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Yesterday, several news people were allowed by White House personnel to see a letter from Judiciary counsel Doar to Nixon counsel St. Clair dated February 25th, in which Doar requested specific tape recordings for the committee. The committee members themselves had not been shown the letter and discussed their reactions to the White House disclosure this morning when the committee convened to consider other legislation.

Chairman Rodino said the committee had been specific in its requests for what might be 41 conversations in all. News reports had held the report at 42 or 43. Rodino said the committee had reason to believe all the material requested relates to the Watergate incident. The dates and conversations covered by the request, Rodino said, are:

A February 20th conversation between Nixon and Haldeman. At that time the two discussed appointing Jeb Stuart Magruder to a government post and may have discussed how to keep Magruder's involvement in Watergate from being disclosed.

Another Nixon-Haldeman conversation, this one February 27th, 1973, was also requested by the committee. On that date, with Mr. Ehrlichman also present, discussion centered on appointment of John Dean to advise the President on Watergate. Dean testified that Nixon told him Haldeman and Ehrlichman were principals in the matter and so unable to be as objective as Dean.

Next, a March 17th conversation was requested in which Nixon and Dean discussed, according to Dean, Patrick Gray's Attorney General nomination and executive privilege.

A March 20th conversation between Dean and Nixon, in which Dean claims to have said Nixon did not have the full facts, was also requested.

A previously undisclosed tape cassette* made by Mr. Nixon March 21st concerning that conversation with Dean was also asked for, as were March 27th and 30th conversations between Nixon and Ehrlichman.

Rodino also mentioned two other dates, April 14th and 18th, the first involving a conversation between Haldeman, Ehrlichman and Nixon, and the second among former Attorney General Kleindienst, Mr. Gray and Petersen.

These requests, said Rodino - quote - "bear on very important matters which leave a lot of questions unanswered." Rodino said some tapes and documents had arrived Friday night [8 Mar] and are being checked by the staff.

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See WXP 13 Mar 74 for details on these conversations. WXP gives the last dates above, 14 and 18 Apr, as "All conversations between the President and Haldeman and Ehrlichman from April 14 through April 17, 1973," and "All conversations between the President and Kleindienst and Petersen from April 15 through April 18, 1973."

WXP does not list the "previously undisclosed tape cassette" of 21 Mar 73.

* See Chron entry 18 Jan 74, Nixon recordings, new gaps