

Nixon and Ziegler Telephone

April 17, 1973 6:19-6:21 pm

1 Voice: Conversation number thirty eight dash nine ↓dy,i (·) Portion of a [10.6]
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3 telephone conversāshinh between the President? en Ronald L.
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5 Ziegler. °·hh° This portionu was recordid on April seventeenth
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7 ·hh nineteen sevendy three ·hh between six nineteen ·h en six
8
9 twunty one, p.m.uh
10
11 (5.0) ((dead tape))
12
13 Nixon: 'Lo, [10.9]
14
15 ((mnk))
16
17 Ziegler: Ye 'sir[↓:.
18 []
19 Nixon: [·hehh •(Whell) you been busy?
20
21 (·)
22
23 Nixon: ·pt·khuhh
24
25 (·)
26
27 Ziegler: ihYes sir: °h^hm^h°
28
29 Nixon: ↓éYah<
30
31 (0.3)
32
33 Nixon: •'Ow is it g-'ow'd it go:.
34
35 (0.2)
36
37 Ziegler: _____ ↑Fi:ne uh: they uh(b)=
38 |
39 (): | =hmhhh
40 (0.8) |
41 | ((knk))
42 |
43 Nixon: _____ ·pt ↓Uh:: (·) zhu get Dean?
44
45 (·)
46

- 1 Ziegler: Yiss I did en: en[d uh aoutli:ned thē, puh[si t i o n] to 'im? end uh
 2 [[]
 3 (([tik)) []
 4 []
 5 Nixon: [Yea:h?]
 6
 7 Ziegler: ·hh[h
 8 []
 9 Nixon: [Mmhm?=
 10
 11 Ziegler: =uh hē: (·) ↓↓m_{gh}m::: •(was:) (1.1) •sounded fi:ne end asked thet uh: uh
 12
 13 copy a' the statemint be •sent over to 'im en I ↓di:d.
 14
 15 ((zhk))
 16
 17 Nixon: ↓A'righth [↑(fine)
 18 []
 19 Ziegler: [I told um: tha(·)t uh the position:: we were fer I was goin' tih
 20
 21 °take° en: en then: he did in the ↑brief↓ing
 22
 23 (): ·hhuh
 24
 25 Ziegler: •uh in my discussions with the press ↓out there which I hhedda go thr[ough
 26 []
 27 Nixon: [Sure.
 28
 29 Nixon: ·t·hehh
 30
 31 Ziegler: •(Uh) but uhhmhh eh n_ao_z?=since the twunty first a' March=iz the Presid'n
 32
 33 statemint, indicates he ee- •(con)ducted a pers'nal investigā↑shin?=·hehh
 34
 35 •to: uh hHenry Petersin, (0.2) •(with) thē
 36
 37 Nixon: ·p·tk·
 38
 39 (0.2)
 40
 41 Nixon: ↓↓Uh
 42
 43 Ziegler: ih-thih-
 44
 45 Nixon: Weh [not-]
 46 []
 47 Ziegler: [(he-)]
 48
 49 (·)
 50

- 1 Ziegler: [(he-)
2 [
- 3 Nixon: [Not s̄ince the twenny f̄ir[st (thetch)e ḡah)] hY a h.]
4 []]]
- 5 Ziegler: [N̄o n o.]N̄o but] (he-) bu]t eh •(you) know
6
7 later, [(if th̄ir)
8 [
- 9 Nixon: [Yah th'r w'rduh later:.=Th[at's ↓right
10 [
- 11 Ziegler: [That's right ·hehhh •()
12
13 (): ·°hh°
14
- 15 Ziegler: Thet the President uh(p)hh eh during this peeriidh did not uh (1.2) inny one
16
17 ma:n within the White House. Inny ↑one ↓man with[in the White] House=
18 []]
- 19 Nixon: ['T's right]
20
- 21 Ziegler: =as thē ·hhuh •uh ma:n in charge although ↑dyuring that period he ed, hhed
22
23 inst- (0.6) tensive discussions within
24
25 (1.5)
26
- 27 Nixon: Ye[ah.
28 [
- 29 Ziegler: [White House staff [members in a]sked them tuh do varyiss thi:ngs for him.
30 []]
- 31 Nixon: [That's right.]
32
- 33 (Ziegler): ·HHuHH
34
- 35 Ziegler: •Thē, iway I ca:st it was thet there w'z no one ·hhuh
36
- 37 Nixon: hRi[ght
38 [
- 39 Ziegler: [specifically in charge in fairness t' AW^h:↓ll.
40
41 (·)
42
- 43 Nixon: Thet's right.
44
45 (0.4)
46
- 47 Ziegler: ·hihh And uh then I w'z press' quite heavily: uh(p) awn uh (0.2) ↓ah: thē uh
48
49 (0.2) ·t·hhuh •↓uh:: •statemints thet uh we hhed made previously specifically
50
51 the statemint thet I made on March the twunny sixth in Flor'da ·hhuhh • when
52
53 I said thet thē:: thet Dea:n's,hh the accusation thet Dean hhed lojd dih the F.B.

