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*Tape Gaps Story*

*Denied by Warren*

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The White House yesterday denied a Washington Post story that there are "unexplained silences" in tape recordings of President Nixon's Watergate conversations.

Deputy press secretary Gerald L. Warren said that the headline declaring that there were "more gaps" in the tapes was "completely erroneous."

There are "no gaps on those tapes," Warren said, but he said there may be lapses when no one is talking. The tapes, which have been described as "voice activated," also might have been activated by outside noises, movement in the room or air-conditioning noises, Warren said, causing the tapes to run when there was no conversation.