

"April, 1971, was the month in which the Supreme Court ruled that it was legal to record conversations when one party to the conversation had given consent to be recorded."

WXPost 17 Jul 73, p. 19, John Hanrahan

Butterfield, in testimony 16 Jul 73, initially gives date that taping was begun as "April or May of 1970 and perhaps the end of the summer or early fall 1970." At the end of his testimony, after Buzhardt has sent a memo to the Ervin committee correcting the date to "spring of 1971," Butterfield agrees this must be the correct date.

(John Hanrahan, referring to Buzhardt memo says - apparently in error - that Buzhardt gives the date as "April 1971," but text of memo says "spring of 1971.")

WXP 17 Jul 73, p. 19, cols. 1 and 8

WXP 17 Jul 73, col. 3, Hanrahan

Nixon, at press conference 22 Aug 73, says that when he took office and found "a taping capacity" in the White House he had it dismantled, and that it was "put into place again in June of 1970." After the press conference Gerald Warren says Nixon "misspoke" in giving this date. If Warren gave a corrected date, no mention is made of it in story.

WXP 23 Aug 73, p. 12, col. 8

~~William O. Dobrovir says (15 Dec 73)~~

(no date)

White House turns over to William O. Dobrovir/tape of Nixon's meeting with dairy leaders, 23 Mar 71. "White House lawyers had initially indicated that no recording was made of [this] session but ... Buzhardt said it turned up as the result of a more painstaking search required by the litigation." Tape of a subsequent meeting the same day, among Nixon, Hardin and other administration officials, has been submitted to U.S. District Judge William B. Jones for secret inspection; executive privilege is claimed for this tape. Meeting with dairy leaders was held in Cabinet Room; that with administration officials was held in Oval Office. "Copies of the tapes of both March 23 meetings at the White House have apparently been turned over by now to ... Jaworski "

WXP 16 Dec 73, George Lardner