v-uh was se:rved, by their not ↓coming forward.↓  
 26  
 27 [·m·t·hhhhhhh] S•o, i-he has had me duhda:y,h •begin: •uh a series of [33.0]  
 28 [—(1.1)—]  
 29 conversations with people tuh straight'n them around on that point.h  
 30  
 31 (0.3)  
 32  
 33 Ehrl: <sup>3</sup> ·t·hhhh hh•eh- first one I talked to: wuuz yer:, predecessor.  
 34  
 35 Klein: °°Mhm°°  
 36  
 37 Ehrl: ·t·hhhh hah- Uh then I talked to Muhgrud↓er.  
 38  
 39 (0.7)  
 40  
 41 Ehrl: •Andu<  
 42  
 43 Klein: 'T's pretty hard duh talk tuh those two win they've testified under oath before  
 44  
 45 a ↑gran'jury,  
 46  
 47 (0.5)  
 48  
 49 Ehrl: •We:ll?  
 50

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<sup>3</sup> The reference here is to John Mitchell. Kleindienst succeeded John Mitchell as Attorney General in 1972 when Mitchell left that office to become head of the Committee to Re-elect the President.

- 1 Klein: heh huuh•[  
2 [
- 3 Ehrl: [Ah:::,hheh  
4
- 5 Klein: °°( [ ] )°°  
6 [
- 7 Ehrl: [Ez it turns ou:t·hhh hh•I was just a liddle l:ate ↓in: talkin duh  
8  
9 Mahgruder becuz he id just come ba:ck from: telling everything tih the U.S.  
10  
11 Attor↓ney.  
12
- 13 Klein: °°Mm[:m]°°  
14 [
- 15 Ehrl: [·hhuhhh H•e hez decidid dih come clea:n.  
16
- 17 Klein: No kidding.  
18  
19 ((hh •tchk))  
20
- 21 Ehrl: A:nd, hh=  
22
- 23 Klein: =gruh- Muhgruder?  
24
- 25 Ehrl: •Yup [mhhhhhhhhhh]• And, h uh he: (·) had iz inform'l conference ·hhhh  
26 [——(1.2)——]  
27 •(just) minutes befo:re he came indih see ↓me:.=  
28
- 29 Klein: =En wuhd that be inconsistint with iz >testimon' b•e[fore th' gran'jur'y?<  
30 [ ( ) [m:Dramatically  
31 Ehrl: [ ( ) [m:Dramatically  
32  
33 inconsist↓e[nt].  
34 [
- 35 Klein: [Jesus Christ almi•(ghty)  
36
- 37 Ehrl: •t·hhhh •h-A:nd he:, hh  
38  
39 ((donk))  
40
- 41 Ehrl: ehh hhi• 'ee: implica:tes everybuddy:, in all directions, (0.2) up a:n' do:wn in the  
42  
43 Committee dih Re elect.=  
44
- 45 Klein: =>Mitchell?<  
46  
47 (·)  
48
- 49 Ehrl: Yup?  
50  
51 (0.2)  
52
- 53 Klein: °↓(man)°

