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Haldeman (~~questioned by Dash~~ Watergate hearings, afternoon session, 1 Aug 73), ~~was~~ asked by Dash when he returned to Washington, says he is "virtually certain - I believe I came to Washington Saturday, July 7th."

Tape, Day 33.

Nixon formally advises Ervin committee he will not testify before it or permit access to presidential papers, saying his decision is "based on my constitutional obligation to preserve intact the powers and prerogatives of the presidency and not upon any desire to withhold any information relevant to your inquiry."

Theis: "[The President's] decision against furnishing documents appeared to be a reversal of policy. The White House already has furnished some materials to the committee, including logs of 30 to 40 meetings between Nixon and former White House counsel John Dean in the first four months of this year. Dean's successor, Leonard Garment, had implicitly agreed to grant the committee access to substantial additional documents which Senate investigators are seeking to examine and photocopy. Only a few days ago, Garment asked the committee for more time in meeting its request and cited the sheer volume of papers it wanted."

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