

Committee listens to Nixon on tapes

'Punishment for Democrat'

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BOSTON — A tape listened to by the House Judiciary Committee yesterday reportedly contained President Nixon's voice vowing to punish lawyer Edward Bennett Williams, the Boston Globe said today.

The Globe, in a story out of Washington, said the information on the tape was provided by a committee source.

"Members of the House Judiciary Committee listened . . . in secret session to a tape recording provided by the White House and reportedly heard President Nixon's voice vowing to punish lawyer Edward Bennett Williams," the story said.

Williams represented the Democratic National Committee in its civil suit against the Committee to Re-elect the President following the Watergate burglary, formerly represented Jimmy Hoffa and is a lawyer for the Washington Post.

According to the Globe's source, the following conversations between Nixon, former White House Chief of Staff H. R. Haldeman and former counsel John W. Dean III were heard on the tape:

Nixon: "I wouldn't want to be in Edward Bennett Williams's position after the election."

Dean: "No, no."

Nixon: "None of the bastards."

Later in the tape:

Nixon: "I think we are going to fix the son of a bitch. Believe me. We are going to. We've got to because he's a bad man."

Dean: "Absolutely."

Nixon: "He misbehaved very badly in the Hoffa matter. Our — some pretty bad conduct there, too, but go ahead."

In a different section of the tape, Nixon said: "I want the most, I want the most comprehensive notes on all those who tried to do us in, because they didn't have to."

Haldeman, later referring to Williams, said: "That is a man we've got to ruin."

Dean: "He had, he had an ex parte —"

Nixon: "You've got to remember too, he's an attorney for the Washington Post."

'Retaliation against Post'

WASHINGTON — President Nixon discussed ways to retaliate against the Washington Post for the paper's coverage of Watergate during a meeting with two former top aides on Sept. 15, 1972, the Post reported today.

The paper said it learned from sources involved in the House Judiciary Committee's impeachment inquiry that committee members listened to a tape of the meeting yesterday.

The tape featured a conversation between Nixon and former White House aides H.R. Haldeman and John W. Dean III discussing various options for dealing with administration "enemies."

According to the Post's sources, the recording showed Nixon considered using government agencies, specifically the Federal Communications Commission, to challenge the licenses of two television stations owned by Post-Newsweek Stations Inc. The stations are part of the holdings of the Washington Post Co., which also owns Newsweek magazine, a radio station in Washington and the Post newspaper.

The story, written by reporters Bob Woodward and Carl Bernstein, said members of the Judiciary Committee were revolted, sickened and devastated by the contents of the recording. The tape was obtained from the office of Watergate Special Prosecutor Leon Jaworski.

The edited White House transcript of the Sept. 15 meeting omitted all references about attacking the Post. The transcript text contained a notation indicating that the conversation did not involve Watergate at the point where Nixon, Haldeman and Dean began discussing the desirability of using Federal agencies against the Post.

The licenses of the two Post-Newsweek television stations were up for renewal about the time the conversation took place.

In a conversation between Dean and Nixon the same day (Sept. 15), Dean talked freely about getting Nixon's "enemies."

A committee member said Nixon named names of individuals "the White House would get and get good" on the tape, but he refused to reveal the names.