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Part of a conversation between President Nixon and H. R. (ABob≡) Haldeman in the President's office in the Executive Office Building at an unknown time between 3:00 pm and 3:04 pm on April 20, 1971

Conversation No. 251-10

President: I got a little curious when he said that the [unintelligible], uh, kicking around. I said to the effect that the leadership meeting this morning was [unintelligible] only thirty percent of those in this demonstration were Vietnam veterans [unintelligible] and I said, "For Christ=s sakes, you were there." He said, uh, "Of course I wasn=t there the whole meeting.≡ But the matter was not even discussed. There was absolutely, nobody brought up the demonstrations. Nobody had discussed it one bit. [Unintelligible] if, uh, if, if [Vice President Spiro T.] Agnew said somethin= like this, that, or, or [unintelligible] slightest idea how many are who, we haven=t, all we, all we, we haven=t but we don=t know. It was just, uh, it was the press. It was everybody else. But I just wonder if somebody in that goddamn meeting [unintelligible] the Congressman [unintelligible] sit around that wall >n= I=d=ve said it wasn=t t=be discussed. It was absolutely, uh, [Clark] MacGregor was in the meeting. There was absolutely no discussion whatsoever of that. Whatever. Absolutely none. About any demonstration, [unintelligible] demonstration. We didn=t discuss the Vietnam veterans at all. Nobody brought it up. You better shake, shake >em up a little bit better. There must be, now, the new ones, the only ones that were in there that aren=t usually there [unintelligible] in his name. [Unintelligible] guys that, that will, that=re, that >re [unintelligible] I don=t want to trip Peterson, but, uh, the man might make up some such damn thing. [Unintelligible] I know Ron[ald L. Ziegler]=s checkin= it, but I, if this is a chance to nail somebody, [unintelligible] absolutely was not even a, it isn=t one where you gotta bear [unintelligible] was no discussion at all. The question of stopping it, there was absolutely no question

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about these raised about the deomnstration. [Unintelligible].