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Part of a telephone conversation between President Nixon in the Lincoln Sitting Room and Elliot L. Richardson between 10:57 pm and 11:03 pm on April 29, 1971.

Conversation No. 2-71

President: Well, we just, uh, I know you got a, I know you got a terrible job over there, you know, and I, I, uh, told, uh, Ehrlichman today, I said, "You know, poor Richardson, he's got to take all these bastards he's got over there," and I understand that they, your whole, uh, outfit they have to be in that line 'n', but I, but we said in effect, we'll listen to them. If they're peaceful, we're not gonna [unintelligible] do anything to them. But if they're unpeaceful we're gonna prosecute 'em but that we're not going to be affected by them except if we think, I think the idea - not just peace in our time but peace in their time - is a good one to get across. What do you think?

Richardson: [Unintelligible].