

NIXON PRESIDENTIAL MATERIALS STAFF**Tape Subject Log***(rev. 10/06)*

Transcript #1: Part of a conversation between President Nixon and Henry A. Kissinger in the Oval Office between 11:57 am and 12:19 pm on April 23, 1971.

Conversation No. 487-7#1

President: If it's not on television, it's gone. [clicks fingers] Ya see, the point is, if you haven't realized it, that's what, what really matters in terms of the public thing.

Kissinger: [Unintelligible].

President: After all, television at the present time is, uh, is zeroed in on these people. It'll zero in on the demonstration Saturday, and then they'll try and play it for the next two weeks. They're stringing it out. And it's highly unconscionable reporting on the part of television --

Kissinger: I think so.

President: -- highly unconscionable. They're, uh, they're just, just, uh, I mean, uh --.

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Kissinger: I remember four, three years ago when Harvard first blew up. I told the liberals there that two years from now it will be infinitely worse. "With all the concessions you've made, you meet every one of these points, that you=ll be worse off.≡ Uh, last year when the radicals smashed every window in Harvard Square, one of those professors was honest enough to call me up and say, "Yes, now I see."

President: Did he?

Kissinger: Yeah. But it, now, now they have big riots at Harvard. [Unintelligible] they had a big to-do --.

President: Are there riots going on now?

Kissinger: Well, they have a tremendous campaign on against professors they consider right-wing, with the slogan "No free speech for war criminals." In other words, the movement that started as a free speech movement at Berkeley is now a no-free-speech movement for war criminals. And they are after --

President: Oh, boy.

Kissinger: -- some of my colleagues, uh --.

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President: That's a shame.

Kissinger: Sam Huntington, who would be, uh --

President: Yeah, I know, a liberal.

Kissinger: -- liberal, uh, but he's honest.

President: I know him, I know him. I know who he is.

Kissinger: And they want to force him off the faculty.

President: I hope he doesn't go.

Kissinger: No, but, uh, I, I, the dean of the school of, well, the Kennedy School called me yesterday and said, "We are holding a meeting and we are convincing our faculty to vote for him." I said, "Why do you have to have a meeting to affirm that you are against the no-free-speech," and "why do you have to convince anybody? That ought to be taken for granted."

President: Who is "they" when they say, "No free speech for war criminals."

Kissinger: That's the SDS chapter there.

President: Well, my God, does that represent the whole school [unintelligible]?

Kissinger: No, but it's, uh, ten percent of the activists, and the others are cowardly.

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Kissinger: But I remember, Mr. President, this is a little worse than last year, but by June seventy we were just holding on. We had to keep putting on little things --.

President: You mean after Cambodia?

Kissinger: After Cambodia and then by September --.

President: How much worse is this? I don't think it's worse --

Kissinger: No.

President: -- because last year we had Kent State --

Kissinger: Yeah.

President: -- and Jackson State and that horrible --.

Kissinger: No, the demonstrations are easier this year.

President: The demonstrations, but the attack from the press is worse this year.