

SENATE WHISPERS: There have been whispers in the Senate cloakroom that, if too many embarrassing tapes are subpoenaed at an impeachment trial, the President may release some of his taped conversations with individual senators.

Sen. Barry Goldwater, R-Ariz., acknowledged that he could be hurt by the release of his private talks with the President, because he probably used "the most embarrassing language" of any senator on the White House tapes.

If his conversations were released, said the candid Goldwater, "I would be sorely tempted — although I would try to resist — to vote (against the White House) on that basis alone."

Sen. Russell Long, D-La., said he remembered the "high points but not the low points" of his meetings with the President. If embarrassing conversations were made public, said the senator, "we'd have to say he (the President) lost stature in our sight."

Most senators agreed with Senate Republican leader Hugh Scott, who said the release of

presidential senatorial tapes "would push senators over to the other side."

WASHINGTON WHIRL: The House impeachment staff still is relying upon the investigations of others to build the case against President Nixon. House investigators haven't yet gotten around themselves to interviewing some of the key Watergate figures. The staff has placed great stress upon the White House tapes, including those President Nixon is still refusing to hand over. Some committee members contend the staff is counting, foolishly, on the President to hang himself... Justice Department specialists are worried about computer fraud. Embezzlers with a mastery of computers are able to cheat banks and businesses by manipulating the

right buttons. The crime is difficult to trace and to prove through the maze of tangled computer tapes...

Ginger Allen, identifying herself as a "free lancer working on a deadline," picked up a press copy of a study on the B-1 bomber project the other day. She also attended a press conference on Capitol Hill where she asked at least one question. We have now identified her as an employe of Rockwell International, which has a big financial stake in the B-1 bomber. Another Rockwell employe, Doug Larsen, dispatched a messenger to Capitol Hill to pick up a copy of the press release. The messenger delivered the document, however, to an Air Force office at the Pentagon. "I wanted to make sure they had the thing," Larsen told us.

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