

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

Transcript #1: Part of a conversation between President Nixon and H. R. Haldeman in the Oval Office between 1:06 pm and 1:17 pm on April 29, 1971.

Conversation No. 490-7#1

Haldeman: Essentially very little demonstration activity today. They, not many of 'em showed up at HEW, which is where they were supposed to concentrate --

President: Um-hum.

Haldeman: -- and, uh, Abernathy and the Christian Leadership cats had a, had a, uh, thing on the Cap-Capitol steps 'n', and they only had about a hundred people there. Total crowd of a hundred persons at the west front. [Unintelligible] the immediate end to the southeast Asian --.

President: I wonder if the spa-, if the spasm may not've been - you know, it goes in spasms - may not have been, frankly, Saturday, when it was pretty day 'n' all the jackasses were down here 'n' --

Haldeman: Could very well --

President: -- screwin' around. [Unintelligible].

Haldeman: -- be they're just down to a hard core that --.

President: And now it's down to a hard core, and the hard core, though, they need, I want them to do somethin', God damn it. We don't want them to --.

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Haldeman: I think they will, if they get, they, they'll wait 'til next week, >cause they=re , they still hope their rock concert >n= all that=ll build a big crowd over the weekend that they=ll then use Monday morning and, uh, but if, if that, if they got frustrated, then, 'n' they'll get somewhere. They're, they're committed to a big thing next week.

President: What 're they committed to do?

Haldeman: To stopping the Government on Monday 'n' Tuesday and to stopping, uh, demonstrating --

President: [Sighs]

Haldeman: -- national-strike-type stuff on Wednesday. [Unintelligible] lot on the line for next week. They don't have anything on the line this week, 'cause they all said was they were gonna go around 'n' talk to people, and that's all they're doing.

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Conv. No. 490-7#2 (cont.)

Transcript #2: Part of a conversation between President Nixon and H. R. Haldeman in the Oval Office between 1:06 pm and 1:17 pm on April 29, 1971.

Conversation No. 490-7#2

Haldeman: Nice. The demonstrators get chilly.

President: You know, that's another thing that cools them off: the weather.

Haldeman: Bad weather, it really does.

President: Yeah, [unintelligible]. I think too this gang may be down there. They may be hittin' the dope too hard.

Haldeman: Well, that's what they were reporting today. Had trouble getting 'em up in the morning.

President: [Unintelligible] something next Monday and Tuesday, aren't they?

Haldeman: Yep. I think it's some, I think they have to.

President: 'Cause they publish this stuff and, uh --.

Haldeman: [Unintelligible] to clean the [unintelligible].

President: You see, if they don't, the problem is that then the, the, the soft-headed liberals - press 'n' some of our own White House - they will say, "Now see what, we were right. These demonstrators are all nice 'n' a lotta nice little peace-loving kids that wanna be peaceful." See my point?

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Haldeman: Yep.

President: And, Bob, you know that's not true.

Haldeman: Sure it isn't.

President: God, that --.

Haldeman: Not, not the bunch that're here now. I mean, I don't see how they can avoid, though, doing, doing somethin' that --.

President: We shall see.

Haldeman: People're locked into it.

President: We shall see.