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Transcript #1: Part of a telephone conversation between President Nixon in the Lincoln Sitting Room and H. R. Haldeman between 8:53 am and 9:11 am on May 7, 1971.

Conversation No. 2-108#1

President: I'm a little surprised, Teddy [unintelligible]. Did you have any further reactions about that [unintelligible]?

Haldeman: Yeah, they're, they're workin' hard to try 'n' escalate that 'cause everybody's convinced Teddy is --.

President: Well, isn't it --

Haldeman: [Unintelligible].

President: -- isn't it interesting that the press does just not play it?

Haldeman: Well, you see what happened is the, there was no release made of it.

President: Well, then --

Haldeman: What he said --

President: -- then --

Haldeman: -- was at, uh, at, uh --

President: -- I --.

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Haldeman: -- Iona College dinner --

President: Now wait a minute.

Haldeman: -- in New York.

President: That is, I [unintelligible] the damn ticket that's usually --

Haldeman: Well --

President: -- the trouble with the --.

Haldeman: -- no, it finally got on the ticket.

President: Yeah, good.

Haldeman: It hadn't gotten on --.

President: Well, the point about, the point about it, that it oughta, the reason, I guess, that people ought to go, the only way to do it is not to [unintelligible] support the President and Mitchell. [Unintelligible] attack --

Haldeman: Right.

President: -- Kennedy. Uh, I would attack Kennedy but also, at the same breath, I would express great support of the police -- -

Haldeman: Right, police have been --.

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President: -- and the military and the --.

Haldeman: They've done that, they've gotten some great stuff on --

President: Have they?

Haldeman: Yeah.

President: Good.

Haldeman: -- on, on the support --.

President: They really should. Now I --

Haldeman: [Unintelligible].

President: -- had a meeting with that group last night. I [unintelligible] just, I just wanna say that I'm very proud of the police, the Pentagon, 'n' [unintelligible]. How the hell's that?

Haldeman: Yeah.

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Conv. No. 2-108#2 (cont.)

Transcript #2: Part of a telephone conversation between President Nixon in the Lincoln Sitting Room and H. R. Haldeman between 8:53 am and 9:11 am on May 7, 1971.

Conversation No. 2-108#2

President: Well, anyway, there's, uh, [clears throat] there's what, the general reaction though is that nothing further should be said with regard to my --

Haldeman: No.

President: -- saying anything to the police [unintelligible].

Haldeman: No, that's, that's uh, uh, that's still very strongly Ron's feeling that it is, uh, it's interesting enough that we, we should talk about it.

President: Just kick it around.

Haldeman: Klein and, and, uh, Klein 'n' Colson both feel you should see him and, uh, Ron, Ron's is just, uh, wha-what he's saying is that it, what he's worried about is that --

President: [Unintelligible].

Haldeman: -- you'll get a good picture and a good story now but then you'll get all this nibbling away at it that [unintelligible] they decide to jump on it; they did a good job [unintelligible] get credit. I don't see that that's --

President: What the hell, I --

Haldeman: -- follow [unintelligible].

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President: -- I get the discredit, don't I?

Haldeman: Well, you've gotten the credit all along now, and you are getting the credit --

President: I just think --

Haldeman: -- [unintelligible].

President: -- I'm inclined to do it. [Unintelligible] tell 'em the city is [unintelligible].

Haldeman: The point, yeah, you, that's the point, the thing --

President: Right.

Haldeman: -- the thing's over now, and they did a hell of a job 'n', 'n' you'd be kind of ungrateful if you didn't say it.

President: Right. I really think that, you know, I, they've done a good job and I, I tell 'em that, uh, uh, the, uh, I'll express appreciation. I, well, I'm gonna do it, I'm gonna do it, and let, let me, tell Ron I, I'll handle this. They're gonna nibble anyway, that, thing he doesn't really, Ron is a [unintelligible] person, but I don't think he is, but they're gonna nibble anyway. Don't you agree?

Haldeman: Yeah.

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President: What the Christ else does this do? What does this add to it? The fact that I saw the policeman? Hell, they'll, they'll pick up the fact I called his wife on the day they were, they're married, you know? 'N' [unintelligible] they got plenty of nibble on already, haven't they?

Haldeman: Sure.

President: I saw Mitchell, I called the policeman at the beginning --.

Haldeman: Well, we're solidly on the record with that --.

President: Yeah.

Haldeman: [Unintelligible].

President: Ron has said it on several occasions.

Haldeman: He said over and over now.

President: I called, I called the Mayor and, uh, I really think you have to say that.

Haldeman: Okay.

President: Uh, maybe we should just [unintelligible] go on TV. I --

Haldeman: Well --

President: -- [unintelligible].

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Haldeman: We've tried the television.

President: [Unintelligible].

Haldeman: All you got is Saturday night.

President: Well, that's fine, okay, okay.