- 1  
2 Ehrl: •Th'whole turkey.  
3  
4 (0.2)  
5  
6 Ehrl: ·hhh[eyeh  
7 [  
8 Klein: [( )] [34.0]  
9  
10 Ehrl: •No:w, (0.3) °°hmh°° ·tlk •(·) my:,hhhh *gmh*: in↑struct↓ions we:re, (0.3) •thet  
11  
12 after I: hed completih-Well, I- (·) I might say I also talked to: a k-a couple'v  
13  
14 other people ↓who were:↓=  
15  
16 Klein: =(w[ouldn't classi]fy nee),  
17 [  
18 Ehrl: [arou:nd he:re.] ·hhhhh  
19  
20 Klein: •(passih [ ( )  
21 [  
22 Ehrl: [uh: end- ih jes' tuh pa:ss thow- (·) the wo:rd, to incourage them:: ah::  
23  
24 tuh testify if: (·) the• only reas'n they were not testifying w:a:s (0.3) •some  
25  
26 concern about the Presidency, ·hhhh b't al:so being ↑very careful tuh sa:y thet  
27  
28 (·) I recognized everybuddy had ri:ghts? (·) an' thet it didn't mean in any wa:y  
29  
30 to: indica:te thet they should not avail themselves a' their full ri:ghts. [*·hhueeyehh*]  
31 [—(0.8)—]  
32 •No:w. (0.7) M•gruder then,hh  
33  
34 Klein: Leh- lemme:: (0.8) (krip) ↓one thing.↓=  
35  
36 Ehrl: =Yuh  
37  
38 Klein: mghh:.hhh (0.4) •(uh mghh nu. Ezweydihwy) r-result a' what chu've just tol' me.  
39  
40 (1.6) ·ptch (0.5) ih would indica:te thet uh: (0.2) •(may) be a substantial case of  
41  
42 perjury against Mitchell? (0.3) en Mihgru•(der)  
43  
44 (·)  
45  
46 Ehrl: Yep,  
47  
48 Klein: The first instance [(so-)  
49 [  
50 Ehrl: [No questio[n.  
51 [  
52 Klein: [so: (0.8) complicit• in the: overall conspiracy.•  
53

- 1 (2.5)  
2  
3 Klein: °↓('k[ay]°  
4 [ ]  
5 Ehrl: [Whu- ul more then: more then je:st a pertic'pation in a conspira↓cy Dick.↓  
6  
7 (0.8)  
8  
9 Klein: •(let seess) they would be  
10  
11 (0.2) ((tk)) (·)  
12  
13 Ehrl: prɪnc'[p u l s s : ] [35.0]  
14 [ ]  
15 Klein: [(in the fa]w.)  
16  
17 Ehrl: Yah they're prɪnc'pulss.  
18  
19 (0.6)  
20  
21 Klein: Hmh.  
22  
23 (·)  
24  
25 Ehrl: ·ahhyee[ah  
26 [ ]  
27 Klein: [I keh• (0.8) •(I-) (1.1) I ke•n't believe John Mitchell id ever known  
28  
29 that in let it go on• [(He-)  
30 [ ]  
31 Ehrl: [Well?hmhh  
32 |  
33 (0.2) ((pt tk t[k])  
34 | [ ]  
35 Ehrl: | | [uhm,hh I: mus' sa:y?=thet- ih thet my conversatun with him was  
36  
37 reassurung ↓in that regard . ↓  
38  
39 (·)  
40  
41 Ehrl: He:'s very steadfa:st in iz protestations iv innocence.  
42  
43 (0.5)  
44  
45 Ehrl: ·hhhhhhh=  
46  
47 Klein: =Notwithsteyn wha:t (·) Mihgruder ↓sid  
48  
49 Ehrl: •We:ll? (·) n:thè thè Maggruder ca:se? (0.2) i :s (·) not only (0.2) testimen'ary  
50  
51 but it's circumstanti↓al.  
52  
53 (·)

- 1 Klein: Mh[m  
2 [ ]  
3 [(tk)]  
4  
5 (·)  
6
- 7 Ehrl: i-is (0.2) pursuasive ↓to me↓  
8  
9 (0.5)  
10
- 11 Ehrl: ·t·hhh  
12
- 13 Klein: •(So far ez) Mitchell is [( )]  
14 [ ]
- 15 Ehrl: [Yeup.hmh  
16
- 17 Klein: But Mitchell denies it.  
18 |  
19 (0.7) ((m-tk)) (0.2)  
20 |
- 21 Ehrl: I saw Mitchell fi:rst I didn' have all this (·) Mihgruder business. [-wh·hh·  
22 [ ]  
23 (Klein): [( )]=  
24
- 25 Ehrl: =·hh No:w. (0.2) Here I e:m uh:m,hh uh↓:: a citiz'n a'=United States a<sub>gh</sub>:nd  
26  
27 uh<sub>gh</sub>:: u-th uh thē khh uh ndesignaydid inquierer, ·hhhh • (with) a body iv  
28  
29 informa↓tion.  
30  
31 (0.3)  
32
- 33 Klein: °↓Mm [(hm)↓°  
34 [ ]
- 35 (Ø): [t-klq  
36
- 37 Ehrl: Uh:b u (0.3) [ah-uh- my:(p) (0.2) purpiss èn int<sup>h</sup>ent was ·huh to udvise you of=  
38 [ ]  
39 (([tchak))  
40
- 41 Ehrl: =thi:s (·) when I gut finished wih this process. ·hh En tender this informa↓tion?  
42  
43 for: whatever: (0.2) purpose it would ser:ve.  
44  
45 (0.2)  
46
- 47 Ehrl: è· uh: eh recognizing thet up til: just a few minutes ago it wuuz almost intirely  
48  
49 hear↓sa:y.  
50
- 51 Klein: °°↓Mm[hm]↓°°  
52 [ ]
- 53 Ehrl: [·t·h·hh ·h Mihgruder hez just unl:oaded on me:, thē: substance o:f hi:s

