

**NIXON PRESIDENTIAL MATERIALS STAFF****Tape Subject Log***(rev. 9/08)*

Transcript #1: Part of a conversation among President Nixon, H. R. Haldeman, and Henry A. Kissinger in the Oval Office between 9:34 am and 9:54 am on April 28, 1971.

Conversation No. 489-35#1

President: What was, uh, th-, I saw that the Post had some picture of somebody being hauled out of the VA. What was that all about? [Unintelligible] a little rough stuff over there?

Haldeman: There's that crawling, climbing into the S-Selective Service.

President: The Post has one of 'em carrying the guy back through the picket line into the building, uh, whatever it was.

Haldeman: [Unintelligible] carried the guy over the picket line into the Selective Service, wasn't it? [Unintelligible] they picketed so they couldn't get back in after lunch and the guy climbed r-, I didn't see [unintelligible].

President: Oh, that [unintelligible].

Haldeman: But he climbed over the --.

President: There's nothing over there happens [unintelligible].

Haldeman: He tried to block them, and then they, uh, they were gonna stand, stay there and not let the people go home. Then they voted to let 'em go home. They're supposedly back this morning, prohibiting getting in.

Kissinger: I heard on the radio that they were. I don't know if that's true.

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Haldeman: I haven't gotten the report yet, but --.

President: Just let it build a little [unintelligible].

Haldeman: If they do, they will, they will move in and, and, uhm arrest them and, uh, [unintelligible] keep all buildings open. The Congress is apparently, uh --

President: Congress getting --.

Haldeman: -- getting into a bit of a stir.

President: Which way?

Haldeman: Still. Well, uh, there's no leadership on the Democratic side and the Demos-, they're very disturbed about Barry Goldwater closing his office.

President: What did he do? Close his office?

Haldeman: Yeah.

President: Why?

Haldeman: They threw that paint on, on his, in, in his office and disrupted his papers or something in his office.

President: Good [unintelligible].

Haldeman: So the door to his office is closed. He's locked his door and ordered his

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Washington office closed. And it'll remain closed until the demonstrators leave town. Now they're concerned. Our leadership, Scott, [unintelligible] and all those [unintelligible].

President: [Unintelligible].

Haldeman: No, they're very concerned because they think that gives the demonstrators a chance to say they are succeeding in their mission of closing down the Government. [Laughs]

President: No, no, no, no.

Haldeman: And, uh --

President: No. [Laughs] Barry is correct.

Haldeman: I know.

President: [Unintelligible] why on that.

Haldeman: Well, Barry's doing exactly the right thing.

President: Well, don't you agree he's playing up the issue?

Haldeman: Damn right.

President: Yeah.

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Haldeman: But --

President: [Unintelligible].

Haldeman: -- the point is --

President: [Unintelligible].

Haldeman: -- the point is now is that [unintelligible] all these pillars of strength wanna come down and talk to you about the problem --

President: Aha.

Haldeman: -- which is the last thing they should do 'cause those sons of bitches run the Capitol. You don't have a goddamned thing to do with the Capitol. You couldn't, you couldn't clear it out if you wanted to.

President: Well, what do they wanna do? What do they [unintelligible] --

Haldeman: [Unintelligible].

President: -- bring home fifty thousand Vietnam [unintelligible].

Haldeman: No, no, oh, no, no, no, no.

President: Are they screwing off on that again?

Haldeman: They're, what they're concerned about --.

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President: [Unintelligible] listen to more on this [unintelligible].

Haldeman: No, no, sir. This is a very productive, they're, they're doing the right thing. Their concern is that what's gonna happen is that the public impression is gonna end up being, no matter what you do with the, the Congress, that, that somehow these guys are succeeding and that they are closing down Government. In fact, we touched that in the meeting also that they can't get the Democratic leadership, Mansfield and, and Albert just [unintelligible] smile about the whole thing because they're under pressure from Hart and all the rest of that bunch to leave the thing open. So they won't move. Therefore, it's starting to look like a partisan thing where the Republicans are trying to put the thing in order and the Democrats won't. Now it seems to me they've gotta be clever enough there to get the Russell Longs and some of the other Democrats who just as mad as the Republicans are --

President: 'S right.

Haldeman: -- to be doing so it isn't partisan but that they've got to handle this problem. They can't. As soon as they come down in and see you, then they've wiped all that stuff off on your doorstep.

President: Put it to Mitchell.

Haldeman: Yeah.

President: Put it to Mitchell. [Unintelligible].

