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Delivered to Sirica 8 Aug 74:

- 8 Jan 73 - (Is this one of those which could not be found
when delivery was made 7 Aug 74?)
Nixon-Colson(meeting).
See entries, 7, 8 Aug 74
- 21 Mar 73 - 17 minutes unrecorded; tape ran out, midway in
Nixon-Colson (phone) (31-minute conversation)
Entry 8 Aug 74; also NYT 10 Aug 74, Crewdson.

20 Feb 73 - Missing; Nixon-Haldeman conversation.
NYT 10 Aug 74, John H. Crewdson

Tapes

15 Apr 73 - According to the White House, tape for EOB office for this day ran out after Nixon met with Kleindienst and Petersen, who told him several of his assistants were involved in the cover-up. Breakdown below, of Nixon meetings and conversations, from WH logs and testimony. *

1:12 to 2:22 p.m. - Kleindienst.

Tape runs out. No recording of the following conversations.

2:30 to 3:30 p.m. (60 min.) - Ehrlichman.

3:27 to 3:44 p.m. (17 min.) - Haldeman, by phone.

3:48 to 3:49 p.m. (1 min) - Kleindienst, by phone.

4:00 to 5:15 p.m. (75 min.) - Kleindienst, Petersen.

7:50 to 9:15 p.m. (85 min.) - Ehrlichman, Haldeman.

8:14 to 8:18 p.m. (4 min) - Petersen, by phone;
Haldeman and Ehrlichman
present.

8:25 to 8:26 p.m. (1 min.) - Petersen, by phone;
Haldeman and Ehrlichman
present.

9:17 to 10:12 p.m. (65 min.) - Dean.

9:39 to 9:41 p.m. (2 min.) - Petersen, by phone.
[Dean present - H, 3/1016]

10:16 to 11:15 p.m. (59 min.) - Haldeman, Ehrlichman.

11:45 to 11:53 p.m. (8 min.) - Petersen, by phone.

Total, 6 hours 17 minutes.

Elapsed time, 2:30 to 11:53, 9 hours,
23 minutes.

* Breakdown above reconstructed from NYT 29 Mar 74,
Herbers.

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20 Mar 73 - 19-minute gap. (This tape is not one of those subpoenaed by special prosecutor's office.)

Nixon-Ehrlichman. Tape ran out. X 272 - 6

Entry 11 Jul 74

? - Tape torn by WH secretaries during transcription.
(Is this the tape of 14 Apr 73?)

Entry 11 Jul 74

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Dictabelt and cassette - gaps in Nixon's dictated recollections.

21 Mar 73 - Nixon-Dean meeting, cassette; 57-second blank space, followed by Nixon on another subject, beginning in mid-sentence. ** ~~Excerpts, Newsweek~~

20 Jun 72 - Nixon-Mitchell phone call, dictabelt; 37-second gap, followed by Nixon in mid-sentence on another subject.

Both above, WXP 19 Jan 74, Lardner and Claiborne.
Entry 18 Jan 74.

*See KPFA News, 12 Mar 74.

**Excerpts, Newsweek 22 Jul 74, p. 22 - filed 15 Jul 74.

(A) - See entry 2 Aug 74.

(B) - When this tape was delivered to Sirica it was found - to St. Clair's surprise - to have been spliced and on one reel. See story for ~~very involved~~ account of this incident.

NYT 8 Aug 74, John Herbers, p. 24

- Herbers gives the date of this tape as 19 Apr 73.

(C) - Conversation ends in mid-sentence while Nixon is speaking. - Transcript (apparently of this meeting, described as nine minutes long, Nixon-Haldeman, 23 Jun 72) is only five paragraphs long.

NYT 7 Aug 74, John M. Crewdson

(D) - See entry 31 Jul 74 (AMP-A, third paragraph) or story by John M. Crewdson, NYT 2 Aug 74, which gives a very detailed account of the time involved in this gap.

(E) - "One of the five telephone calls placed from the White House residence and purportedly never recorded was made to Mr. Haldeman at 12:08 A.M. on April 16, 1973, the weekend the Watergate cover-up began to come apart. But a call a few minutes earlier from Mr. Nixon to Henry E. Petersen, ... then in charge of the Watergate investigation, that was also made from the second-floor White House residence, was preserved on tape." Perhaps call to Haldeman was made from Nixon's bedroom, said not to be connected to taping system.

NYT 10 Aug 74, p. 7, John M. Crewdson

(F) - ^{Newsweek} ~~Time~~ magazine says a tape of Nixon-Ehrlichman conversation, 20 Mar 73, was "under subpoena for the impeachment inquiry;" gap is 19 minutes long. St. Clair, in court (no date), "[said] heatedly that [the gap] got there ~~by~~ accidentally when a reel of tape ran out in the midst of a conversation between [Nixon and Ehrlichman]." Article says this has aroused the suspicions of "some investigators [for prosecutors?]: "that the payoff [to Hunt] was actually put in motion that afternoon and that Mr. Nixon's directive to [Dean] next day to 'get it' was merely an effort to set him up as the point man."

Newsweek 22 Jul 74, p. 15 - filed 15 Jul 74

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Of those delivered to Sirica 26 Nov 73: (9 required)

20 Jun 72 - $18\frac{1}{2}$ minutes obliterated.

Nixon-Ehrlichman-Haldeman (meeting).

Entry 26 Nov 73

// 20 Jun 72 - Does not exist (not recorded).

Nixon Mitchell (phone).

Entry 31 Oct 73

15 Sep 72 - Contains (?) "abort."

Nixon-Dean-Haldeman.

Entry 30 Nov 73

13 Mar 73 - Contains (?) "abort."

Nixon-Dean-Haldeman.

Entry 30 Nov 73

(15 Apr 73 - Not recorded. See separate memo on 15 Apr 73.

Nixon-Dean (meeting).

Entry 31 Oct 73