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H.R. Haldeman has become a central figure in the court hearing over the two missing White House tapes. Last summer Haldeman testified before the Senate Watergate committee that he was allowed to take some tapes home last July, but he wasn't sure which ones. At the time there were implications from some quarters that Haldeman might have tampered with the tapes, a charge that he stoutly denied.

Today a Secret Service agent, Raymond Zunwalt, testified before Judge John Sirica that last July 11th he gave to Presidential aide Steve Bull the tapes covering April 15th, the day of the President's conversation with John Dean that is missing from the White House tapes.

Bull is yet to be heard from, but Fred Buzhardt, Mr. Nixon's lawyer, told reporters that the tape for that date - quote - "probably went to Haldeman - that's my speculation." - end of quote.

Fred Graham, CBS News, at the Federal Court House, in Washington.