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Vice President Gerald Ford was wired for sound at a news conference Thursday at the University of Chicago. The wires led from microphones to radio and television sound equipment and reporters' tape recorders.

White House Denies CBS Tapes Story

New York

The White House has denied a report that one reason President Nixon had White House conversations taped was to use them for his tax deductions, CBS reported.

On the CBS evening news Thursday, deputy press secretary Gerald Warren was quoted as saying Mr. Nixon never entertained such an idea or discussed it with his advisers.

The original report on CBS, said that special Prosecutor Leon Jaworski's staff believed a tax deduction plan was behind Mr. Nixon's bugging of his office and telephones.

The White House has maintained that the tapes were made for the purpose of keeping historical records.

Amendments to the tax law in 1969 barred deductions previously allowed for "letters, memoranda and similar property." As a result, Mr. Nixon's gift of vice presidential papers to the archives was ruled nondeductible because the deed was signed after the 1969 amendments took effect.

CBS said that before the taping system was set up in the presidential offices in 1971, advice was received by the White House that the 1969 amendments did not exclude gifts of non-paper material such as tapes.

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