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Transcript #1: Part of a conversation between President Nixon and H. R. Haldeman in the Oval Office between 7:55 am and 8:03 am on May 4, 1971.

Conversation No. 490-9#1

President: [Unintelligible] the coverage.

Haldeman: [Unintelligible] is as covered last night. Nothin' happening this morning. Nobody out except policemen and troops. No action.

President: Wow, [clears throat] that would be hard. What are they gonna, they gonna try again tomorrow morning? Is that the whole deal?

Haldeman: Dunno. [Unintelligible] they've got one judge now, apparently, who is, has issued a show-cause on the arrests, objected to the --

President: [Unintelligible] left wing [unintelligible].

Haldeman: -- objected to the, yeah, mass arrests without, uh, [unintelligible].

President: Mitchell knows how to handle the case?

Haldeman: Yeah, [unintelligible].

President: He, he [unintelligible] by 'em. He [unintelligible].

Haldeman: But on the other than that, I noticed that Charlie was, was banging them away at two-hundred-and-fifty-dollar bail. [Laughs]

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President: He would.

Haldeman: [Laughs] That was a lot of fun. Yeah. They're, uh, [sniffs] they're meeting any plan now for action. They, they did arrest Spock.

President: They did find him.

Haldeman: Well, they didn't see, they picked up Rennie Davis on a specific arrest. The FBI went out and got him. Spock just got caught in a general sweep. They have him over in the, he may be out now. They had him in the --.

President: He probably works like a dog.

Haldeman: Pretty good coverage on the damage and disruption. There's nobody, hardly anybody, there's only one, one or two that have come out for 'em. Virtually everybody else is coming in --

President: Well.

Haldeman: [Unintelligible]. Muskie and, and, uh, well, Muskie didn't come out very strongly against 'em.

President: No, he's, he would've waffled.

Haldeman: He said it was first this, this --

President: Hurts their cause.

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Haldeman: -- would hurt the cause.

President: That's a helluva damn point.

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Transcript #2: Part of a conversation between President Nixon and H. R. Haldeman in the Oval Office between 7:55 am and 8:03 am on May 4, 1971.

Conversation No. 490-9#2

President: General impression you get from the news summary, thousands of people think that [unintelligible] and, uh, the NBC News created the impression of greater crisis.

Haldeman: Also, a lot of action.

President: What do you think the country, country's reaction to it?

Haldeman: I think it's gonna be that there were a lotta bad people here that were well-handled, that didn't let 'em tear the thing apart.

President: Right.