

They Say Nixon Sat There Naked

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A forthcoming book by H.R. Haldeman reportedly will include a bizarre episode in which Richard Nixon stripped off his clothes in the Oval Office, sat down naked behind his desk and asked Haldeman, "Now what's on the agenda?"

New York Daily News columnist Liz Smith reported yesterday that Haldeman, now jailed after conviction in the Watergate scandal that toppled Nixon, will "tell all" in a book to be published this coming winter.

Haldeman's book, "The Ends of Power," written with ghost writer Joseph Dimona, will be published by New York Times Books in January.

A spokesman for the publisher said, "we neither deny nor confirm the accuracy of" Smith's column.

"One of Haldeman's stories will have Richard Nixon coming into

the Oval Office, stripping off all his clothes, sitting down naked behind his desk and asking his crew-cut aide, 'now what's on the agenda?' " the News article said.

"And that is said to be just the fruitcake part—it's deemed as nothing compared with the real goods and guts Haldeman is said to have spilled in a five-week taped talkfest with ghost writer Joseph Dimona before Haldeman went off to jail for conspiracy in the Watergate mess."

Quoting unnamed "insiders," the article said Haldeman was upset about Nixon telling David Frost in a television interview that Haldeman was "one of the finest public servants... yet this same Nixon refused to take his calls at the end and did not bother to pardon his aides while there was still time, after sacrificing them."

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