Warren Says Nixon

Erred on Tape Date

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SAN CLEMENTE Calif., Aug. 22—White House deputy press secretary Gerald L. Warren says that President Nixon misspoke when he said in his press conference today that tape recording of White House conversations began again in June, 1970.

Answering a question about his refusal to release White House tape recordings to Watergate investigators, Mr. Nixon said he found the "taping capacity" when he first arrived at the White House and he "had the entire system dismantled."

Later he said "it was put into place again in June of 1970" on advice of advisers. His special counsel, J. Fred Buzhardt, has said that the tape recordings did not begin again until April, 1971.*

This last sentence, which does not give date of Buzhardt's statement, may be based on apparent error in a story by John Hanrahan - see WXPost 17 Jul 73, p. 19.