

# What Ford Told Nixon About Tapes

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Vice President Gerald Ford said here yesterday that he told President Nixon last Thursday that the White House refusal to provide relevant information to a House impeachment panel "could lead to an emotional institutional confrontation."

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Asked about reported differences between him and the President on the issue of releasing further tapes and transcripts of White House conversations, Ford replied:

"This difference existed before the meeting. It was laid out quite candidly during the meeting and I haven't backed off from it since."

Ford's comments, in answer to questions at a news conference here last night, confirmed reports that the President and vice president had discussed the White House decision not to supply any further information sought by the House Judici-

said that he felt that there "should be as much disclosure as possible."

Ford has said on several occasions that he felt the right course for the White House to take would be to leave the door open for further requests if the house committee finds such additional information necessary.

Asked if the President had expressed any unhappiness

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ary Committee, which is considering possible impeachment of the President.

Ford said he indicated to the President during their meeting Thursday that "there was no change in the position I had taken before and I have shown no indication that I would change it again.

"Obviously he (the president) has a somewhat different opinion and I respect it."

Ford said that he "wants the facts out in the open so that the House committee can act on the facts." He

over the Ford stand, the vice president replied:

"I saw no expression one way or the other."

While critical of White House's adamant refusal to supply any further information, Ford said that "the White House door should not be open for all snoopers to go in there and ransack the place."

In response to other questions, Ford said that he was confident that Mr. Nixon would obey any ruling of the Supreme Court.

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