

Report on a New Nixon Tape

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Former President Nixon says on a unreleased White House tape that Jeb Stuart Magruder was "supposed to lie like hell" before a Watergate grand jury, CBS News said yesterday.

CBS correspondent Fred Graham said that transcripts of taped conversations on April 25 and 26, 1973, between Mr. Nixon and former White House chief of staff H.R. Haldeman also show Mr. Nixon telling Haldeman to make sure no one—including domestic affairs counselor John D. Ehrlichman—knows that the conversations are being taped.

Graham said that on April 25, Mr. Nixon and Haldeman discuss Mr. Nixon's March 21 conversation with former White House counsel John Dean. He said Haldeman reminds Mr. Nixon that he had discussed providing money and granting clemency to the original Watergate burglars.

Graham said Mr. Nixon then suggests it would be

"Dean's word against the President's." But Haldeman says Dean might have made notes and suggests that Mr. Nixon say he was only probing, Graham said.

Then Haldeman brings up Magruder, deputy head of the Committee to Reelect the President, who was testifying then before the Watergate grand jury.

"Magruder is supposed to lie like hell," Graham said Mr. Nixon states on the tape. "Yeah," Graham said Haldeman replies, "but I'm not sure he is now."

Graham said Mr. Nixon says on the April 26 tape that he's worried he might become involved in some of the court action.

Haldeman, Graham said, replies: "They have got to impeach you first and they're not going to impeach you."

Graham then quoted Mr. Nixon as saying: "No, I've slept on that a little. Oh, my God, what have we done to be impeached?"

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