

Nixon press Conference

Wednesday 8/22/73

2:30 - 3:20 pm

- Q (on taping phones)

- A: (on phone bugging during JFK regime)

In 3 JFK years + 3 LBJ
years - - - hecht was
when RFK was AG -
He had 250 - - - if
he had had 10 more and
had been able to discover
the Oswald plan, it would
have been justified.

- Q (later) (on "ten more phones tapped")

- A: I said "if 10 more wiretaps
could have found the conspiracy,
if there was a conspiracy?
... There were national security

problems... they were in the
national interest ---

I was suggesting that in terms
of those times to have an Oswald
--- with his record ---
a terrible breakdown in our
protective security areas "