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Owner Won't Disclose Content

He's Selling Nixon Tapes

San Clemente

The one-inch high advertisement, which has run in major newspaper all over the country, reads "genuine Nixon tape."

And that is what entreprenueur Jack Donaldson says he is selling: more than 30 minutes of the recorded utterances of the former President.

But because of recent events, the words "Nixon" and "tapes" have taken on a special meaning to most people.

That's why Donaldson is in trouble with "a bunch of people," he says.

Those people include San

Clemente police and attorneys general in Mississippi and other places, Donaldson says.

It seems they believe the "genuine Nixon tape" contains nothing more than excerpts from Nixon speeches and press conferences, not spicy tidbits from secretly recorded Oval Office conversations.

Donaldson is reluctant to discuss the contents of the tape, copies of which sell for \$10 (\$12 for 8-track).

He doesn't say the "conversations" are from anything more secret than a televised press conference. But he doesn't deny it either.

The advertisement, in which the words Nixon tape and Donaldson's mail-drop address in SAN CLEMENTE stand out in bold print, does not deny that implication, either.

"I can't help what conclusions people may draw," Donaldson said yesterday. "I am convinced there is nothing deceptive.

"This is a genuine Richard Nixon tape — of him speaking in various conversations, and beyond that I'm just not going to comment on the contents."

Likewise, he refused to comment on the reason for hiring a San Clemente mail service to handle his orders, although he lives in San Bernardino.

Donaldson did say he tried to place the ad in 23 newspapers around the country. Some papers refused to run it, others ran it, and "in some areas the response was good."

But Donaldson would not say how many orders he has received.

He said he believes prosecutions are being prepared against him in Mississippi and several other places.

"There is a logical explanation for all this," Donaldson said. "But I just don't want to go into it right now."

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