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Historian Hits

Bid to Destroy Nixon Tapes

NEW YORK, Nov. 15 (AP)—
Former President Nixon's tap-
ing of individuals without
their knowledge was a "gross
abuse of the oral history idea"
but destruction of the tapes
would be unpardonable, says
Prof. Louis M. Starr, head of
University's oral history col-
lection.

Noting White House conten-
tions that the Nixon tapes
should be destroyed because
they never should have been
made, Starr cited former Pres-
ident Warren Harding's letters
to his mistress.

"Those probably shouldn't
have been written, but even
Harding's heirs agree they
should be preserved for his-
tory."

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