

Witness: John Ehrlichman (5)
H.R. Haldeman

30 Jul 73 (1)

- (6) Haldeman reads opening statement, Ervin committee hearings. Says he listened to two secret White House tapes of Nixon-Dean meetings, one of 15 Sep 72 and the other of 21 Mar 73. (Details, see Haldeman entry, 31 Jul.) Says he listened to the tapes on Nixon's authority and for the purpose of reporting on their contents to him. Had possession of ~~other~~ tapes several other tapes but did not listen to them.

White House, through letter from Buzhardt (story gives no date for letter) tells Wilson that Haldeman may testify only about portions of the meetings he attended, and if he is asked about matters he learned of solely by listening to the tapes he is instructed not to testify.

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- (A) Ervin committee, at the beginning of the ninth week of hearings, decides in executive session to hear seven more witnesses: Haldeman, Gray, Kleindienst, Cushman, Walters, Petersen, Helms. Among those considered 29 Jul, Colson is now omitted; added, Cushman, Walters and Helms (at present in Washington, having accompanied Shah of Iran on visit to U.S.).

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Gurney says (presumably today) that he would prefer committee to divide into subcommittees which would focus in on specific questions in the latter two phases of the hearings. (Dirty tricks and financial contributions?) "Some committee staff members said they fear that if that were done, there would be no televised live hearings and ^{the} public attention focused on the first phase of the hearings would dissipate."

WXP 31 Jul 73, p. 19, Herbert H. Denton

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"When ... Ervin overruled invocation of executive privilege and ordered Haldeman to testify about what ~~th~~ he had heard on the tape [of 21 Mar] , Haldeman readily complied, inserting "an addendum" into his statement. C. Dash said after the hearing, 'He was dying to give it to us.'"

WXP 31 Jul 73, p. 19

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Stephen Leopold, Canadian, investigator for Ervin committee, reports to police theft of briefcase from his car; briefcase contained "Watergate-related" papers and tapes of interviews with Watergate witnesses; car was parked on street (? - 1100 block of P Street NW) and theft occurred just before midnight. Next afternoon police receive tip from anonymous caller and find "the tapes and briefcase - apparently intact" (no mention of papers) in vacant garage in 1300 block of 13th Street NW. Police say they understand the tapes and papers are not especially sensitive. Leopold leaves his job latter half of Aug to return to Canada.

No reason given for this item not appearing in WXP until 15 Sep, about seven weeks after the event.

See entry on Bill Gill, 10 Aug 73; Bernard Kalb, 9 Jul 73.
WXP 15 Sep 73

- See also "The Unsolved Break-Ins, 1970-74," by Robert Fink.
Rolling Stone, 10 Oct 74 - filed 20 Sep 74