

Tapes

From letter, 18 Jul 73, Cox to Buzhardt (WXP 24 Jul 73):

20 Jun 72	- EOB, 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. (time approximate)	150 mins.
	Nixon, Ehrlichman, Haldeman (Haldeman, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.*)	(90 mins.)
20 Jun	- phone call	4 mins.
	Nixon, Mitchell	
30 Jun	- EOB, 12:55 to 2:10 p.m.	75 mins.
	Nixon, Haldeman, Mitchell	
15 Sep	- Oval Office, 5:15 to 6:17 p.m.	62 mins.
	Nixon, Dean, Haldeman (Haldeman, 5:27 to --)	(50 mins.)
13 Mar 73	- Oval Office, 12:42 to 2 p.m.	78 mins.
	Nixon, Dean, Haldeman (Haldeman, 12:43 to 12:55 p.m.)	(12 mins.)
21 Mar**	- Oval Office, 10:12 to 11:55 a.m.	103 mins.
	Nixon, Dean, Haldeman OVER-A	
22 Mar	- EOB, 1:57 to 3:43 p.m.	106 mins.
	Nixon, Dean, Ehrlichman, Haldeman, Mitchell (Ehrlichman, 2:00 to --) (Haldeman, Mitchell, 2:01 to --)	(103 mins.) (102 mins.)
15 Apr	- EOB, 9:17 to 10:12 p.m.	55 mins.
	Nixon, Dean	

*"According to logs of Mr. Nixon's June 20 activities, from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. he met with Ehrlichman. The meeting with Haldeman, including the blank 18 minutes, apparently lasted from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m." OVER-B
SFC 26 Nov 73 [LATimes]

**NYT 25 Oct 73 gives two meetings for this date, attributing this to list given by Cox to Buzhardt 23 Jul 73: "[Tapes No.] 6 and 7," but describes only one meeting, as listed here. SFEx 24 Oct 73 (cannot find clipping) adds Ehrlichman and Ziegler. WXP 24 Nov 73 has similar list, giving subjects of meetings.

① - Haldeman, in testimony 30 Jul 73, says he was present only during final 40 minutes of this meeting. See entry 21Mar73
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② - "On July 23 of this year, the Watergate special prosecutor issued a subpoena asking for, among other things, tapes of the 'meeting of June 20, 1972, in the President's Executive Office Building office involving Richard Nixon, John Ehrlichman and H.R. Haldeman from 10:30 a.m. to noon (time approximate).' On Aug. 13 a memorandum from the prosecution further stipulated the same meeting with the same men, with the times more exact, and indicated that two aides had met with the President in sequence."

WXP 29 Nov 73, Joseph Kraft

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Listing of tapes requested by Cox:

- 20 Jun 72 - meeting, EOB, 10:30 am to 1 pm ** (time approx.)
Nixon, Ehrlichman; Haldeman 11:30 to 1 pm
- 20 Jun - phone call, 6:08 to 6:12 pm
Nixon, Mitchell
- 30 Jun - meeting, EOB, 12:55 to 2:10 pm
Nixon, Haldeman, Mitchell
- 15 Sep - meeting, Oval Office, 5:15 to 6:17 pm
Nixon, Haldeman, Dean (H. joins meeting 5:27)
- 13 Mar 73 - meeting, Oval Office, 12:42 to 2 pm
Nixon, Dean and
Haldeman, 12:43 to 12:55 pm
- 21 Mar - meeting, Oval Office, 10:12 to 11:55 am
Nixon, Dean, Haldeman
- 21 Mar * - meeting (continuation of above? - time not given)
Nixon, Dean, Haldeman, Ehrlichman, Ziegler
- 22 Mar - meeting, EOB, 1:57 to 3:43 pm
Nixon, Dean and
Ehrlichman, 2:00 pm
Haldeman, Mitchell, 2:01 pm
- 15 Apr - meeting, EOB, 9:17 to 10:12 pm
Nixon, Dean

↑ WXP 31 Jun
P. 17, COL 8

- * SFEEx 24 Oct 73 [UPI]*
- SFC 25 Oct 73 [NYT]
- NYT 25 Oct 73
- WXP 24 Jul 73 (text and list, Cox letter
to Buzhardt)
- WXP 24 Nov 73 (subjects of meetings)
- ✓ WXP 22 Oct 73 " " "

*** SFC 26 Nov 73 [LATimes]

**See SFEEx 25 Nov 73, "The blanked tape ... "

See also Evans and Novak, WXP 13 Aug 73. 15 Apr.)
McCartney, SFEEx 18 Nov 73 (on tape and dictabelt, /

*Includes some brief descriptions of subject of meetings.
~~(Misplaced, cannot find.)~~ WXP 22 Oct 73.

