

Report on Tapes Nixon Withheld

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The six tapes that the White House failed to give the House Judiciary Committee on request reportedly contain talks between President Nixon and five former top aides accused in the Watergate scandal.

A committee member said the conversations took place "within a few days, less than a week, either side of" March 21, 1973. This was the date on which Mr. Nixon said he was first told of attempts to cover up the break-in of Democratic headquarters at the Watergate complex. It was on this occasion he said that he stated that while hush money for the burglars could be raised, it would be wrong.

The congressman said the taped conversations which the committee wants for its impeachment inquiry took place between the President and the following:

H. R. (Bob) Haldeman, former White House chief of staff; John D. Ehrlichman, former chief domestic adviser to the President; John N. Mitchell, former attorney general and director of the President's 1972 re-election campaign; Charles W. Colson, former White House special counsel; and John W. Dean III, former counsel to the President.

Haldeman, Ehrlichman, Mitchell and Colson were indicted by a grand jury here last week on charges of trying to cover up the Watergate scandal. Dean, who cooperated with the investigation, pleaded guilty last October to a charge of conspiracy to obstruct justice. His sentencing has been deferred.

These tapes were not furnished Watergate special prosecutor Leon Jaworski and were not included in the President's offer to give the House committee all materials he had given Jaworski.

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