

Tape Used

As a Party

Record

Washington

A White House tape turned over to a Ralph Nader lawyer last week was played "for fun" at a cocktail party Monday night, ABC News reported yesterday.

The tape was one of those the Ralph Nader organization had sought in its legal battles with the Nixon administration charging favoritism to the dairy industry in exchange for campaign contributions.

After fighting subpoenas for the tapes for months, the White House released this copy last week to attorney William Dobrovir, a Nader lawyer.

ABC News said that Dobrovir played the recording at a cocktail party, but refused to play it for ABC. The network quoted him as saying he played it at the party because "that was for fun."

Nixon Press Secretary Ronald L. Ziegler said Dobrovir's action sounded unethical or illegal. And a spokesman for special prosecutor Leon Jaworski expressed outrage, ABC said.

"That's just what we were worried about. Watch what the White House does with this now," the spokesman said.

Dobrovir could not be reached for comment.

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