

Time's Report on Hush Money Tape

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The White House tape recording of discussions about hush money and clemency for Watergate burglars has President Nixon uttering the statement "it would be wrong," but only within the narrow context of one issue, Time magazine reported yesterday.

Time, stating it had learned "the gist" of the March 21, 1973, taped conversation with ousted White House counsel John Dean, said the four words "come through clearly . . . but are spoken only within the context of a discussion about promising clemency."

"The subject of paying money to keep the burglars quiet comes once before the clemency discussion and two times after it," Time said.

"On none of these three occasions does Nixon say or suggest that such payments would be wrong."

Time said special prosecutor Leon Jaworski and the staff of the House Judiciary Committee, wondering if other such conversations took place, are seeking White House tapes from about ten days before to about ten days after the March 21 conversation.

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