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Part of a telephone conversation between President Nixon in the Lincoln Sitting Room and Charles W. Colson between 10:40 pm and 10:49 pm on April 29, 1971.

Conversation No. 2-67

Colson: [Unintelligible].

President: Well, you always say that. [Laughs]

Colson: [Unintelligible].

President: I was pretty tough.

Colson: [Unintelligible].

President: They were tough, yeah.

Colson: [Unintelligible].

President: Well, they were trying to get at me and I moved. But they were trying to get at me. I didn't let them do it.

Colson: [Unintelligible].

President: The what?

Colson: [Unintelligible].

President: Below the belt, but that's all right. It gave me a chance to say, "Here's the guy

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who's got a shoulder entry and, goddammit, he oughta be in the White House."

Colson: [Unintelligible].

President: So they thought it was all right huh?

Colson: [Unintelligible].

President: Everybod-, nobody recorgnized, I said I was still against it.

Colson: [Unintelligible].

President: I bet, I bet saying that nobody in this country, not even the President, is above the law, is a good thing to let, let the country know.

Colson: Unintelligible].

President: But also saying that if they come peacefully, fine, but if they break the law, we're gonna prosecute them to the limits of the law.

Colson: [Unintelligible].

President: Is that, uh --?

Colson: [Unintelligible].

President: Well, there isn't going to be. Hell, we haven't got the troops.

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Colson: [Unintelligible].

President: Yeah.

Colson: [Unintelligible].

President: What's this?

Colson: [Unintelligible].

President: Did they show me talking into the camera a couple times?

Colson: [Unintelligible].

President: Yeah, where I said that, uh, you know, I know that, that many of you in this [laughs] I really stuck the press, I said, "Many of you in this audience agree with the demonstrators. You, you disagree with my policies. I understand. I respect that but I don't agree with you." It's well to tell the bastards that.

Colson: [Unintelligible].

President: Well, I thought through the, the line. It's not, not a bad one that I worked out, but I said that it is not peace in our time but peace in their time that I'm concerned about.