1 Ehrl: conversation with the U.S. A•ttorn↓ey=informal conversation.  
2  
3 (0.2)  
4  
5 Ehrl: ·hhuhh[hh [36.0]  
6 [ ]  
7 (Klein): [°(Ye[ah?]°  
8 [ ]  
9 Ehrl: [En I: [find that uh-[I now have very liddle duh a:dd. •tuh what=  
10 [ ] [ ]  
11 (Klein): [(Did you) [(Did you)  
12  
13 Ehrl: =Magruder hez al:ready given the U.S. Attor↓ney.  
14  
15 (0.2)  
16  
17 Klein: That's very good.nh  
18  
19 (·)  
20  
21 Ehrl: ·hhh •(But) (·) uh:: I felt that I should go forward an' et least idvise zhu ↓of this.↓  
22  
23 (0.6)  
24  
25 Ehrl: ·hhh A[;nd to: uh:[m  
26 [ ] [ ]  
27 Klein: [(Well.) [John et this point MGHH:mhh it seems dih me yer g'nna  
28  
29 aftuh be (·) very careful uh  
30  
31 (0.5) °((clank))° • (0.9)  
32  
33 Klein: \_\_\_\_\_ Whhe:w whhe:w  
34 |  
35 | (0.5)  
36 |  
37 (Ehrl): | °°hh↓m°°  
38 (1.8) |  
39 | (0.6)  
40 |  
41 Klein: | [( [ )  
42 | [ [ ]  
43 Ehrl: \_\_\_\_\_ [•No:w. [Lemme (·) lemme spoil yer afternoon complete↓ly willyuh?  
44  
45 (0.6) ((manual typewriter in bkg))  
46  
47 Klein: °°Ok[ee°°  
48 [ ]  
49 Ehrl: [ >·hh·hh·hh< hOne a' the things Muhgruder tol::d.↓me. was.↓ (0.2)  
50  
51 ·t·hhhh th↑et•chor end uh en his attorney who wiz with im: corroboradit.  
52  
53 ·hhhh hwas that they are ↑very con↓cerned,h about Dean'ss (0.6) • uh:

- 1 Ehrl: (0.2) facility, (0.3) ·t-hhhh f• (ad)vising people at the Committee, (0.2)  
2  
3 \_\_\_\_\_ •of, thē: perceedings a' the grand jury.  
4 |  
5 | (1.0)  
6 (1.7)  
7 Ehrl: | ·p·t·hh·hh=  
8 |  
9 Klein: \_\_\_\_\_ =>Ah don't think I •understan' th[at<  
10 | [We:ll? *mgh*He wiz in thè(p) ì-hē wiz  
11 Ehrl: | [We:ll? *mgh*He wiz in thè(p) ì-hē wiz  
12 |  
13 apparently inf↑orming Magruder and others. of what th' grand jury wuuz  
14 |  
15 saying in doing.  
16 |  
17 (0.5)  
18 |  
19 Klein: •Dean was?=  
20 | [————(1.0)————]  
21 Ehrl: =•↓Yah. [·hhhhhhhhhh-h-h] (0.2) •and,hhhh Silbert or *hmhh* someone e:lse,  
22 |  
23 *hhahh* •sai:d, to:,hh Dean's attorney, well (·) uwe know:,h the source of [37.0]  
24 |  
25 Dean's information. (·) And it wuuz from higher up.h  
26 |  
27 (3.8)  
28 |  
29 Klein: \_\_\_\_\_ That is (·) MGHHH:. prettly speculateev becu• (z)  
30 |  
31 | (0.4)  
32 (1.1)  
33 Ehrl: | °°*hmh-hmh-hmh*°°=  
34 |  
35 Klein: \_\_\_\_\_<sup>4</sup> =I don' think Henry Peters'n would iv told 'im, [(·) (a thing)=  
36 | [\_\_\_\_\_  
37 | [((tlk))  
38 |  
39 Ehrl: =Well [anyway there]  
40 | [\_\_\_\_\_  
41 Klein: [(\_\_\_\_\_) ] I couldn'v becuz I didn' know.=  
42 |  
43 Ehrl: =•there's that. ·p·hhhhhh • (·) Uh:m •in any event, (·) uh:b I (0.6) •remember  
44 |  
45 whatchu told me befo:re  
46 |

