

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

Part of a conversation between President Nixon and H. R. Haldeman in the Oval Office between 11:00 am and 11:28 am on May 7, 1971.

Conversation No. 495-9

President: I just called Edith Green on the phone [unintelligible], and she said, "Well, now, I voted against the war in sixty-five." She says, "I was, I just want you to know that I'm a Dem-" -- you know, she's liberal Democrat.

Haldeman: I know.

President: She says, "You can tell Jerry Ford that on this issue that he can call on me any time and you can count on me bein' on the right [unintelligible]. It's disgraceful the way that some of my own party is acting. It's just terrible what these people are doing [unintelligible]. The police were just right." She says, "I supported them totally. They" -- she stood on the floor yesterday.

Haldeman: I know it.

President: Well, [unintelligible].

Haldeman: [Unintelligible] standing ovation.

President: What I'm getting at is this, that we sit here, I, I, in a bomb shelter so to speak, and I mean, what happens to Ron 'n' Scali and, uh, ya know, Dick Moore and the rest, they're getting the idea, "Well, Jesus Christ," ya know, "we, you mustn't be gun-shy.≡

Haldeman: I'm always for it.

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President: "Don't be gun-shy about anything. God damn it, step up to 'em." That's what I mean. You've got to step up to some of these things, because we're, Bob, we're stuck with it anyway. I mean, he, he said, "Well, [unintelligible] even [unintelligible] much more suited. Ron had said it was unconstitutional." He didn't say that.