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was disclosed yesterday. 1973 meeting with aides, it Pierre E. Trudeau during a uted to former President erup defendants have attrib-Nixon a vulgar remark about Canadian Prime Minister Two of the Watergate cov-

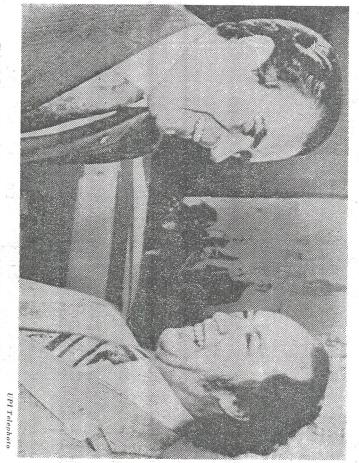
White House tape played in John J. Sirica concerning a with coverup trial Judge were Mr. Nixon's top two asby H. R. Haldeman and court Monday. sistants, in a conference John D. Ehrlichman, who The contention was made

was reported, Haldeman thing else." made the remark: "That judge it was Mr. Nixon who and Ehrlichman told the sation at Sirica's bench, it asshole Trudeau is some In that whispered conver-

did not identify Trudeau as remark to Haldeman and prosecution attributed the tained that statement, a transcript prepared by the the subject of the characterization. Although the tape con-

and Ehrlichman, insisted the Attorneys for Haldeman

said, "there is not the slightest chance whatsoever of a



EX-PRESIDENT NIXON AND CANADA'S PIERRE TRUDEAU They shared a laugh during a 1972 meeting in Ottawa

voice was Mr. Nixon's and

immediate action. corrected, but Sirica took no demanded that the record be Brussels, Trudeau

afternoon of March 22, 1973, with Ehrlichman, Haldeing a Nixon meeting on the mark. minister regarding the re-The phrase was used dur-

comment" from the prime man, John N. Mitchell and John W. Dean III as the unraveling. Watergate coverup began

the conversation Mr. Nixon transcripts, midway through According to prosecution

> moment." Canadian friend . . . at the said: "I got to handle my

or Trudeau. further reference to Canada the disputed phrase, with no Shortly thereafter came

would use. He just didn't say neys told reporters after the tape was played: "That's not the kind of word Bob One of Haldeman's attor-

Trudeau remark. made in the prosecutor's tions they said should be filed a thick sheaf of correc transcripts, including the Ehrlichman's lawyers also

there, I — you might, if you now. I'll take care of Trusaying: "Suppose you take him. You take care of it deau and I won't come over sion quotes Mr. Nixon as mark, the Ehrlichman verlet me hear ... " get him waltzed around, you Shortly before that re-

telligible." contain the phrase "I'll take of the transcripts did not care of Trudeau," carrying instead the notation "unin-The prosecutor's version

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