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<sup>4</sup> Henry E. Petersen was in charge of the Justice Department's investigation of Watergate (begun June 19, 1972), and kept the White House, via John Dean, informed. Lukas (pp. 435-6) starts off a profile of Petersen as follows: "...on March 21, John Dean had told Nixon how helpful Henry Petersen was being. 'Why did Petersen play the game so straight with us?' Nixon asked. 'Because Petersen is a soldier,' Dean explained. He kept me informed. He told me when we had problems, where we had problems, and the like. He believes in you. He believes in this administration. this administration has made him.'"



- 1 (1.0) ((manual typewriters in bkg))  
2  
3 ((↑ehp))=  
4  
5 Ehrl: =and I:: •originally had thought that perhaps something would be served by you  
6  
7 <sup>5</sup> en Sneed c<sub>gh</sub>oming i<sub>gh</sub>:n en the thr<sub>gh</sub>ee iv us (0.2) i<sub>v</sub>isiting. (0.2) But this thing  
8  
9 hez taken the Magruder ↓bou:nce,  
10  
11 (0.8) °°((clank))°°  
12  
13 Ehrl: En I'm inclined dih think [no::w ·hh-·hh-·hh] that you oughta just tell Sn<sub>gh</sub>ee:d=  
14 [ ]  
15 Klein: [( )]  
16  
17 Ehrl: \_\_\_\_\_ =thih subs'nce a' this co:nversa↓tion.  
18 |  
19 | (0.4)  
20 (1.1) |  
21 Ehrl: | °·hh-·hh-·hh°=  
22 |  
23 Klein: \_\_\_\_\_ =He en I: have (·) kahn'v agree:d< (0.3) •thet< (·) stay out of Watergate thing  
24  
25 (0.6) ((tchk)) (·)  
26  
27 Klein: En he (kne•w) (·) nothin' about it b'cuz (0.2) perticipated in no conversation  
28  
29 Ehrl: •(W'l) (0.2) that's prob'ly jest iz we:ll [don't che thenk?]  
30 [ ]  
31 Klein: [( )] they'd better  
32  
33 have one son'v bitch in that departmint=  
34  
35 Ehrl: =Yah?  
36  
37 Klein: who's got (0.2) •(dist'n::ce) (·) [(walk on):]  
38 [ ]  
39 Ehrl: [H e c'n: ]i-he ken make the deci↓sions.  
40  
41 (0.3)  
42  
43 Ehrl: •thit nee:d need dih be made from here o:n.  
44  
45 (0.2)  
46  
47 Klein: °Yeh.°  
48

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<sup>5</sup> Joseph Sneed, Kleindienst's deputy Attorney General. Lukas (p. 435) remarks that "Sneed was a Presidential appointee who would presumably be loyal to the President."

