

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

Transcript #1: Part of a conversation among President Nixon, H. R. ("Bob") Haldeman, John N. Mitchell, Leslie C. Arends, and Gerald R. Ford in the Oval Office between 3:31 pm and 4:23 pm on May 5, 1971

Conversation No. 492-3#1

President: The, uh, [unintelligible] and the Army have done a hell of a good job, don't you?

Ford: Oh, boy, terrific.

President: Do --

Ford: Great.

President: -- you, you, do you think we're repressing?

Unknown: No, not enough.

[Laughter]

President: What the hell more do you want?

[Laughter]

Unknown: [Unintelligible] more [unintelligible] thrown in jail.

Unknown: I heard the last few of 'em got clubbed, I mean --.

President: Yeah.

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Unknown: Maybe.

President: [Unintelligible].

Unknown: [Unintelligible].

President: Well, actually though, Jer-, what do you think, Jerry [unintelligible]?

Ford: Well, I was out home -- I was telling --

Ford: -- the Attorney General -- over the weekend. And, believe me, uh, the public out home want firm action. That's all they want [unintelligible] --.

President: [Unintelligible] and please with the [Unintelligible].

Ford: Oh, I'm sure. I'm sure.

President: Two thousand the next day.

Ford: Yeah. Yeah.

President: Well, John made the fol-, the, uh, [unintelligible]. I must say that he, we finally got [unintelligible] Police Chief who, uh, has, who's tough and got brains.

Unknown: Yes, sir. That's great.

President: [Unintelligible] lucky [unintelligible].

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Ford: And he has a nice manner, too.

President: What's his background? What is his background?

Unknown: [Unintelligible].

Mitchell: [Unintelligible] it's very interesting. He, uh, busted out o' school when he was fourteen --

President: Good.

Mitchell: -- lied about his age, went off to the Marines --

President: Good.

Mitchell: -- and, uh --

President: [Unintelligible].

Mitchell: -- spent two hitches in the Marines and came back and finished high school, and he's been on the [Washington] DC police force ever since.

President: Hmm. He finished high school --

Mitchell: Going, is it, way up in --.

President: -- and then, [unintelligible] and then the Marine Corps.

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Mitchell: No, he went to, he lied about his age, and he went in the Marine Corps at fourteen
--

President: Yeah.

Mitchell: -- 'n' he did two hitches in the Marine Corps and then came back and finished
high school --

President: Um-hum.

Mitchell: -- and then he came up here with the Police Department 'n' this is a fella who's --

Unknown: [Unintelligible].

Mitchell: -- educating himself right [unintelligible] through the ranks.

President: Let's quit educating [unintelligible].

[Laughter]

Unknown: That's right.

Ford: Just put 'em in the Marines at fourteen.

President: Oh, [unintelligible].

Unknown: [Unintelligible].

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Mitchell: [Unintelligible] he has tremendous judgment.

[Laughter]

President: Oh! [Unintelligible].

Mitchell: [Unintelligible] says he held his press conference that I re-request the other day. And he got [unintelligible] “Well, will the Amer-, would, what do ya think you’re doin’ with all these people’s civil liberties” and all the rest of it. And he just said, “I’ll let the American people judge that.” He didn’t answer the question otherwise.

Unknown: [Unintelligible].

President: Ya can’t, ya can’t do better than that.

Haldeman: Perfect answer.

Ford: Yeah.

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Conversation No. 492-3#2

President: The Democratic Party is in a hell of a sh-, state, uh, uh, position now because they've so badly slipped --

Unknown: Oh.

President: -- on so many things. And look at the, look at those clowns supporting these, uh, uh, I mean, uh --

Haldeman: Yeah.

President: -- [Edmund S.] Muskie sending oranges to these people -- twice! Even this week, he sent --

Unknown: [Unintelligible].

President: -- another crate.

Haldeman: He sent oranges out to those in the prison.

President: Yeah.

Ford: I didn't know that.

Unknown: One box of oranges for three thousand people [unintelligible].

Haldeman: No, he sent a bunch of 'em over.

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Conversation No. 492-3#3

Ford: Ya know a good analogy, John and Mr. President: why did the, uh, demonstrations around here fail? Because they told the enemy in advance what the plans were.

President: Um-hum. They sure did.

Ford: And if they'd kept their mouths shut and come down here and then spontaneously done what they planned to do, you wouldn't have been prepared to the degree that you were.

Mitchell: Well, I think that possibly could be so.

[Laughter]

President: I think they made the --.

Unknown: [Unintelligible].

Ford: Tell --.

Haldeman: Signal your punches

Ford: Sure. Tell the enemy what you're gonna do, and you run into a little more

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trouble.

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Conversation No. 492-3#4

President: I'll tell ya this. I think a few speeches, we should get to there, that, uh, that, uh, voting, this, uh, let's don't be intimidated by these people that were in town last week.

Ford: I, uh, I --

President: God damn it. [?]

Ford: -- think you're exactly right.

President: I think that's, I don't think there's --

Unknown: [Coughs]

President: -- they're gonna look very good, at, voting for a date certain or any other damn thing right after this rabble's been in town. What do you think, Les?

Arends: I agree; I agree.

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Transcript #5: Part of a conversation among President Nixon, H. R. ("Bob") Haldeman, John N. Mitchell, and Manolo Sanchez in the Oval Office between 4:23 pm and 4:25 pm on May 5, 1971

Conversation No. 492-3#5

President: Manolo, what do you think of the Attorney General? He's pretty soft, too soft, d'you think? Too hard?

Sanchez: I think he's a little soft, sir.

President: A little soft?

Sanchez: Yes.

President: What do you think he ought to do?

Sanchez: Well --

Mitchell: We don't have any bullets, Manolo. So we [unintelligible].

Sanchez: No, but as I telling the President yesterday [unintelligible] made the speech, the talk [unintelligible] people.

[Laughter]

Mitchell: You should o' seen the police doin' that yesterday afternoon. They weren't missin' 'em.

Sanchez: [Unintelligible].

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Mitchell: Sure is.

President: Well, they had to do something.

Mitchell: Hell, a lot of 'em are kickin' an' scratchin' an' biting an', what the hell, that's what they should do.