

The White House Tapes Controversy, Chapter 2

A new tapes controversy? Former Watergate counsel **Sam Dash** is quoted in the current *People* magazine as saying, "He (Nixon) must have made a decision to erase it (the June 20, 1972, tape with the 18 1/2 minute gap)."

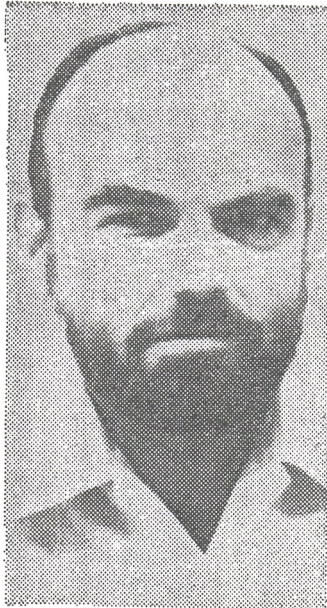
The comment came in the course of a taped interview with **Clare Crawford**. And now Dash says he was misquoted.

"What I said was that Nixon was faced with a court order to produce the tapes, and I told Clare 'He must have made a decision to obey it.'"

Both sides admit that the tape in question is hard to understand. They and the tapes may appear together on WTOP's "Nine in the Morning" soon to cut to the heart of the matter.

Susan Ford (she's the one with the cameras) may embark on the mystical journey of Transcendental Meditation. She attended an introductory lecture given by Beach Boy Mike Love at Mount Vernon College recently, and showed up Tuesday night at the Club Zanzibar, DC's deco disco, to chat with Love. Susan said she hasn't decided whether to take the \$65 student course.

Martha Mitchell, 57, who is suffering from a rare form of bone cancer known as



John Ehrlichman

multiple myeloma, has been admitted to the Sloan-Kettering Memorial Cancer Center in Manhattan.

The estranged wife of former Attorney General John Mitchell checked in under the assumed name of Diane Mitchell, according to *The New York Daily News*, and the center confirmed yesterday that she is a patient.

Well, we have President Richard Monckton, a national

security adviser with a German accent and a CIA director named William Martin who is sent off to become an ambassador. Oh, no, not again, you say?

Relax, it's only a novel—a novel by former White House aide John Ehrlichman. Called "The Company," this story of blackmail and suspense is due to be published in July 1976 by Simon & Schuster, and reportedly includes unflattering portraits of Nixon and Haldeman-like characters.

In other news for hungry bookworms, Spiro Agnew's "The Canfield Decision" is due in May; Woodward and Bernstein's "The Last Hundred Days" has been selected by The Book-of-the-Month Club.

Imelda Marcos, the first lady of the Philippines, had a busy day yesterday in Washington, where she is attending an International Population Conference. After meeting privately with International Bank for Reconstruction and Development President Robert McNamara, Marcos had tea at the White House with Betty Ford. The President is expected to stop in the Philippines next month en route to China.

—Tom Zito