

25 Apr 73 ①

Gray calls Sen. Weicker asking for meeting; they meet twice today and again 26 Apr. Gray tells him about receiving the Hunt files, that he had not read them, and that he had torn them in half and thrown them into burn basket 3 Jul 72.

NYT 4 Aug 73 - excerpts from Gray testimony  
p. 12, col. 8

"Japanese Have No Plans To Invite Nixon For Visit" - "Foreign Minister Masayoshi Ohira of Japan made it clear today, after his government canceled a visit by Emperor Hirohito to the United States, that Japan had no plans to invite President Nixon to come [to Japan] any time soon. .... [The reasons given by Ohira for cancellation of Hirohito's visit were that the Emperor was to take part in rededication of the imperial shrine, was scheduled to attend a national athletic meet and to preside over dedication of the year's crops - all apparently to take place in October, the month usually tentatively chosen for his visit to the U.S.] The Emperor's presence is required when the imperial shrine is rededicated every 20 years, but his attending the athletic meet and the harvest ceremony was considered more important than accepting Mr. Nixon's repeated invitation was left unexplained. Mr. Ohira ... denied speculation here that the Emperor's visit had been canceled because of the Watergate scandals. .... "

NYT 26 Apr 73, Halloran

- See entry 24 Apr, 26 Apr 73; 4 Sep 74; Japan (Ford).

Special prosecutors/Petersen - See entry 23 Apr 73, Dean.  
Dispute between special prosecutors and Petersen about information on their investigation going to the White House.

Nixon again offers Haldeman and Ehrlichman money for attorneys' fees. See entry 17 Apr 73.

Haldeman, Ehrlichman - See entry, Nixon again offers ....

Nixon tells Haldeman to review tape of his Nixon's meeting with Dean 21 Mar 73; Haldeman reports on it at length to Nixon this afternoon. (At meeting 21 Mar Dean told Nixon of Hunt's latest "blackmail" threat, estimating this might cost

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\$1 million.) In conversation with Haldeman today, Nixon worries that Dean might have had a concealed tape recorder with him 21 Mar.

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5 Dec 74, Lardner. Text of excerpts, NYT, WXP 22 Nov 74.<sup>C</sup><sub>D</sub>

Tape of 21 Mar 73 - See entry, Nixon tells Haldeman to review .... (Nixon worries that Dean might have had a tape recorder with him at that meeting.)

"Rose" (Rose Mary Woods?) - In tape of Nixon-Haldeman conversation today Haldeman reminds Nixon that at ~~anextime~~ some unspecified time "you talked about Rose having some money - for something. I remember that." There is apparently no other mention in the tape of Rose or this particular fund.

WXP 22 Nov 74, George Lardner Jr.

Tapes of 25 Apr 73 - Text of excerpts, NYT, WXP 22 Nov 74. Four "previously undisclosed" WH recordings are played at cover-up trial 21 Nov 74: 19 Apr 73, Nixon-Haldeman; 25 Apr 73, Nixon-Haldeman-Ehrlichman; 25 Apr 73, Nixon-Haldeman; 25 Apr 73, Nixon-Haldeman (phone).  
NYT, WXP 22 Nov 74 (text of excerpts)

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(A) - Nixon tells Haldeman at their afternoon meeting that "I always wondered about that ~~taping~~ [WH] taping equipment, but I'm damn glad we have it, aren't you?" Haldeman replies, "Yessir, I think it's, it's just one thing I went through today, it was very helpful."

5 Dec 74, Lardner; transcript, NYT 5 Dec 74

- See entry 4 Jun 73, Nixon calls Haldeman .... (on ways to "pre-empt" Dean's expected account of meeting of 21 Mar 73).

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(B) - Haldeman says (8 Nov 73) that it was on 26 Apr 73 that ~~approximately~~ 22 WH tapes were turned over to him, including that of Nixon-Dean conversation of 21 Mar 73 (entry 26 Apr).

Of other tapes made that day (21 Mar) 17 minutes of a Nixon-Colson phone conversation are unrecorded, and Nixon cassette of his meeting with Dean contains a 57-second blank space. (For refs, see memos on missing or defective tapes, and memo headed Dictabelt and cassette.)

(C) - For Nixon's comments on possibility Dean might have had a hidden tape recorder, see transcripts, NYT 22 Nov 74, of two conversations with Haldeman 25 Apr 73, 4:40 p.m. and 7:45 p.m.

(D) - See entry 2 Dec 74, Haldeman (WH taping system): Haldeman, appearing before Watergate grand jury 14 May 73, did not disclose WH taping system.

(E) - See Misc. notes on Butterfield, 13 Jul 73, p. 2-G: Nixon, selective use of tape excerpt.

(F) - "I have got to put the wagons up around the President\* - Nixon to Haldeman; tape, 25 Apr 73.  
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(G) - "In early evening [25 Apr] Mr. Nixon telephoned Haldeman and talked about the possibility of Dean's having a tape recording [of Nixon-Dean meeting 21 Mar 73]. Haldeman tells Mr. Nixon that if Dean had no tape recording he would have to rely on his own records and Mr. Nixon replies,

\*on this particular conversation [21 Mar 73]"  
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Rosenbaum gives this quotation as "You, Ehrlichman and I have got to put the wagons up around the President of this particular conversation."

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'On that we'll destroy him. It's his word against . . . the President's.'" AMP - A

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Ⓜ- In phone conversation with Haldeman this evening, after asking if there is any way Haldeman could check whether Dean had a tape recorder with him, ~~Stiz~~Mar says, "Although as I say, if worse comes to worse, and he has one, well, we've got one. [Laughs.]"

WXP 22 Nov 74, transcript of conversation 25 Apr 73.

Ⓜ- "The transcript [of 26 Apr 73] . . . showed Nixon telling Haldeman: 'I, I don't think it should ever get out that we taped this office, Bob.'

"The then-President voiced special concern over the recording of an incriminating March 21, 1973, meeting he had with White House Counsel John W. Dean III.

"I just don't want that tape, for example - I don't want you to, I don't want you to disclose that to Ehrlichman or anybody else . . . ' Nixon added at the meeting with his chief of staff."

WXP 27 Dec 74, George Lardner Jr.