

Nixon and Ziegler, Telephone

April 15, 1973, 1:01-1:04 a.m.

1 Voice: Conversation number thirty eight dash (·) thirty nine.h (0.2) ↑Porsh'n [43.1]  
2  
3 of a telephone conversation between the Presidint? end Ronald L. Ziggler.  
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5 ·hhh This portion was record'd on April fifteenth, ·h nineteen sev'ndy  
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7 three, ·hh between w:one oh one,h en one oh four a.m.  
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9 (5.4) ((dead air))  
10  
11 Nixon: We are worried about Watergatete bih what the hell [·h<sup>m</sup>h u-seriously=  
12 [ [ ((bo::ng))  
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14  
15 Nixon: =these guys know: thet God dammit Watergate will ↓p<sup>h</sup>ass. 'n I know  
16  
17 God damn w'l I had nothing di<sup>h</sup> d<sub>o</sub> with it.  
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19 (0.6) ((music starts up in background and continues, largo))  
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21 Ziegler: <sup>1</sup> There w'z u(·)very little discussion duhnight about Watergate Misser  
22  
23 President.  
24 |  
25 | (0.3)  
26 (0.8)  
27 Nixon: | ·hhhh  
28 |  
29 Ziegler | | I<sup>h</sup>'d [be  
30 [ [  
31 Nixon: [↓Yeah Well (·) ther w<sup>ill</sup> be later iz zhu kno:w becuz [uhh  
32 [ [  
33 Ziegler: [↑Well=  
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35 Nixon: | = sh<sup>uzz</sup> when they ind<sup>ict</sup> Mishell Mitchell all hell wuhd break loose  
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37 | ((glk gluk))

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<sup>1</sup> Ziegler is probably referring to the annual White House Correspondents' Association dinner. Lucas (pp.432-3) remarks that it would have to have been "an awkward occasion" for Nixon, Haldeman, and Ehrlichman, "particularly because Woodward and Bernstein were scheduled to get several awards for their Watergate coverage. (Later, Nixon told Ehrlichman he found it 'terribly painful' to even show up at the affair.) . . . [T]he President arrived...at 9:04 p.m. . . . [He was presented] with an eighteenth-century silver globe for his efforts toward world peace. Among the twenty-five hundred black-tied diners were some sixty White House staff members, fifty senators and congressmen, and a posse of judges, generals, and other officials. In his remarks, the President struck a lofty note which, at the same time, suggesed his own indispensability. Americans, he said, had embarked 'on a great adventure together - building a peace that will last....' . . . He stayed barely an hour at the dinner, leaving shortly after ten to return to the White House."

1                   (1.0)                   (0.6)  
 2                   |  
 3 Nixon: \_\_\_|\_\_\_ ↓Well.  
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 5                   |                   (0.2)  
 6                   (0.9)  
 7 Nixon:           |           *·puh huhh huh[h hmh*  
 8                   |                   |  
 9 Ziegler: \_\_\_|\_\_\_                   |  
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 11   |                   discū- (·) discussion abaht it.  
 12   |  
 13 Nixon:           |           *hahh kuh Good.*  
 14                   |  
 15                   |                   (6.0) ((dead air))  
 16                   |  
 17 Voice:           |           This conclu:des the Abuse'v Gover'ment Power segmints, (·) fer  
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 19                   |           conversation number thirdy eight dash thirdy nine.                   [44.0]