

# The Tape That Dick Bought

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This is the tape that Dick bought.

This is the office that was bugged by the tape that Dick bought.

This is John Dean who talked in the office that was bugged by the tape that Dick bought.

This is the Senate that immunized Dean who talked in the office that was bugged by the tape that Dick bought.

This is the story told to the Senate that immunized Dean who talked in the office that was bugged by the tape that Dick bought.

This is John Ehrlichman, he of hard nose, who pooh-poohed the story told to the Senate that immunized Dean who talked in the office that was bugged by the tape that Dick bought.

This is Bob Haldeman, sweet as a rose, who supported John Ehrlichman, he of hard nose, who pooh-poohed the story told to the Senate that immunized Dean who talked in the office that was bugged by the tape that Dick bought.

This is the highly privileged tape conveyed to Bob Haldeman, sweet as a rose, who supported John Ehrlichman, he of hard nose, who pooh-poohed the story told to the Senate that immunized Dean who talked in the office that was bugged by the tape that Dick bought.

This is the President, one of the greats, leader of all the United States, who ordered the highly privileged tape conveyed to Bob Haldeman, sweet as a rose, who supported John Ehrlichman, he of hard nose, who pooh-poohed the story told to the Senate that immunized Dean who talked in the office that was bugged by the tape that Dick bought.

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This is the verdict of innocence brought from the room where the President's man subjected the privileged material to the auditory process (this being Washington where nobody would ever dream of just listening to anything) at the request of the President, one of the greats, leader of all the United States, who ordered the highly privileged tape conveyed to Bob Haldeman, sweet as a rose, who supported John Ehrlichman, he of hard nose, who pooh-poohed the story told to the Senate that immunized Dean who talked in the office that was bugged by the tape that Dick bought.

This is Sam Ervin sounding incredulous at the verdict of innocence brought from the room where the President's man subjected the privileged material to the auditory process (this being Washington where nobody would ever dream of just listening to anything) at the request of the President, one of the greats, leader of all the United States, who ordered the highly privileged tape conveyed to Bob Haldeman, sweet as a rose, who supported John Ehrlichman, he of hard nose, who pooh-poohed the story told to the Senate that immunized Dean who talked in the office that was bugged by the tape that Dick bought.

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This is the question framed in the mind of the citizen confused by the voices of Nixon men, outraged and strong, crying "shame on Sam Ervin!" for sounding incredulous at the verdict of innocence brought from the room where the President's man subjected the privileged material to the auditory process (this being Washington where nobody would ever dream of just listening to anything) at the request of the President, one of the greats, leader of all the United States, who ordered the highly privileged tape conveyed to Bob Haldeman, sweet as a rose, who supported John Ehrlichman, he of hard nose, who pooh-poohed the story told to the Senate that immunized Dean who talked in the office that was bugged by the tape that Dick bought.

"Why is it," the framed question asked, "that England gets all the good sex scandals?"

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