

Jan. 5, ~~1973~~ telephone 7:38-7:58 p.m.
Mr. Nixon to Mr. Colson - segment at
end of conversation

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C. Mr. President, ah, ah, after we started keeping the log on Henry's calls ... this is total confidence because Henry should never know that we ...

P. What did you find out?

C. Well we don't - after we started keeping the log we found Roly Evans and Joe Kraft and Jerry Schector and those kind of people

P. Was Joe Kraft on the list?

C. Oh, yes, January 2nd

P. And was Joe Kraft January 2nd?

C. Ya.

P. You saw his column today.

C. Ya, and how. So you know where that comes from. But ah ...

P. Where I ...

C. But we have not yet found the New York Times. The problem being that we didn't keep a log until I ordered it on January 1st.

P. Right. Just keep the log from now on.

C. Now they are going to keep the log on people and phones. So, we'll...

P. Right, and incidentally I want it on his private phone, too. We can get that can't we?

C. I think we can.

P. Sure. God Damn it, we get it through the FBI.
(unintelligible word)

C. Yup, yup, o.k.

P. The FBI is to get to keep the log on his phone

(some jumbled words of President and Colson)

P. That is all we want to know. Who the Hell he calls. Now of course he talked to Kraft. You know God Damned well he did.

C. You see the hypocrisy of it is that he was saying to me on that Sunday that we musn't talk to anybody.

P. That's right.

C. And he picks up the phone and calls Joe Kraft, so if ...

- P. Sunday being ...
- C. Well, Sunday was the 31st.
- P. Ya - so he called up Joe Kraft on Tuesday.
- C. Yup.
- P. And Joe Kraft then writes an article yesterday that just knocks the be-Jesus of it and which Henry indicated that. Now I think Henry ought to be taken on on calling new-- Just say, "Henry, did you -- have you talked to Kraft?"
- C. Ya. I can hit Henry on that.
- P. No, no - I want you to ask him, I said Joe - ah, ah -- Henry, gee this is a terrible article. Have you talked...and if he lies on that I want to know. Will you do it?
- C. Yes, sir, I can check it.
- P. It is very important that I know that.
- C. I won't be able to get him tonight - I will have to ...I'll probably have to get him in the morning.
- P. No, God no, I don't mean it tonight, but sometime tomorrow say - (unintelligible). I don't want him to be too irritated before he goes to Paris, but say "What the Hell, did anybody in your shop or did you talk to Kraft?" He called him or did Kraft call Henry?
- C. No, he called Kraft. It's an outgoing call. He called Kraft.
- P. I'll be God Damned.
- C. See the incoming we couldn't even monitor.
- P. He called Kraft. I'll be a son of a bitch.
- C. We only know the outgoing 'cause the incoming we can't always trip.

P. That is unbelievable. Have you told Haldeman?

C. No. No.

P. Tell him tomorrow.

C. I haven't --

P. O.K.

C. I haven't even told Haldeman we're checking him. So I --

P. All right. It's good that your checking him.