

## NIXON PRESIDENTIAL MATERIALS STAFF

## Tape Subject Log

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Transcript #1: Part of a conversation among President Nixon, H. R. (ABob≡) Haldeman, John N. Mitchell, Leslie C. Arends, and Gerald R. Ford in the Oval Office between 3:31 pm and 4:23 pm on May 5, 1971

Conversation No. 492-3#1

President: The, uh, [unintelligible] and the Army have done a hell of a good job, don=t you?

Ford: Oh, boy, terrific.

President: Do --

Ford: Great.

President: -- you, you, do you think we=re repressing?

Unknown: No, not enough.

[Laughter]

President: What the hell more do you want?

[Laughter]

Unknown: [Unintelligible] more [unintelligible] thrown in jail.

Unknown: I heard the last few of >em got clubbed, I mean --.

President: Yeah.

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Unknown: Maybe.

President: [Unintelligible].

Unknown: [Unintelligible].

President: Well, actually though, Jer-, what do you think, Jerry [unintelligible]?

Ford: Well, I was out home -- I was telling --

Ford: -- the Attorney General -- over the weekend. And, believe me, uh, the public out home want firm action. That=s all they want [unintelligible] --.

President: [Unintelligible] and please with the [Unintelligible].

Ford: Oh, I=m sure. I=m sure.

President: Two thousand the next day.

Ford: Yeah. Yeah.

President: Well, John made the fol-, the, uh, [unintelligible]. I must say that he, we finally got [unintelligible] Police Chief who, uh, has, who=s tough and got brains.

Unknown: Yes, sir. That=s great.

President: [Unintelligible] lucky [unintelligible].

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Ford: And he has a nice manner, too.

President: What=s his background? What is his background?

Unknown: [Unintelligible].

Mitchell: [Unintelligible] it=s very interesting. He, uh, busted out o= school when he was fourteen --

President: Good.

Mitchell: -- lied about his age, went off to the Marines --

President: Good.

Mitchell: -- and, uh --

President: [Unintelligible].

Mitchell: -- spent two hitches in the Marines and came back and finished high school, and he=s been on the [Washington] DC police force ever since.

President: Hmm. He finished high school --

Mitchell: Going, is it, way up in --.

President: -- and then, [unintelligible] and then the Marine Corps.

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Mitchell: No, he went to, he lied about his age, and he went in the Marine Corps at fourteen  
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President: Yeah.

Mitchell: -- >n= he did two hitches in the Marine Corps and then came back and finished  
high school --

President: Um-hum.

Mitchell: -- and then he came up here with the Police Department >n= this is a fella who=s  
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Unknown: [Unintelligible].

Mitchell: -- educating himself right [unintelligible] through the ranks.

President: Let=s quit educating [unintelligible].

[Laughter]

Unknown: That=s right.

Ford: Just put >em in the Marines at fourteen.

President: Oh, [unintelligible].

Unknown: [Unintelligible].

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Mitchell: [Unintelligible] he has tremendous judgment.

[Laughter]

President: Oh! [Unintelligible].

Mitchell: [Unintelligible] says he held his press conference that I re-request the other day. And he got [unintelligible] AWell, will the Amer-, would, what do ya think you=re doin= with all these people=s civil liberties≅ and all the rest of it. And he just said, AI=ll let the American people judge that.≅ He didn=t answer the question otherwise.

Unknown: [Unintelligible].

President: Ya can=t, ya can=t do better than that.

Haldeman: Perfect answer.

Ford: Yeah.

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Conversation No. 492-3#2

President: The Democratic Party is in a hell of a sh-, state, uh, uh, position now because they=ve so badly slipped --

Unknown: Oh.

President: -- on so many things. And look at the, look at those clowns supporting these, uh, uh, I mean, uh --

Haldeman: Yeah.

President: -- [Edmund S.] Muskie sending oranges to these people -- twice! Even this week, he sent --

Unknown: [Unintelligible].

President: -- another crate.

Haldeman: He sent oranges out to those in the prison.

President: Yeah.

Ford: I didn=t know that.

Unknown: One box of oranges for three thousand people [unintelligible].

Haldeman: No, he sent a bunch of >em over.

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Conversation No. 492-3#3

Ford: Ya know a good analogy, John and Mr. President: why did the, uh, demonstrations around here fail? Because they told the enemy in advance what the plans were.

President: Um-hum. They sure did.

Ford: And if they=d kept their mouths shut and come down here and then spontaneously done what they planned to do, you wouldn=t have been prepared to the degree that you were.

Mitchell: Well, I think that possibly could be so.

[Laughter]

President: I think they made the --.

Unknown: [Unintelligible].

Ford: Tell --.

Haldeman: Signal your punches

Ford: Sure. Tell the enemy what you=re gonna do, and you run into a little more

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Conversation No. 492-3#4

President: I=ll tell ya this. I think a few speeches, we should get to there, that, uh, that, uh, voting, this, uh, let=s don=t be intimidated by these people that were in town last week.

Ford: I, uh, I --

President: God damn it. [?]

Ford: -- think you=re exactly right.

President: I think that=s, I don=t think there=s --

Unknown: [Coughs]

President: -- they=re gonna look very good, at, voting for a date certain or any other damn thing right after this rabble=s been in town. What do you think, Les?

Arends: I agree; I agree.

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Transcript #5: Part of a conversation among President Nixon, H. R. (ABob≡) Haldeman, John N. Mitchell, and Manolo Sanchez in the Oval Office between 4:23 pm and 4:25 pm on May 5, 1971

Conversation No. 492-3#5

President: Manolo, what do you think of the Attorney General? He=s pretty soft, too soft, d=you think? Too hard?

Sanchez: I think he=s a little soft, sir.

President: A little soft?

Sanchez: Yes.

President: What do you think he ought to do?

Sanchez: Well --

Mitchell: We don=t have any bullets, Manolo. So we [unintelligible].

Sanchez: No, but as I telling the President yesterday [unintelligible] made the speech, the talk [unintelligible] people.

[Laughter]

Mitchell: You should o= seen the police doin= that yesterday afternoon. They weren=t missin= >em.

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Sanchez: [Unintelligible].

Mitchell: Sure is.

President: Well, they had to do something.

Mitchell: Hell, a lot of >em are kickin= an= scratchin= an= biting an=, what the hell, that=s what they should do.