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**DIFFERENCES CITED
IN PANEL VERSION
OF 8 NIXON TAPES**

**Judiciary Committee Issues
Transcripts—Comparison
Notes Key Variations**

JUDGMENT IS WITHHELD

**President's Position Is Seen
Less Favorably Than in
White House Version**

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WASHINGTON, July 9—The House Judiciary Committee published today transcripts of eight tapes of President Nixon's Watergate conversations that differ markedly from the edited transcripts made public by the White House.

In addition, the committee published a side-by-side com-

Comparison of texts of
tapes, Pages 18 and 19.

parison made by its staff of the significant differences from the White House transcripts.

Although the committee refrained from making any judgment about the differences, it seemed likely that some of them would be used by Mr. Nixon's critics to damage his case in the impeachment inquiry.

Some of the discrepancies were already known as a result of the unauthorized disclosure of various passages by Judiciary Committee members. But a full comparison of the differences was not possible until today.

Major Discrepancies

Among the major discrepancies between the two sets of transcripts are the following:

¶The committee's version contains several comments by Mr. Nixon that could indicate, in the view of critics, that he knew of and sanctioned the Watergate cover-up before March 21, 1973—the date he says he first learned the facts of the case.

¶The committee's transcripts include additional statements by the President that could also indicate to critics his acquiescence in a payoff to buy the

silence of one of the Watergate conspirators.

¶The newly released documents contain suggestions by the President that his aides "stonewall" the investigating authorities rather than tell them the truth.

¶The President is depicted in the committee's version as having been pleased with the work of John W. Dean 3d, his former legal counsel, in keeping the cover on the Watergate case through the 1972 election.

Ziegler Critics of Panel

At the White House today, the President's press secretary, Ronald L. Ziegler, insisted again that Mr. Nixon had not been involved in the Watergate cover-up and accused the Judiciary Committee of "dribbling out" its evidence in a "hyped public relations campaign."

The eight transcripts published by the committee today were made from tape recordings that were turned over by the White House to the Watergate grand jury last year and to the Judiciary Committee last March. The White House version of the eight transcripts was published April 30.

Since then, the President has refused, despite subpoenas, to release further tapes to the grand jury or the committee. His failure to honor the grand jury's subpoena is awaiting decision by the Supreme Court.

The Judiciary Committee chairman, Representative Peter W. Rodino Jr., Democrat of New Jersey, and the panel's special impeachment counsel, John M. Doar, have insisted for months that the many discre-

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pancies between the White House and the committee transcripts point out the committee's need for additional tapes in its impeachment inquiry.

The following transcripts were released today:

¶Sept. 15, 1972: the President, Mr. Dean and H. R. Haldeman, then White House chief of staff.

¶Feb. 28, 1973: the President and Mr. Dean.

¶March 13, 1973: the President and Mr. Dean.

¶March 21, 1973, morning: the President, Mr. Dean and Mr. E. Howard Hunt Jr., one of the convicted Watergate conspirators.

¶March 21, 1973, afternoon: the President, Mr. Dean, Mr. Haldeman and John D. Ehrlichman, former chief White House domestic adviser.

¶March 22, 1973: the President, Mr. Haldeman, Mr. Ehrlichman, Mr. Dean and John N. Mitchell, former Attorney General and campaign director.

¶April 16, 1973, morning: the President and Mr. Dean.

¶April 16, 1973, afternoon: the President and Mr. Dean.

Many Differences

There are differences in wording on virtually every page of the two sets of transcripts. Committee officials have complained that they have audio equipment superior to that in the White House, and the assertion has not been challenged by the President's spokesmen.

Most of the thousands of discrepancies are inconsequential, but in dozens of cases they appear to provide a significant variation of tone or meaning in every instance in which there is a substantial inconsistency, the President is cast in a better light in the White House transcript.

Mr. Rodino said that the pages selected for the staff's 131-page, double-spaced comparison of the transcripts were chosen because "they are the differences that would stand out."

One important difference

however, was not contained in the staff comparison.

