

**A Watergate Question:****What Was 'Red Box'?**

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One of many questions to strike readers of the 1,254 pages of transcripts of the President's conversations on Watergate released last week is, "What is the little red box?"

An obviously concerned President told John W. Dean 3d and H. R. Haldeman on Sept. 15, 1972, that the Federal Bureau of Investigation had "better get over there pretty quick and get that little red box."

What the transcript does not say is that 10 days earlier, Mrs. Jean Westwood, the Democratic National Chairman, suggested at a news conference that a wiretap had been placed in the committee's headquarters after the burglary of June 17.

"One of the girls in the office," Mrs. Westwood said, found some men installing a "red box" in the hallway. They said they were installing fire equipment, Mrs. Westwood said, but the Fire Department told her that no new equipment was being installed.

Apparently the President was worried for nothing because the charges of another wiretap were never revived.