- 1 Ehrl: ·t·h h h h [h  
2 [
- 3 Klein: \_\_\_\_\_ [•I think et this poi[nt  
4 | [
- 5 Ehrl: (0.7) [hm h h h h [38.0  
6 |
- 7 Klein: \_\_\_\_\_ (m•y dear) boy, MGHHH:m we ought to uh: think very ha:rd on the (0.8)  
8  
9 suhjeshin I made tuh you, (·) when I •w'z out'n San Clemenn•ee=  
10  
11 Ehrl: =We:ll? (·) eh-I think el think the Pres'nt's feeling i:s thet Sneed c'd do ↓that.  
12
- 13 Klein: •Well, Sneed could do it but you: you wou•(ldn't iv a)ny, credibil'dy with it  
14  
15 (0.4)  
16
- 17 Ehrl: ·hm h h h h ·mptch=We:ll mh-uh:::m, I- I think he's pretty firm on that.  
18
- 19 Klein: He is •but uh, (1.0) I'd sure (like) tih talk to'm about i[t,  
20 [
- 21 Ehrl: [Oka:y.  
22  
23 (0.3)  
24
- 25 Ehrl: ↓W'I I think yih ↑should on Mondee.  
26  
27 (·)  
28
- 29 Klein: Ah really would John,=  
30
- 31 Ehrl: =•A'right? ·t·h h h h [h h  
32 [
- 33 Klein: [Becuz hyih know ih-it's no queshin but that Sneed c'n d•o (it)  
34
- 35 Ehrl: Yah=  
36
- 37 Klein: =(dzn'nuh'ny)thing abaht it?  
38  
39 (0.3) ((ptch))  
40
- 41 Ehrl: •(Right)  
42
- 43 Klein: He w'z: never there: durin' any: mat<sup>h</sup>erial: (·) period a' time,  
44  
45 (·) ((tchek)) (·)  
46
- 47 Ehrl: °hm h h h h [h°  
48 [
- 49 Klein: [He is however the Deputy Attorney Gen'rl?  
50
- 51 (Ø): ((huhk))  
52

- 1 Klein: Presidential appointe[e,  
2 [
- 3 Ehrl: [Ah unnerstan[d,  
4 [
- 5 Klein: [ 'n eez my:: subord'nate.  
6 |
- 7 (Ø): | ((pltk))  
8 (0.7) |
- 9 | (0.3)  
10 |
- 11 Klein: | Okay?  
12 |
- 13 Ehrl: •Okay you give it s'm thou:ght an' we will too [a:n' then: uh we sh'd=  
14 [
- 15 (Klein): [(Good)  
16 ]
- 17 Ehrl: =talk u[n Mondee]  
18 [ ]
- 19 Klein: [Becuz I' ]ve: ah: yihknow I (0.2) thought of Sneed'n this ro:le becuz  
20 ]
- 21 eez stayed out of it up tuh no:w.  
22 ]
- 23 Ehrl: M[h m, ]  
24 [ ]
- 25 Klein: [Real]ly.  
26 ]
- 27 (:)  
28 ]
- 29 Klein: Uh:,  
30 ]
- 31 Ehrl: 'Kay,  
32 ]
- 33 Klein: En I think that's why yih might need, a guy on the outsi[de (who)]  
34 [ ]
- 35 Ehrl: [ A ' r i ]ght  
36 ]
- 37 Klein: ↑Incidentally, there w'r two uh three people ↓who (·) were s:: (0.4)  
38 ]
- 39 suhge•stid in that ro:le?  
40 ]
- 41 (0.5)  
42 ]
- 43 Klein: •( ) eh the Chief Justice  
44 ]
- 45 (1.3)  
46 ]
- 47 Klein: (contribute) (0.2) (no this abou[t ( ) ) [39.0]  
48 [ ]
- 49 Ehrl: <sup>6</sup> [Rogers, passed those along ↓to me.↓  
50 ]

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<sup>6</sup> William Rogers, Nixon's Secretary of State until he was replaced by Henry Kissinger on August 22<sup>nd</sup>, 1973.

