

Finding Aid for David R. Young Staff Member and Office Files Audio Reels



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Finding Aid Background: In the Summer of 2016, the Nixon Library began to explore special review of audio reels originally found in the David Young office file. These audio items had been withheld for an assortment of Presidential Recordings and Materials Preservation Act (PRMPA) restrictions. After locating physical items, researching, and digitally preserving the material, the Nixon Library reviewed audio content for release. The Nixon Library processed other audio records that appear directly related and researched directly related paper records for these audio items.

Subject: Interview between Ehrlichman, Robinson, and Young regarding the Moorer-Radford Affair

Participants: John D. Ehrlichman, David R. Young, Rear Admiral Rembrandt Robinson.

Date: n.d. (before December 27, 1971)

Format: 2 reel-to-reel audiotapes

Location Found in Collections:

White House Special Files – Staff Member and Office Files – David R. Young – Box 18 – Robinson/Ehrlichman/Young [9th folder in box 18]

Location of Reels: Nixon Presidential Library and Museum, Tapes Team, College Park, MD

Preservation History: Digital Preservation Master file of each reel created in September 2016. The Nixon Library created an access copy MP3 that put both reels together into one interview

Date of Archival Review of Audio: September 20-28, 2016 and December 29, 2016

During initial processing of Nixon records in the 1980s, Nixon Archivists originally identified the material as withheld for PRMPA categories: Statute (A), National Security (B), Privacy (D), and Investigatory Information (F).

Appropriate declassification of content occurred in relation to Mandatory Declassification Review Case NLN 89-6.

Archivists have reviewed and cleared for release all other restriction categories.

Audio Digital File Names: 37-young-box18flder09-02

Related Textual Records:

December 27, 1971 memo from David R. Young to John D. Ehrlichman with brief topical outline to the interview

Transcript of tapes with handwritten annotations (60 pages) and handwritten tape index to topics (4 pages)

[NOTE: Transcript and index was present with audiotapes in original file]

Below constitutes a loose guide to assist with listening to the interview with the transcript

- BEGINNING – 00:05:00 – Tape I Transcript pages 1 – 2
- 00:05:00 – 00:10:00 – Tape I Transcript pages 2 – 5
- 00:10:00 – 00:15:00 – Tape I Transcript pages 5 – 7
- 00:15:00 – 00:20:00 – Tape I Transcript pages 7 – 9
- 00:20:00 – 00:25:00 – Tape I Transcript pages 9 – 11
- 00:25:00 – 00:30:00 – Tape I Transcript pages 11 – 13
- 00:30:00 – 00:35:00 – Tape I Transcript pages 13 – 15
- 00:35:00 – 00:40:00 – Tape I Transcript pages 15 – 17
- 00:40:00 – 00:45:00 – Tape I Transcript pages 17 – 20
- 00:45:00 – 00:50:00 – Tape I Transcript pages 20 – 22
- 00:50:00 – 00:55:00 – Tape I Transcript pages 22 – 25
- 00:55:00 – 01:00:00 – Tape I Transcript pages 25 – 27
- 01:00:00 – 01:05:00 – Tape I Transcript pages 27 – 30
- 01:05:00 – 01:10:00 – Tape I Transcript pages 30 – 32
- 01:10:00 – 01:15:00 – Tape I Transcript pages 32 – 34
- 01:15:00 – 01:20:00 – Tape I Transcript pages 34 – 37
- 01:20:00 – 01:25:00 – Tape I Transcript pages 37 – 38
- 01:25:00 – 01:30:00 – Tape I Transcript pages 28 – 40
- 01:30:00 – approx. 01:37:00 [END] – Tape I Transcript pages 40 – 42
- 01:37:00 – 01:40:00 – Tape II Transcript pages 1 – 2
- 01:40:00 – 01:45:00 – Tape II Transcript pages 2 – 4
- 01:45:00 – 01:50:00 – Tape II Transcript pages 4 – 7
- 01:50:00 – 01:55:00 – Tape II Transcript pages 7 – 9
- 01:55:00 – 02:00:00 – Tape II Transcript pages 9 – 11
- 02:00:00 – 02:05:00 – Tape II Transcript pages 11 – 13
- 02:05:00 – 02:10:00 – Tape II Transcript pages 13 – 16
- 02:10:00 – approx. 02:15:40 [END] – Tape II Transcript pages 16 - 18

Related Textual Records Location:

Memo: White House Special Files – Staff Member and Office Files – David R. Young – Box 18 – Robinson/Ehrlichman/Young – Item No. 1

Transcript: White House Special Files – Staff Member and Office Files – David R. Young – Box 18 – Robinson/Ehrlichman/Young – Item No. 2 [coupled with audiotapes]

Related Audio Records:

Dictabelts 699, 700, 701, 702, 703

These dictabelts represent a near exact copy of Tape I of the interview. The Young Staff Member and Office Files did not indicate the presences of dictabelts for Tape II of the interview, and further research by Nixon Library staff did not yield dictabelts for Tape II.

