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White House Bug That Was Squashed

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In his book "The Ends of Power," H. R. Haldeman writes that E. Howard Hunt once arranged to secretly tape an interview in which he kept pouring drinks for Lieutenent Colonel Lucien Conein, a former CIA official in Vietnam who Hunt believed knew the full story about events in Vietnam that President Nixon thought would put John F. Kennedy in a bad light.

The Secret Service wired John Ehrlichman's office, and everything went as planned. But later, Hunt discovered that the Secret Service had hidden the tape recorder under the cushion where Conein sat. It had shattered and recorded nothing.

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