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Watergate Jury Hears a Concert

The Watergate cover-up jury was treated to a concert by the Marine Band yesterday—in the form of backdrop music on a White House tape that was introduced into evidence.

The music could be heard distinctly on the tape of a conversation that former President Nixon had with his top aides, H. R. (Bob) Haldeman and John D. Ehrlichman, on April 14, 1973, the Saturday before Palm Sunday.

Haldeman told a reporter during a recess in the trial that it was the Marine Band rehearsing on the south grounds of the White House.

At the end of the tape, there was a gentle banging somewhat in rhythm to the music, and the Watergate prosecutors theorized that this was Mr. Nixon tapping on his desk to the beat.