Interview runs in reverse dictabelt order, so the beginning of the Tape I interview is DB 703 and the conclusion of Tape I occurs on DB 699.

Location Related Audio Records Found in Collections:

White House Special Files – Staff Member and Office Files – David R. Young – Box 18 – Robinson/Ehrlichman/Young

[Note: Not itemized on withdrawal sheet, but AV withdrawal sheet present in the file]

Location of Dictabelts: Nixon Presidential Library and Museum, Tapes Team, College Park, MD

A NOTE ON TRANSCRIPTS: The Nixon Library cites the transcript created in the original files, but encourages researchers to examine the audio content. The original transcript was not revised or altered by Nixon Library Staff during archival review of the audio.

Subject: Interview of Admiral Robert O. Welander by John D. Ehrlichman and David R. Young regarding the Moorer-Radford Affair.

Participants: John D. Ehrlichman, David R. Young, Robert O. Welander

Date: Unknown, either December 22, 1971 or December 23, 1971

Format: 1 reel-to-reel audiotape

Location Found in Collections:

White House Special Files – Staff Member and Office Files – David R. Young – Box 18 – Welander/Ehrlichman/Young [10th folder in box 18]

Location of Reels: Nixon Presidential Library and Museum, Tapes Team, College Park, MD

Preservation History: Digital Preservation Master file of each reel created in September 2016

Date of Archival Review of Audio: January 2017 and September 13, 2017

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Appropriate declassification of content occurred in relation to Mandatory Declassification Review Case NLN 89-6.

Archivists have reviewed and cleared for release all other restriction categories.

Audio Note: The beginning of the reel appears to include a previously recorded unidentified interview that overlaps the initial part of the Welander interview recording. This overlap runs for around three minutes.

Audio Digital File Names: 37-young-box18folder10-01a

Related Textual Records:

Incomplete transcript of tape recorded interview with handwritten annotations (31 pages)

[NOTE: Transcript was present with audiotapes in original file]

Below constitutes a loose guide to assist with listening to the interview with the transcript

- BEGINNING – 00:05:00 – Transcript pages 1 – 3
- 00:05:00 – 00:10:00 – Transcript pages 3 – 5
- 00:10:00 – 00:15:00 – Transcript pages 5 – 8
- 00:15:00 – 00:20:00 – Transcript pages 8 – 11
- 00:20:00 – 00:25:00 – Transcript pages 11 – 13
- 00:25:00 – 00:30:00 – Transcript pages 13 – 16
- 00:30:00 – 00:35:00 – Transcript pages 16 – 18

- 00:35:00 – 00:40:00 – Transcript pages 18 – 20
- 00:40:00 – 00:45:00 – Transcript pages 20 – 23
- 00:45:00 – 00:50:00 – Transcript pages 23 – 25
- 00:50:00 – 00:55:00 – Transcript pages 25 – 27
- 00:55:00 – 01:00:00 – Transcript pages 27 – 29
- 01:00:00 – 01:05:00 – Transcript pages 29 – 31
- 01:05:00 – END – Transcript concludes at approximately 01:06:30 and remaining minutes have no transcription

Related Textual Records Location:

White House Special Files – Staff Member and Office Files – David R. Young – Box 18 – Welander/Ehrlichman/Young – Item No. 1 [coupled with audiotapes]

Related Audio Records:

Dictabelts 418, 419, 420, 421

These dictabelts represent an exact copy. It is possible, although unconfirmed, the original interview was recorded on reel-to-reel and then a dictabelt copy promptly made in December 1971 perhaps for Ehrlichman's files or to provide secretaries a copy for transcription.

The dictabelt audio is inferior to the reel-to-reel audio from the Young Office File.

Location Related Audio Records Found in Collections:

White House Special Files – Staff Member and Office Files – John D. Ehrlichman – Box 22 – Eyes Only

Location of Dictabelts: Nixon Presidential Library and Museum, Tapes Team, College Park, MD

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