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Nixon listens to secret White House tapes; <sup>\*\*</sup> Steve Bull, special assistant, listens to tape of a meeting 14 Mar 73.  
SFC [NYT] 1 Aug 73 (See 13 Jul, 31 Jul 73.)  
See entry, Nixon (see entry, 10 Sep 73)  
calls Haldeman ...

Mrs. Hunt - second of two articles on plane crash.  
WXP 4 Jun 73, Ronald Kessler

\* This is the day Bull removed from EOB safe 26 tapes, not logged as returned to the safe.

SFC 2 Nov 73 [NYT]  
SFC 3 Nov 73 [NYT]

\*\* From press conference 5 Sep 73 (NYT 6 Sep): "... the only time I listened to the tapes, two certain tapes - I didn't listen to all of them, of course - was on June the fourth. There is nothing whatever in the tapes that is inconsistent with the statement that I made on May 22d or of - the statement that I made to you ladies and gentlemen in answer to several questions - .... two weeks ago<sup>(27 Aug)</sup> - and finally, nothing that differs whatever from the statement that I made on the 15th of August."

Nixon calls Haldeman, 10:21 p.m., one-minute conversation, suggesting that Haldeman think of some way to "pre-empt" Dean's expected testimony about Nixon-Dean conversation 21 Mar 73 (Hunt "blackmail"). Nixon: "... if we could pre-empt that one, we've got him right by the balls."

It is difficult to determine at what point in the conversation Nixon made this remark; Lardner does not say and the transcript itself is not given. Apparently at the beginning of the conversation (from context) Nixon says, "The one thing which, of course, is a sticky point, is with regard to the 21st and if you'd give some thought with regard to how you could pre-empt that sometime, uh, I think it would be very good . . . I don't know how the hell you can, but uh, . . ." Haldeman: "I think we can somehow, and I think . . ." Nixon: "Somehow just put it out, you know?" Haldeman: "I had a couple of ideas on that." Haldeman goes on to say he doesn't have with him the notes he made today on his ideas, but when he wrote them out they

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"sounded pretty good." AMP-B

There is no explanation of Nixon's phrase "put it out."  
Possibilities: put it out in the sense of putting out a  
fire? put out a WH version of the conversation? put out  
information on WH taping system to provide credibility for  
WH account of the conversation? \* AMP-A (2-4)

Lardner says Haldeman spent some time at the EOB today  
reviewing his WH files on Watergate and that Nixon "spent  
hours [today] reviewing some of his still-secret tapes."

WXP 5 Dec 74, Lardner AMP-A

Dean was to have testified before Ervin committee  
19 Jun 73 but this was postponed to 25 Jun, due to Brezhnev  
visit to U.S. 18 to 25 Jun.

Butterfield, in intv with Ervin committee staff 13 Jul,  
tells them of WH taping system; testifies in public session  
16 Jul.

Haldeman testifies 31 Jul about listening to tapes of  
two Nixon-Dean meetings, 15 Sep 72 and 21 Mar 73; says that  
some of the things Dean said were discussed on 13 Mar  
actually were discussed on the 21st, when Nixon, after  
saying there would be no problem in raising a million  
dollars, went on to say, "but it would be wrong." According  
to WH transcript of this conversation (released by Nixon  
30 Apr 74 when he gave 48 transcripts to House Judiciary  
Committee), the remark about a million dollars appears on  
page 25 of the transcript (p. 194 of WH volume). His  
statement, "It is wrong that's for sure" does not appear  
until page 38 (p. 207 of WH volume); it deals with  
clemency (not money) for Hunt, and Nixon ~~was agreeing with Dean~~  
~~point~~ that clemency would be wrong from a political  
standpoint.

Tape of 21 Mar 73 - See entry, Nixon calls Haldeman ....

"It would be wrong" - See entry, Nixon calls Haldeman ....

\* See entry 25 Apr 73, Nixon tells Haldeman to review .....,  
and AMP-A that date.