- 1 Ziegler: Y.[wih-] I. w'z inc'rrect that I hed confidince ↑innim ·*heh[h*
2 [] []
3 Nixon: [Right.] [↓Yah.]
4
5 Ziegler: End that uh< (0.3) ↓↓ah:: he [hed no] pra'r ↑knowleedge. I said ·*hhehh*
6 [] []
7 Nixon: [↓Right]
8
9 Ziegler: ² •(I will) not focus: inny comment tihday, own inny individu[al f e r f e r]ness=
10 [] []
11 Nixon: [That's right.]
12
13 Ziegler: =to the in[d i v i d u a l]
14 [] []
15 Nixon: °[oh-° Either wa]y.*hh*
16
17 Ziegler: That's [r i g h t.]
18 [] []
19 Nixon: [That's ri]:ght.=
20
21 Ziegler: =·*hehh* But I sid inny comment that wē made*hh* (pri•or) tō dih↓da::y or prior
22
23 to: thē ·*hhe[hh* March] twunny first period ·p·*hehh* • ↓↓uh: w'z based ipon thē=
24 [] []
25 Nixon: [↓Mmhm]
26
27 Ziegler: =enformation that the White House had available to it at that ↑t₀i:me.=
28
29 Nixon: =That's good.=
30
31 Ziegler: =·*hehhh* •(En thuh) then they: god into a lodda nitpicky well ·*huhh* you said
32
33 that the Pres'n started diss investigation on the twunny firs' shu made thih
34
35 commen' on the twunty ↑sixth ↓I said tha(·)t question is ridicul*hhhus* (h)in
36
37 itse:lf becuz that suggest ·*hihh* •thet (·) all of the information that the Pres'n
38
39 base' iz stātemin' awn dihd_{ay} he had on March th[e twunny [↓fir:st]
40 [] []
41 Nixon: [(·h) [N o :.] I had
42
43 it- (·) had it on Sundee.h=
44
45 Ziegler: =(Bu[t]
46 [] []
47 Nixon: ['At's right].=
48
49 Ziegler: =Thet's right. ·*hhuh* So then we (·) wē w-worked around tha:d 'n
50

- 1 Ziegler: [(we) su]pported the c^homments regarding Dea:n o[n that] ba↓sis. ·hhuhh
2 [] []
3 Nixon: [Right,] [↓Right]
4
5 (Ziegler): • (But)
6
7 (0.3)
8
9 Ziegler: In sho:rt thē: the posture that I perjectih duhday, I would not focus ·hhehh=
10
11 Nixon: =khhe[hhh
12 []
13 Ziegler: [↓uh: [yer sta]temint awn any individual or inny,hh •gih-l[o↑c]a↓tion↓=
14 [] []
15 Nixon: [Mmhm] [Yah]
16
17 Ziegler: =in [thē gover]’mint in ↓fer:niss
18 []
19 Nixon: [R i g h t]
20
21 Nixon: •Right
22
23 Ziegler: And uh thetchū had con↑ducted th[è
24 []
25 (Ø): [()]
26
27 Nixon: Mmhm?
28
29 Ziegler: thē intensive investigation en ↓met with Petersin (’es[terday]↓
30 []
31 Nixon: [Now I suppose you’ll
32
33 get a question about whether ↓uh:: the matter is wyeh↓ whether I’ve talked
34
35 tuh Mi↓tchell
36
37 (0.6)
38
39 Ziegler: •(I) said no:.
40
41 (0.2)
42
43 Ziegler: I: sih-sI said that ·hehhhh •() Mitchell w’z here he [mosied over tuh]
44 []=
45 Nixon: [Y a h t h a t’s.]
46
47 Ziegler : [tuh Pe]t e r s e n] b u t ’ee]
48 =[]]]
49 Nixon: ³ [right.] Mitchell.] But there] was unū- there was a ti:me ·hehhh •()
50
51 they did the err durin’ this: period f’m the twunny firsht on did we ↓talk

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³ “But there was unū-” may be starting to say “But there was another....”

- 1 Nixon: tuh Mitche[ll.↓
2 []
3 Ziegler: [No I sih-I w'z ast that 'n I said ·hhehh
4
5 ((tchik))
6
7 Ziegler: (but) I'm not goeen dih indikeet
8
9 Nixon: [êYah [that's ↓right.]
10 [] []
11 Ziegler: [·ptch [ih-t o y o u,] o[y ↑can]not i[ndicate tih] ↓you; thē ·hhehh
12 [] []
13 Nixon: [Good]. [Very good]
14
15 Ziegler: =(() thē uh ↓euh-[eh s t e p b y s]te:(·)p uh ·hehhh uh thē uhb=
16 []
17 Nixon: [people (thet uh)]
18
19 Ziegler: =uh individuals thet the Presidi[nt ↑talked] ↓to:.=
20 []
21 Nixon: ['T's right.]
22
23 Nixon: =That's right.
24
25 Ziegler: I sid I dih wouldn' be appr↑opriate fer me dih do [t h e t, I]kennod=
26 []
27 Nixon: [Thet's right]
28
29 Ziegler: =↓do [that.↓]
30 []
31 Nixon: [Very] good
32
33 Ziegler: ·hhuh[h
34 []
35 Nixon: [Good ↓answer.=
36
37 Ziegler: =((seductively)) Yih ↓kno:w I'm good↓
38
39 Nixon: A 'right Ron det dat.
40
41 (·)
42
43 Ziegler: [O↑kay sir.]
44 []
45 Nixon: [(A whole lo]tta [thankyou)
46 []
47 Ziegler: ⁴ ['N good [(right)
48 []
49 (([thukkuhwup klonk klonk klonk klonk])
50
51 ((vwEEP))

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⁴ The call runs for about 3 minutes 15 seconds.

1 (5.6) ((dead tape))
2
3 Voice: This c'ncludes the abuse, of gover'mint power segmints? (0.2) fer
4
5 co:nversation number ·hh (·) thirdy eight (·) dash (·) nine↓dy