From letter, 18 Jul 73, Cox to Buzhardt:

Third, I would urge that the tapes be furnished for use in my investigation without restriction. This procedure strikes me as the method of establishing the truth which is most fair to everyone concerned, including the President. It is proper to point out, however, that if you thought it essential to furnish the papers only to the grand jury under the rules pertaining to grand jury documents, an appropriate procedure could be devised. This is an additional circumstance distinguishing the present investigation from the situation before the Select Committee.

The particular conversations to which my present request pertains have been carefully selected as those material to the investigation, to wit:—

1. Meeting of June 20, 1972, in the President's EOB Office between the President and Messrs. Ehrlichman and Haldeman from 10:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. (time approximate).

2. Telephone conversation of June 20, 1972, between the President and Mr. Mitchell from 6:08 to 6:12 p.m.

3. Meeting of June 30, 1972 in the President's EOB Office between the President and Messrs. Haldeman and Mitchell from 12:55 to 2:10 p.m.

4. Meeting of September 13, 1972, in the President's Oval Office between the President and Mr. Dean from 5:15 to 6:17 p.m. Mr. Haldeman joined this meeting at 5:27 p.m.

5. Meeting of March 13, 1973, in the President's Oval Office between the President and Mr. Dean from 12:42 to 2:00 p.m. Mr. Haldeman was present from 12:43 to 12:55 p.m.

6. Meeting of March 21, 1973, in the President's Oval Office between the President and Messrs. Dean and Haldeman from 10:12 to 11:55 a.m.

7. Meeting of March 22, 1973, in the President's EOB Office between the President and Mr. Dean from 1:57 to 3:43 p.m. Mr. Ehrlichman joined this meeting at 2:00 p.m., and Messrs. Haldeman and Mitchell joined at 2:01 p.m.

8. Meeting of April 15, 1973, in the President's EOB Office between the President and Mr. Dean from 9:17 to 10:12 p.m. (you will recall that this is the conversation the recording of which I requested as early as June 11 and which you declined to furnish under the misapprehension that

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The 9 Conversations Sought by Cox
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WASHINGTON, Oct. 23—Following are the nine tape-recorded conversations which former special Watergate prosecutor, Archibald Cox, requested of J. Fred Buzhardt, Presidential counsel dealing with Watergate, on July 23, and which Mr. Cox said had been "carefully selected as those which other evidence in our possession identifies as most material to the investigation, to wit":

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| <p>1. Meeting of June 20, 1972, in the President's E.O.B. office between the President and Messrs. Ehrlichman and Haldeman from 10:30 A.M. to 1:00 P.M. (time approximate).</p> | <p>2. Telephone conversation of June 20, 1972, between the President and Mr. Mitchell from 6:08 to 6:12 P.M.</p> <p>3. Meeting of June 30, 1972, in the President's E.O.B. office between the President and Messrs. Haldeman and Mitchell from 12:55 to 2:10 P.M.</p> <p>4. Meeting of Sept. 15, 1972, in the President's Oval Office between the President and Mr. Dean from 5:15 to 6:17 P.M. Mr. Haldeman joined this meeting at 5:27 P.M.</p> <p>5. Meeting of March 13, 1973, in the President's Oval Office between the President and Mr. Dean from 12:42 to</p> | <p>2:00 P.M. Mr. Haldeman was present from 12:43 to 12:55 P.M.</p> <p>6 and 7. Meetings of March 21, 1973, in the President's Oval Office between the President and Messrs. Dean and Haldeman from 10:12 to 11:55 A.M.</p> <p>8. Meeting of March 22, 1973, in the President's E.O.B. office between the President and Mr. Dean from 1:57 to 3:43 P.M. Mr. Ehrlichman joined this meeting at 2:00 P.M., and Messrs. Haldeman and Mitchell joined at 2:01 P.M.</p> <p>9. Meeting of April 15, in the President's E.O.B. office between the President and Mr. Dean from 9:17 to 10:12 P.M.</p> |
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20 Jun 72 - 18 minutes obliterated. *

Entry 26 Nov 73

20 Jun 72 - Does not exist.

Entry 31 Oct 73

30 Jun 72 -

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

Entry 30 Nov 73

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

Entry 30 Nov 73

21 Mar 73 -

22 Mar 73 -

15 Apr 73 - Does not exist.

Entry 31 Oct 73

(22)

*This tape is not listed in WH logs as among those/Haldeman
checked out in Apr 73, or the nine he took home in Jul 73.

