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## Tape Subject Log

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Transcript #1: Part of a telephone conversation between President Nixon in his office in the Old Executive Office Building and Charles W. Colson between 6:50 pm and 7:05 pm on May 7, 1971.

Conversation No. 2-127#1

President: First, I think it's very important to, uh, [clears throat] to get the Teddy thing widely circulated last night. I, I, I, I, you know what I mean, uh --.

Colson: Yes.

President: I, I, I just can't understand why he did that, 'cause he's on the wrong side of that one.

Colson: He's, uh, clearly on the wrong side of it.

President: Yeah.

Colson: You know, you have Tunney, you --.

President: Yes.

Colson: Inouye, Senator Inouye basically --

President: Yeah.

Colson: -- and, ah, all of his friends are just, uh, he made us defend a bad political --.

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President: Yeah, the trouble, the thing is, though, that nobody seems to be picking it up particularly, are they? Er, uh --

Colson: N-.

President: -- er, don't ya think the press knows he's in a bad rap and are trying to, uh, press, uh --?

Colson: I, I think the media is [unintelligible], I think, [unintelligible] very intemperate, very broad, and a very unwise kind o' statement [unintelligible].

President: Um-hum.

Colson: But, uh, we will have some columns out --

President: Good.

Colson: -- and give it a --

President: Good.

Colson: -- a wide mailing.

President: Also to the extent that you can see that, uh, my friend Muskie and others, you know, they, they shouldn't get off, though, the hook though for their earlier endorsement and their later recanting, you know. They'd never let us off the hook [unintelligible].

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Colson: Well, that, that's exactly it. Unintelligible] we've got, we've got, uh, pretty badly, you know, [unintelligible] publicly [unintelligible].

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Transcript #2: Part of a telephone conversation between President Nixon in his office in the Old Executive Office Building and Charles W. Colson between 6:50 pm and 7:05 pm on May 7, 1971.

Conversation No. 2-127#2

President: One thing, one thing for sure, though, we know is that we are, we, really came out, uh, on this whole, uh, demonstration thing, the tables have completely turned; now they're, they're in very bad shape on this --.

Colson: Actually --.

President: The country is up in arms, up in arms. They totally support the police, 'n' they think that they should've been tougher actually, if anything, if anything. And, uh, the, uh, what we have to do is to insure that I'm close to, that's the reason I called, uh, those fellows in today: to get closer identification with them. And [unintelligible] --.

Colson: [Unintelligible].

President: Yeah.

Colson: [Unintelligible] exactly [unintelligible].

President: Well, we're gonna get charged with it anyway, so what the hell? Let's line up with 'em.

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Colson: I didn't think we can make-believe these kind of people [unintelligible] will ever become [unintelligible]. No one was hurt. If some one had been hurt, uh, if someone had been killed --.

President: Or somebody kept in jail.

Colson: That's right. Then we might have a [unintelligible].

President: Yeah.

Colson: [Unintelligible] but I don't think a lot of people, all people care about is getting the demonstration put down [unintelligible] get away with it.

President: Yeah.

Colson: [Unintelligible].

President: Yeah, that's one place where th-, I think the networks probably are really worried, because they, they were trying to make it, you know, doin' their damnest to make it appear good, but just putting the pictures on did it, hurt 'em.

Colson: [Unintelligible].

President: Yeah, that certainly dropped, didn't it?

Colson: [Unintelligible] people will really [unintelligible].

President: Um-hum.

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Colson: [Unintelligible] completely defeated [unintelligible].

President: Um-hum.

Colson: [Unintelligible].

President: Let's be --

Colson: [Unintelligible].

President: -- be sure that, uh, people read this. You gotta be sure that the-they identify the President with the fact that he supported all this. [Unintelligible] without me couldn't've happened [unintelligible] lay it right out there.

Colson: Well, that's, that's [unintelligible].

President: Sure.

Colson: [Unintelligible].

President: I've just had the opportunity [unintelligible].