At the Feb. 28 meeting, the President and Mr. Dean discussed the fact that Herbert W. Kalmbach, then the President's personal attorney, had been questioned by the authorities and had not yet disclosed damaging information.

The President then said, "I'll be hard for him, he—'cause it'll, it'll get out about Hunt."

Neither that statement by the President nor anything similar to it was contained in the White House transcript of the conversation.

The only known connection between Mr. Kalmbach and the President, Mr. Dean and Mr. E. Howard Hunt Jr., one of the convicted Watergate conspirators, was that Mr. Kalmbach spent about six months raising about \$450,000 and distributing it, through intermediaries, to Mr. Hunt and other defendants.

The President's statement might indicate, critics therefore, that he knew in February that money had been paid to defendants. It was understood that he did not disclose those payments until March 21.

Dean-Nixon Exchange

At the March 13 meeting, according to the committee transcript, the President and Mr. Dean had the following exchange:

Mr. Nixon: "I'm not in the tape."

Mr. Dean: "I think it is, I think—"

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In the Judiciary Committee transcript, the President says, "I'm rather surprised at what you told me today."

On the question of hush money to Mr. Hunt on March 21, the committee transcript shows what may be a pertinent difference.

It has the President saying to Mr. Dean, "would you agree that that's a buy-time thing. You better damn well get that done, but fast?"

In the White House transcript, the President says, "Would you agree that that's the prime thing that you damn well better get that done?"

Then, speaking of the Hunt demand for money, the President, according to the committee version, said, "Well, for Christ's sake get it."

The White House transcript deleted the words, "For Christ's sake."

Punctuation Differences

Sometimes, the inclusion or omission of a punctuation mark seems to give a different meaning to a statement in the transcripts.

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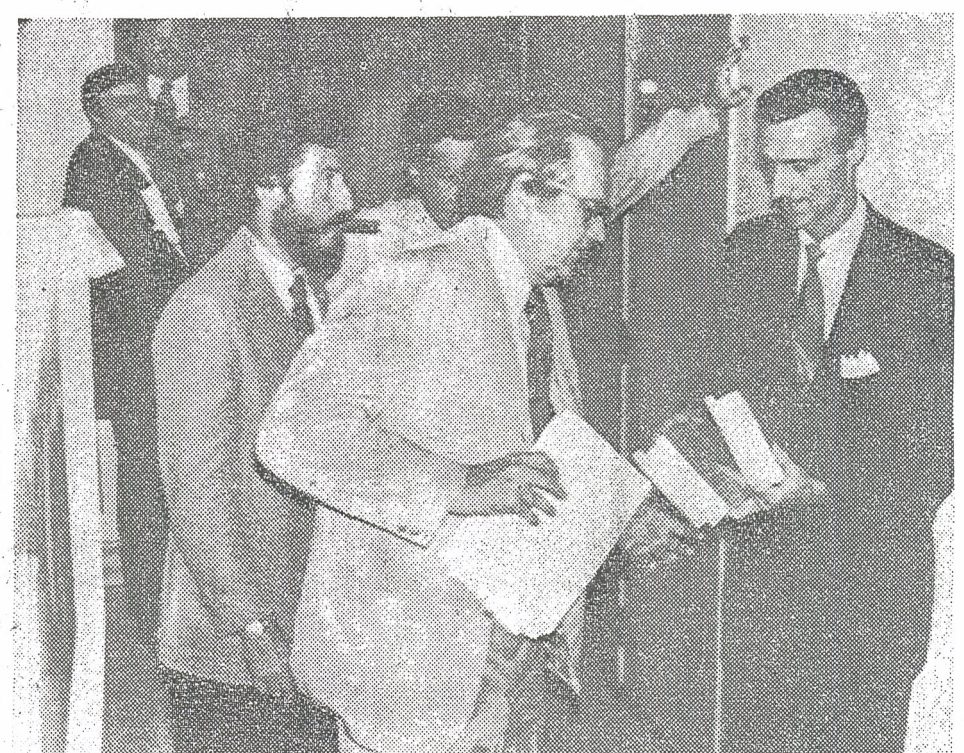
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