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Part of a conversation between President Nixon and H. R. ("Bob") 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 about these raised about the demonstration. [Unintelligible].