- 1 Klein: °eYeh.°  
2  
3 (0.3)  
4  
5 Klein: (°N it's go•t bart of a seeriz [g'dn kɔk.]  
6 [
- 7 Ehrl: [Yeah.  
8  
9 Ehrl: =Yeah.  
10  
11 (0.2)  
12  
13 Ehrl: H•e's on the list,h  
14  
15 Klein: °↓He is.↓°  
16  
17 (1.1)  
18  
19 Ehrl: h•O↑KAY mah bo:y, well ah jist (0.2) wann(·)dje duh have a nice t̄ime this  
20  
21 eveni:ng?  
22  
23 (0.9)  
24  
25 Klein: (din thih)  
26  
27 (0.4)  
28 [—(0.7)—]
- 29 Ehrl: ·t·hh h•Uh don't ferge:t, (0.2) my: tender. [(·) ·mptk ]'f there's any way thet  
30  
31 ·hhh •any a' this (·) ih̄earsa:y iv mi:ne eh thet I've collectid i:s of any in-in  
32  
33 any way usef̄ul, I'll be glad duh make it av̄ailable.  
34  
35 (0.3)  
36  
37 Ehrl: But I:ee I rih my:: (0.2) present (·) thinking i:s, that ·hh h•I c'd add ver̄ih  
38  
39 | l̄id'l duh wh̄at Magrūder jus' t̄ol' me.  
40 | (0.4)  
41 |
- 42 Ehrl: | °°·ihmh ·t·h  
43 (1.2)  
44 | (·)  
45 |
- 46 Klein: | ( ) mey Magrūder is a primary w̄itnes type,  
47 |
- 48 Ehrl: Yup,  
49  
50 Klein: | ↓Ah:  
51 |  
52 | (0.4)  
53 (0.8)

- 1 Ehrl: | °°hm[hhh°°  
2 | [  
3 Klein: |\_| [You've got•(to be) very careful whatchu do fr'm here on out Joh•(n)  
4  
5 (0.4)  
6  
7 Klein: Y'know (in so thet) yih don't (0.7) put cherself in the position of (0.2) haa•  
8  
9 (0.5)  
10  
11 Ehrl: •(charges) of standing by his ri:ght[s?  
12 | [  
13 Klein: with re[spec' to: uh the commision iv a crime in  
14  
15 concea•( )  
16  
17 (0.6?)  
18  
19 Ehrl: ·t·hh W'l that's why I'm calling ↑you ↓my [dea:r,h]  
20 | [  
21 Klein: [Becuz ] yours is a very God da:mn  
22  
23 delicate line ez to  
24 |  
25 Ehrl: (0.7) hhmhh-hh-h[h  
26 | [  
27 Klein: |\_| [wha•t (you) do dih git information: (·) in g·i(ve) t'the Pres'nt, en  
28  
29 wha•t (0.2) you c'n do in give information t'the Departmin' a Justice yihknow  
30  
31 to inforce the la:w.  
32  
33 Ehrl: |\_| ·mpt Well (0.3) ih-yer my favorite law enforcemint off'cer.  
34 |  
35 (0.8)  
36 |  
37 Ehrl: (1.8) °hhh°  
38 |  
39 (0.6)  
40 |  
41 Klein: |\_| (Its eether) g'nna be tough ti:mes (chuk) (0.3) •(b'that's ho:w) [40.0]  
42  
43 Ehrl: You wanna(b) dih you want me dih give you anything additional on Mondee?  
44  
45 (5.7)  
46  
47 Klein: •Who iv you talk' to John  
48  
49 (0.5)  
50  
51 Ehrl: ↑m ↓b Whuddiyih mea:n.  
52  
53 (·)