Newsweek 3 Dec 73, p. 28

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- 20 Jun 72 - Withheld by Sirica from Watergate grand jury, with the exception of 18½ minute buzz; Sirica says claim of executive privilege for that section, played in court, has been waived.
~~20 Jun 72~~ SFC 20 Dec 73 [WXP]
20 Jun 72 -
- 30 Jun 72 - Withheld by Sirica, except for 5 minutes of discussion touching on Watergate.
SFC 20 Dec 73 [WXP]
- 15 Sep 72 - Sirica rules that 33 minutes^{segment} dealing with Watergate is to be turned over to Jaworski; final 17 minutes do not concern Watergate, withheld.
SFC 20 Dec 73 [WXP]
- 13 Mar 73 - Sirica turns over to Jaworski re-recorded excerpt (excerpts?), 10 Dec 73.
Entry 10 Dec 73
- 21 Mar 73 -
- 22 Mar 73 - Sirica turns over to Jaworski re-recorded excerpt (excerpts?), 10 Dec 73.
Entry 10 Dec 73
- 15 Apr 73 -

The Watergate Tapes: What, When, and Their Importance

Following is an index to the nine Watergate tapes, an abbreviated summary of what is believed to be their contents, and the reasons why the special prosecutor's office wants them.

June 20, 1972—Three days after the Watergate break-in, President Nixon met with White House chief of staff H. R. (Bob) Haldeman and domestic affairs adviser John D. Ehrlichman, shortly after the two aides had met with former Attorney General John N. Mitchell, White House Counsel John W. Dean III and Attorney General Richard G. Kleindeinst. According to former Watergate Special Prosecutor Archibald Cox, "The inference that they reported on Watergate and may well have received instructions is almost irresistible."

Since the President has consistently maintained that he first learned of the alleged cover-up on March 21, 1973, the prosecutors would like to know what was said at the meeting a year earlier. This is the tape with the 13-minute "gap" in which there is no audible conversation.

June 20, 1972—A four-minute telephone conversation

between Mr. Nixon and Mitchell. Mitchell said he volunteered no details about Watergate to the President, but Cox told the court that the tape could reveal a "more candid report."

The White House revealed last Oct. 31 this tape does not exist because the telephone the President used was not connected to a recorder.

June 30, 1972—The day before Michell resigned from the Nixon re-election committee for "personal" reasons, he and Haldeman met with the President for more than an hour. Cox said it "strains credulity" to suppose that Watergate was not discussed at that meeting.

Sept. 15, 1972—The day the original seven Watergate defendants were indicted, Mr. Nixon met with Dean and Haldeman and, according to Dean, the President commended his counsel for doing a "good job" in keeping the investigation in bounds. The prosecutors would like to know if that conversation involved a conspiracy to obstruct justice, or if Dean committed perjury in giving his account of what was said.

March 13, 1973—A 75-min-

ute meeting between the President and Dean in which "silence money" and executive clemency were discussed, according to Dean's testimony. The prosecutors would like to know whether the President, as Dean claims, said that raising \$1 million to buy the Watergate defendants' silence was "no problem."

March 21, 1973—Dean, according to his own testimony, told the President in Haldeman's presence that there was a "cancer growing on the presidency" and that massive perjury had been committed by White House staff members. The prosecutors would like to know the President's reaction.

March 21, 1973—Again, the sole topic of conversation was Watergate, and Dean has testified that it was clear to him that the alleged cover-up would continue. The tape is essential, according to the prosecutors, in determining whether there was a cover-up, and, if there was, who participated in it.

March 22, 1973—A meeting among Mr. Nixon, Dean, Mitchell, Haldeman and Ehrlichman in which, ac-

ording to testimony by the four presidential advisers, there was a discussion of the potential problems of the Senate committee inquiry. The tape, according to Cox, "is likely to reveal the knowledge and motives of the participants."

April 15, 1973—The controversial meeting between the President and Dean, in which Mr. Nixon said he had been "joking" on March 13 when he made the remark about \$1 million payoffs to the defendants.

Dean testified that he had suspected that the conversation had been taped, and that it appeared that the President asked "leading" questions to establish a record.

"If true and accurate, this [Dean] testimony would indicate an important dimension to the cover-up conspiracy," Cox said. "If false and misleading, a perjurious injustice has been done for which the grand jury can return an indictment."

The White House said this conversation never was taped because of malfunctioning equipment. Although the President previously had told the Justice Department that he had a Dictabelt recording of his own recollections of the meeting, the White House on Nov. 12 said it cannot find the Dictabelt.

* "The President then referred to the fact that Hunt had been promised executive clemency." — Dean, Hearings, p. 995.