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NIXON: Ya.
SECRETARY: I have Mr. Ehrlichman now, sir. I have Mr. Ehrlichman now.
NIXON: Ya, ya.
SECRETARY: Here you are.
EHRLICHMAN: Thank you.
NIXON: Hello, John.
EHRLICHMAN: Yes sir.
NIXON: I, uh, I, I, uh, just talked to Bob and told him he could call you
EHRLICHMAN: Oh, fine.
NIXON: ...you wouldn't have to call me back.
EHRLICHMAN: Okay.
NIXON: But, uh (clears throat) I mean, just fill him in on the talk with Peterson which he has in full.
EHRLICHMAN: Alright, I'll, I'll get it from him then...
NIXON: Yeah.
EHRLICHMAN: ...then.
NIXON: And, uh, the only thing that, uh, is particularly relevant is that piece of paper which they brought in here which, uh-I talked to Peterson about it, and he said the pr-that he felt very strongly, as did-and Kleindienst--that, that Dean's people were trying to blackmail them with that.
EHRLICHMAN: Hmm.
NIXON: And that they, therefore, felt it was very important that they get that--b-, b-, because I had assured Peterson that, of course, it had never...

HALDEMAN: Um-hmm.

NIXON: ...never been conveyed to the prosecution that they at least can get it too. The prosecutor was aware of the fact that at first their investigations—you see what I mean is that Dean having--Dean's lawyer having told them this, uh, they have, they have—fell that it's important that the prosecution know it.

EHRLICHMAN: Hm.

NIXON: That the judge know it. Now that's what they've done.

EHRLICHMAN: I see.

NIXON: And, uh, I don't think I had any choice in the matter. I mean, I could have said uh, kill it, don't pass it on, et cetera.

EHRLICHMAN: They, they passed it on to Matt Byrne?

NIXON: Passed it on to the judge.

EHRLICHMAN: I see.

NIXON: That's right. And what is likely to happen is that—well, I don't know. Might call Dean. And then Dean will have to say what it was.

EHRLICHMAN: Hmm.

NIXON: So uh, so Watergate buggers involved in, uh, into the psychiatrist's office. Let me say, though it, on that point, I think it was, with that information—hands of, of, of all those u—, prosecutors over there already...
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EHRLICHMAN: Um hmm.
NIXON: ...it's going to come out anyway, John.
EHRLICHMAN: Um humm.
NIXON: You know what I mean.
EHRLICHMAN: Yeah.
NIXON: So (unintelligible). Ah, otherwise I covered the other items very
EHRLICHMAN: Alright I'll...
NIXON: ...very strongly with him.
EHRLICHMAN: ...I'll talk to Bob.
EHRLICHMAN: Thanks.