

# Nixon Sums Up Watergate On Transcript

Washington

President Nixon summed up his view of the Watergate bugging and coverup during a conversation with Deputy Attorney General Henry Petersen on April 18, 1973 in one sentence, according to the transcript of their discussion:

"But what happened we know is this: These jackasses got off . . . see, this (Gordon) Liddy is crazy and Hunt and that whole bunch conducted this (inaudible). (John) Mitchell wasn't minding the store, and (Jeb) Magruder is a weak fellow — and the damn thing — and then afterwards they compounded it by what happened afterwards."

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