- 1  
2 Klein: Well 'n (↓'m[ee)  
3 [
- 4 Ehrl: [•Mitchell in: Magrud↓er.  
5  
6 (·)  
7
- 8 Klein: Those the only two?  
9
- 10 Ehrl: hWell no: I've ben talkin' duh people fer three weeks.=I've talked tuh  
11  
12 everybuddy but the milk↓man.  
13  
14 (0.8)  
15
- 16 Klein: Y'mean peop'le'n the Pres'nt's sta:ff'n th[e ( )  
17 [
- 18 Ehrl: [A:nd outsii::de ↓'n:: people's  
19  
20 lawyers?=↓en every ↓damn thing.↓  
21 |  
22 | (0.7)  
23 |
- 24 (Klein): (4.9) (°°hmh°°)  
25 |  
26 | (3.9)  
27 |
- 28 Klein: Un↑til• t'da:y win the Magruder situation came up (·) d•id you come across any:  
29  
30 (0.2) direct, evidince (0.9) thet in yer• opinion (1.2) amounnid duh• conduct  
31  
32 thet violayd the la:w.=  
33
- 34 Ehrl: =•Yes.  
35 (·)  
36
- 37 Klein: Yih did.  
38  
39 (9.8)  
40
- 41 Klein: Let me talk to: MGHH: Henry Petersin.=  
42
- 43 Ehrl: =Okay (hul-)  
44  
45 (·)  
46
- 47 Ehrl: [ A'right, ]  
48 [ ]
- 49 Klein: [(Jist tih s]ee), (0.4) •(jist) what line we oughta follow here,  
50
- 51 Ehrl: A'[ri]ght?  
52 [
- 53 Klein: [else iv you talk' to (0.5) about this besides myself.]

- 1 Ehrl: •The Pres'dent.  
2  
3 (1.9)  
4
- 5 Klein: C'd also the pers'n thetchu talk' to: uh who: wid give yih information [41.0]  
6  
7 about the commission iv a cri•(me) (w'd know that too).  
8  
9 (0.3)  
10
- 11 Ehrl: (W'd) know I've talk' tuh him?  
12  
13 (·)  
14
- 15 Klein: No that (·) you yih'v talk' tuh people that gave yih this ↓inform[a t io n=  
16 [
- 17 Ehrl: [h•(Oh)  
18
- 19 Klein: =( [ )  
20 [
- 21 Ehrl: [Well I:'ve talked tuh the:m,  
22
- 23 Klein: °Yeah.° ( [ )  
24 [
- 25 Ehrl: [In some cases [they know I've talked t' other ↑peo↓ple.  
26 [
- 27 (Klein): [(Okay)  
28
- 29 Klein: °Yeah.°  
30  
31 (0.3)  
32
- 33 Ehrl: •They had tih know that (0.3) becuz (·) yihknow, they knew: (·) the surce  
34  
35 of my leads ↓in so forth.↓  
36  
37 (1.2)  
38
- 39 Klein: Who else dez uh Magruder implicate<  
40  
41 (0.5)  
42
- 43 Klein: b'sides [eemself  
44 [
- 45 [((crash))  
46  
47 (0.3)  
48
- 49 Klein: (I g•uess so) (·) who else.  
50  
51 (0.5)  
52
- 53 Ehrl: Dea:n?

1 (0.7)  
2  
3 Ehrl: •LaRue? Mardian?  
4  
5 (0.8)  
6  
7 Ehrl: ·t·hhhh h·Uh:m (·) Porter?h  
8  
9 Klein: Magruder? (0.3) would say thet Mardian knew about this before the  
10  
11 discov'ry?  
12  
13 (·)  
14  
15 Ehrl: No? m-ah::m no: he's largely implicated on: obstruction a' justice.  
16  
17 (·)  
18  
19 Klein: After what •(What happened) after [Watergate.  
20 [Yahp  
21 Ehrl: [Yahp  
22  
23 (3.0)  
24  
25 Klein: What's LaRue: LaRue impli•ca(ted in)  
26  
27 Ehrl: <sup>7</sup> °↓mgh mgh↓ (Everything)°  
28  
29 (·)  
30  
31 Klein: Everythin[g  
32 [·Stem duh stern.  
33 Ehrl: [·Stem duh stern.  
34  
35 Klein: ( ).  
36  
37 (0.9)  
38  
39 Klein: Did he (0.2) make any statements with respect to: (·) of the use of campaign  
40  
41 monies tuh pay these guys off?=  
42  
43 Ehrl: <sup>8</sup> =Yah  
44  
45 (2.1)  
46  
47 Klein: °Well whuddiyih know about tha:t.°  
48  
49 (2.6) [42.0]  
50

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<sup>7</sup> The volume is drastically reduced at this point.<sup>8</sup> The volume is drastically reduced at this point.



