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PRESIDENT: [Unintelligible]

HALDEMAN: John, he is one of the quiet guys that gets a lot done. That was a good move, too, bringing Dean in. But it's--

PRESIDENT: Yeah.

HALDEMAN: It-He'll never, he'll never gain any ground for us. He's just not that kind of guy. But, he's the kind that enables other people to gain ground while he's making sure that you don't fall through the holes.

PRESIDENT: Oh. You mean--

HALDEMAN: Between times, he's doing, he's moving ruthlessly on the investigation of McGovern people, Kennedy stuff, and all that too. I just don't know how much progress he's making, 'cause I--

PRESIDENT: The problem is that's kind of hard to find.

HALDEMAN: Chuck, Chuck has gone through, you know, has worked on the list, and Dean's working the, the thing through IRS and, uh, in some cases, I think, some other [unintelligible] things. He's--He turned out to be tougher than I thought he would, which is what

PRESIDENT: Yeah.

HALDEMAN: is--

PRESIDENT: You put anybody else that you want to run in in the morning, you can. [Unintelligible] I'm going to stick around here for awhile. I don't think I can do this finance group in the morning. I think it's too quick after the Watergate. Let's do it next Monday or Tuesday. That ought to be about it.

HALDEMAN: Let me check and see.

PRESIDENT: You know who he's ' uh [unintelligible]

HALDEMAN: There isn't, I don't think, anything pending, but I'll check.

PRESIDENT: You know, we ought to get something together. Shriver's put out his financial statement now, too. While you're at it, I'd deliberately raise mine other than in [unintelligible]

HALDEMAN: Oh yeah, we're pushing that hard. The Vice President was delighted with that.

PRESIDENT: Did he get the point?

HALDEMAN: Yeah absolutely.

PRESIDENT: [Unintelligible.] Now we want--in that regard, I don't think he (unintelligible) wife, did she?

HALDEMAN: I don't know, but I would guess his wife probably doesn't have any and so it won't make any difference.

PRESIDENT: Make any dif--she might.

HALDEMAN: She must.

PRESIDENT: Make him report it.

HALDEMAN: But this Shriver one, we--

PRESIDENT: The Shriver one, the--Yeah. She'll have to report [unintelligible] to the organization [unintelligible] trust.

HALDEMAN: Yeah, it's all in trust. She only has about twenty thousand dollars. Kennedy put his stocks up, tried for the trust to put, you know, what it was worth. [Dean enters room]

PRESIDENT: Hi, how are you?

DEAN: Yes sir.

PRESIDENT: Well, you had quite a day today, didn't you? You got, uh, Watergate, uh, on the way, huh?

DEAN: Quite a three months.

HALDEMAN: How did it all end up?

DEAN: Uh I think we can say "Well" at this point. The, uh, the press is playing it just as we expect.

HALDEMAN: Whitewash?

DEAN: No, not yet; the, story right now--

PRESIDENT: It's a big story.

DEAN: Yeah.

PRESIDENT: [Unintelligible.]

HALDEMAN: Five indicted,

DEAN: Plus,

HALDEMAN: They're building up the fact that one of--

DEAN: Plus two White House aides.

HALDEMAN: Plus, plus the White House former guy and all that. That's good. That, that takes the edge off whitewash really--which--that was the thing Mitchell kept saying that,

PRESIDENT: Yeah.

HALDEMAN: that to those in the country, Liddy and, and, uh, Hunt are big men.

DEAN: That's right.

(The tape of this meeting with Dean has previously been supplied)