

KPFA 3/12/74 on Doar's letter valuable, thanks. Filing here  
under the new 3/21/73 file established under GL's knowledge.  
Did not know of GL's cassette. I was right in believing that the  
McCord ltr to Sirica written before credited date, on 3/19/73.  
HW 3/18/74

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Could GL's cassette be the one referred to by Lardner  
and Claiborne in WXP 19 Jan 74? To save you looking it up,  
this is what we have on it in our chronology:

18 Jan 74 - Nixon recordings, new gaps. Ben Veniste brings  
out, in questioning Buzhardt at court hearing,  
that a gap exists in Nixon's dictated  
recollections of meeting with Dean 21 Mar 73, and  
in that of phone call with Mitchell 20 Jun 72.

Nixon-Dean, 21 Mar 73, cassette - 57-second  
blank space, followed by Nixon on another  
subject, beginning in mid-sentence.

Nixon-Mitchell, 20 Jun 72, dictabelt -  
37-second gap, followed by Nixon in mid-sentence  
on another subject.

Unsatisfactory explanation is given by  
Buzhardt.

WXP says these two new gaps were first  
reported to Sirica 12 Dec 73 at a secret  
conference with opposing lawyers.

Sirica suspends hearings and recommends a  
grand jury investigation "into the possibility of  
unlawful destruction of evidence and related  
offenses."

WXP 19 Jan 74, Lardner and Claiborne

The hearing 18 Jan <sup>L&DS</sup> with "a final round of testimony" on  
erasure in tape of 20 Jun 72 by expert panel, which will be  
assigned to check the cassette and dictabelt.

Having just re-read the story, to check something else,  
I find the actual wording used by Lardner and Claiborne is  
that Nixon dictated his "remarks about a series of meetings"  
with Dean that day (at "9 the same night"). ~~None of the~~  
Pacifica's report of 12 Mar 74 suggests the Judiciary  
Committee was interested in the Nixon-Dean conversation, but

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the cassette could include Nixon's version of his meeting with Haldeman and Dean later the same day. No way of knowing where the gap appears.

The story says the cassette was turned over to Jaworski for submission to the grand jury along with the WH tapes of the meetings themselves. No date. Possibly 8 Dec 73? Jaworski said 10 Dec that on the 8th WH delivered to him a "significant number of tape recordings" and a "substantial number of documents."

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McCord's letter to Sirica. The only dates we have are these, and nothing earlier than the first one:

19 Mar 73 - McCord's letter to Judge Sirica is dated 19 Mar 73.

WXP 24 Mar 73 (from text of letter)

21 Mar 73 - McCord "delivers" letter to Judge Sirica, who refuses to accept it on the ground that he should have no direct dealings with a defendant.  
NYT 24 Mar 73

23 Mar 73 - McCord's letter to Judge Sirica is read in court.

24 Mar 73, NYT