- 1 Klein: \_\_\_\_\_ Jeb M'gru's g'nna go duh jai:l.  
 2 |  
 3 (1.3) (·) ((tlik)) (0.9)  
 4 |  
 5 Klein: \_\_\_\_\_ Guess he know:s that uh,  
 6 |  
 7 (·)  
 8 Ehrl: °Yup,°  
 9 (0.5)  
 10  
 11 Klein: Whata persayd him duh (·) do this  
 12 |  
 13 (0.6)  
 14 |  
 15 Ehrl: Ah: d-he jist (·) wuuz havin' a terrible time living with it? 'n 'ee didn't see: any  
 16 |  
 17 (·) point 'n:: waiting any long↓er.  
 18 |  
 19 (0.2)  
 20 |  
 21 Ehrl: •(An' iz) attornyies said they analyzed it very careflly?=en ·*hhuyeh* •(could) see:  
 22 |  
 23 uh,h (0.4) •no idvannige tuh waiting?=en every idvantage tih getting in no:w.  
 24 |  
 25 (1.1)  
 26 |  
 27 Klein: Who's iz attorney  
 28 |  
 29 (·)  
 30 |  
 31 ( Ø ): (oogee)=  
 32 |  
 33 Ehrl: =A: couple a' very bright guy:s I j- I've got their names over there but I can't  
 34 |  
 35 <sup>9</sup> tellyih now=Birnbau::m un someb'ddy e:lse.  
 36 |  
 37 (0.6)  
 38 |  
 39 Ehrl: <sup>10</sup> ·tch Sea:rs I think is the other guy.h  
 40 |  
 41 (1.0)  
 42 |  
 43 Klein: HgH[H- egHH::  
 44 [   
 45 Ehrl: [B'd ey-  
 46 |  
 47 Ehrl: I gu- I don't hev the name[s right ]  
 48 [   
 49 Klein: [Be in to]wn Mondee?

49

<sup>9</sup> James Bierbower, recommended to Magruder by CRP lawyers Kenneth Parkinson and Paul O'Brien (Magruder, p.314).

<sup>10</sup> James Sharp, had "just come to Bierbower's [law] firm from the U.S. Attorney's Office." (Magruder, p.320)

- 1 (·)  
2  
3 Ehrl: Pard'n?  
4  
5 (·)  
6  
7 Klein: Y'g'nna be in tow[n (· )  
8 [ ]  
9 Ehrl: [S u r e .  
10 (0.3)  
11  
12 Klein: Y'll be in town dihmorrhuh?  
13  
14 (·)  
15 Ehrl: •Sure  
16  
17 (0.9)  
18  
19 Klein: <sup>11</sup> I might wan(0.3)t, Henry in I dih git tihgether with you dihmo[rrow  
20 [ ]  
21 [((tss))=  
22  
23 Ehrl: =Fine<  
24  
25 Klein: Jes' so we don't make any mis•takes=  
26  
27 Ehrl: =A'right?=  
28  
29 Klein: =°>Ah'll litche< go[:.°  
30 [ ]  
31 Ehrl: [A:'right?  
32 (·)  
33  
34 Klein: [°(Okay.)°  
35 [ ]  
36 Ehrl: [Lit me know.*hmmhh*] [42.7]  
37  
38 (4.1) ((dead air))  
39  
40 Voice: This conclu:des the Abuse'v Gover'mint Power segmints (·) fer co:nversaysh'n  
41  
42 number thirty eight da:sh (·) thirty o<sup>h</sup>ne. [42.9]

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<sup>11</sup> The reference is to Henry E. Petersen (see p. 8, above) who was in charge of the Justice Department's investigation of Watergate (begun June 19, 1972), and who kept the White House, via John Dean, informed. Lukas (pp. 435-6) starts off a profile of Petersen as follows: "...on March 21, John Dean had told Nixon how helpful Henry Petersen was being. 'Why did Petersen play the game so straight with us?' Nixon asked. 'Because Petersen is a soldier,' Dean explained. He kept me informed. He told me when we had problems, where we had problems, and the like. He believes in you. He believes in this administration. this administration has made him.'"