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To decide that the tapes belong to Mr. Nixon affronts common sense and ignores the two year hell that Mr. Nixon imposed on us. Even if Mr. Nixon could produce bills of sale for the tapes, the taping equipment, and had paid the salaries of the tape technicians, at best he shares ownership with the unsuspecting victims of his bugging with whom he conducted official business.

But Mr. Nixon, uniquely, evaded an impeachment in which nuggets of information from this tape goldmine played a large part. By evading impeachment and trial, Nixon keeps the public from mining this information. To allow him to take this information with him before a true, verbatim copy becomes public is a major injustice now and promises more injustices in the future.

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