

13 Jul 73 through 23 Oct 73

Full entries from SFC, NYT and
WXP.

Witness: Richard Moore (2)

13 Jul 73 (1)

Alexander P. Butterfield (deputy assistant to Nixon until 14 Mar 73) in interview by Ervin committee staff, says that secret tape recordings were made automatically in several locations in the White House, and that recordings should exist of Nixon-Dean conversations. ~~This was reported to have~~

This was reported to have been learned "almost accidentally" when Butterfield was being interviewed.* (Radio report - perhaps also in tape of Butterfield testimony 16 Jul? - says Butterfield had been interviewed twice before and had not mentioned this, apparently because he had not been asked the question to which this was a reply.) Gerald Warren says (16 Jul?) that the White House was informed that Butterfield planned to disclose the information to the Ervin committee*** (over)

No date given for the time White House was informed by Butterfield of his intention.** On the day Nixon went to the hospital, 12 Jul? Before, if Butterfield had long enough notice of meeting with Ervin staff? Today? Possibilities:

[] Butterfield made his own decision** to inform the committee, and notified the White House;

[] had told the White House he would not volunteer this information, but would answer if asked the direct question;

[] had been instructed by someone that this was the time to give the committee the information; (see Note, p. 2)

~~[] had not notified the White House, and Warren's statement was to pretend the White House had not been surprised by it.~~

SFC [NYT] 17 Jul 73 - two separate clippings

*Dash tells reporters (no date) that at one point in this interview - described as the first - Butterfield was asked if he knew whether April 15 meeting between Nixon and Dean was taped, as Dean has testified he suspected. Dash said that Butterfield answered, "Yes, it's possible and this is the reason." Dash says Butterfield then described the recording system. (CONT'D ~~page~~ p. 2)

~~WXP 17 Jul, Meyer~~

**15 Jul - WNP 22 Jul 73, Witcover
***in public testimony? over -A

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(A)

of Butterfield

[13 June 73]

Questioning/by Sen. Baker, 16 Jul: Q. You have notified counsel for the White House of your interview and of your testimony, what you are going to testify here today?

A. Yes, sir, I have. Q. Was there any intimation to you that executive privilege should be claimed on your part?

A. No, sir, there was not.

NYTimes 17 Jul 73, p. 28

Butterfield-CIA? See entry 8 May 73.

prior to this staff intv,
Butterfield, not on last lists of ~~xxxxxx~~ prospective
witnesses . See entry 2 Jul 73.

See entries, Lawrence Higby 30 Sep 73; Haldeman 31 Jul 73.