

- 1 Oct - Date Miss Woods says she discovered gap in tape; informs Nixon immediately. "Buzhardt was also informed of the 18-minute wipe-out, she said."  
 - Nixon goes for two-hour drive with Haig; later has dinner at Trader Vic's, apparently in very good mood.
- 2 Nov - Haldeman has been subpoenaed (no date) and will testify 8 Nov.
- 8 Nov - Rose Mary Woods testifies some tapes are of such poor quality (extraneous noises, etc.) that voices are inaudible; does not mention gap.  
 - White House sources have been saying for three days there are defects in the tapes to be turned over to Sirica.  
 - Haldeman testifies.
- 9 Nov - Haldeman testifies.
- 12 Nov - Sirica orders tapes and summaries to be submitted by 20 Nov.
- 14 Nov - Haldeman (in California) and Higby talk by phone; no indication who initiated call. Higby testifies 4 Dec that at the time of the call, around noon, Haldeman apparently already knew of the gap in the tape, and ~~that Haldeman said~~ "I think he said it had been caused by Miss Woods." (WXP 5 Dec.)  
 - Buzhardt says that in replaying the tape he discovered the gap (in the evening); ~~Newsweek~~ according to Newsweek 10 Dec, Buzhardt has also said (no date) that Miss Woods reminded him in late Oct of the gap but he was too busy to listen to the tape then.  
 - Bennett deposits in WH vault 2 (or 3) tape "aborts;" only dates given are tapes of 15 Sep 72 and 13 Mar 73.
- 18 Nov - White House asks delay in turning over tapes and summaries to Sirica, because Powers is ill. Sirica grants delay to 26 Nov.
- 21 Nov - Buzhardt and Garment meet with Jaworski, ask for delay in releasing news of gap in tape; Jaworski refuses. ~~Rose Mary Woods is subpoenaed~~  
 - Buzhardt tells court of gap without mentioning what he had told Sirica in Chambers, that the erasure "could not have been accidental." (Newsweek 10 Dec.)  
 Sirica orders all tapes turned over by 26 Nov.  
 - Rose Mary Woods is subpoenaed.

- 22 Nov - Miss Woods retains own lawyer, Charles Rhyne.
- 25 Nov - High administration source says Woods is prepared to testify that she erased 18-minute segment of tape.
- 26 Nov - WH lawyers turn over tapes to court, say gap was caused when Miss Woods was reviewing the tape, accidentally pressed "record" button, possibly while recorder was in proximity of high intensity lamp and electric typewriter.
- Miss Woods testifies about gap, accepts responsibility for 5½ minutes only. Newsweek (10 Dec) quotes Rhyne as saying (no date), "Just from the little I know, I could blow the lid right off the White House."
- 29 Nov - Buzhardt backs off somewhat from explanation of 26 Nov, says it was "not a real certainty," just a possibility.
- Ziegler suggests WH dissatisfaction with Buzhardt.
- 30 Nov - Warren, out of the office the day before because of illness and not knowing that, as Newsweek describes it (10 Dec), that Buzhardt had been "magically rehabilitated," says at press briefing that Buzhardt "still is working" at the WH, but after receiving a note (from Ziegler?) apologizes and says Buzhardt is in charge of office.
- 30 Nov - Haig apparently to have testified today; to busy. Postponed to 4 Dec.