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Haldeman: [Unintelligible] there.

President: [Unintelligible] sit and cry [unintelligible] it. That's all they want to do is cry. The bastards have got no guts, no brains, no nothing.

Haldeman: It's a, it's an incredible thing. They, they --.

President: Yeah, the Democratic leadership. Now, Jerry Ford, does he wanna come? I hope he doesn't.

Haldeman: I don't know, I'm not sure whether Je-, I think it was just Senators [unintelligible].

President: Well then, I'm not gonna get into it.

Haldeman: Absolutely.

President: I'm not gonna get into. By God, it's up to them to run that Congress.

Haldeman: [Unintelligible] whole thing we were talking about. It [unintelligible].

President: Let Mitchell talk to 'em. [Unintelligible] I don't know whether, I didn't [unintelligible] that kinda stuff. UI don't care whether that it isn't going to fall out with Republicnas, Democrats or Republicans. I think it's gonna fall out. I don't know how you feel [unintelligible] but I think it's gonna fall out on this one. [Unintelligible] I've never been wrong too often on these things. [Unintelligible] it's gonna fall out on people just not liking the goddamn punk kids going down there and throwin' paint on the Senator's door and raisin' hell in the gallery and [unintelligible] and saying, "Fuck you," in front of women. Now, God damn it, I

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don't think people like that --.

Haldeman: Uh, they've got a new thing now, apparently, where some of them [unintelligible]

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President: Foam.

Haldeman: -- in their undershorts with their dicks hanging out.

President: Get a picture of the sons of bitches.

Haldeman: [Unintelligible] themselves. [Laughs] They can't get any of this stuff and they're coming, they've had two, at least one we know of and, and it's rumored two deaths in the camp out here from bad trips on dope, on hard dope.

President: Can you get any of the PD to get out there?

Haldeman: No.

President: Nothing.

Kissinger: No, that's illegal. [Unintelligible].

Haldeman: [Unintelligible].

President: Have you brought any of this to, to, to Scali's attention? Does he still, he still think it's fair?

Haldeman: No, he's beginning to see it.

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President: You see the point?

Haldeman: If he thought it was fair [unintelligible].

President: Now, God damn it, isn't it news? Those bastards are out there dying, huh, it's news, isn't it?

Haldeman: This is really funny. Ziegler this morning at the staff meeting said, "They're dying over there in the park." MacGregor said, "Now, Ron, that's a rumor, and you can't jump on conclusions like that and, uh, you know we need facts," he said, "if you have, if you don't have any evidence of that." Ron says, "Well, maybe I don't, but my neighbor's got one of them lying in his morgue." [Laughs] He's got an undertaker neighbor. [Laughs] Dead bodies that they brought over [unintelligible].

Kissinger: No, those kids, they had them on the "Today Show" this morning talking about, uh, marijuana and that they shouldn't --

Haldeman: Yeah.

Kissinger: -- they shouldn't take the bad medi-, med-[unintelligible].

Haldeman: One, one thought Ehrlichman had was that we do have an opportunity. There's practically everybody in there is [unintelligible] clear felony violation of, of the law, but, uh, uh, to move in and bust them on a dope charge is --

President: Wait.

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Haldeman: -- but that --

President: Wait.

Haldeman: -- that just, that looks like we, we were trying to --

President: Wait.

Haldeman: -- to get 'em on a --

President: Wait.

Haldeman: -- trumped-up --

President: Wait.

Haldeman: -- [unintelligible] charge.

President: Wait, wait, wait, wait, wait. That's like sending Al Capone to judge, uh, uh, uh, jail --

Haldeman: [Unintelligible].

President: -- in advance. No, sir, no, sir. Don't you agree, Henry?

Kissinger: Absolutely.

President: [Unintelligible].

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Kissinger: Uh, the worse they are for the next week or so the better off we are.

President: Well, they're gonna [unintelligible]. They leave, somebody else is gonna come.

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Transcript #2: Part of a conversation among President Nixon, H. R. Haldeman, and Henry A. Kissinger in the Oval Office between 9:34 am and 9:54 am on April 28, 1971.

Conversation No. 489-35#2

President: But, uh, you know they got the fairies coming down to give Har-Hardin the business. I don't give a damn what they do.

Haldeman: They're m-, they're making a big thing, you know, over this. There's a, there's a --

President: The, the gay girls, er, a --.

Haldeman: They have a gay May Day group. A good part of this demonstrator group is a, is a gay group.