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Transcript #1: Part of a conversation between President Nixon and H. R. (ABob≅) Haldeman in the Oval Office between 5:38 pm and 5:45 pm on May 5, 1971

Conversation No. 492-7#1

Haldeman: Apparently, John [D.] Ehrlichman; they=ve arrested all the demonstrators.

President: How, how, what happened? [Unintelligible].

Haldeman: I=m not sure, I, the, where it happened. It=s not, uh, it is not [unintelligible]. They, they had about two thousand in the area of the Capitol, and they were ready to move to arrest >em, and John Ehrlichman tells me now they have. Three members of Congress, including [Bella S.] Abzug and [Ronald V.] Dellums, intend to speak to them. [Unintelligible] [Edward M. (ATed≅)] Kennedy has announced that he=s planning hearings regarding the Federal Government=s handling of the demonstrations this week. And his staff has indicated they feel abuses occurred in dealing with the demonstrators on Monday, May third.

President: [Unintelligible]. They=re gonna make an issue. [Unintelligible] just --.

Haldeman: Seem to [unintelligible], it doesn=t seem like it does him any, can=t do him any good >n= could do him a lot of harm.

President: [Unintelligible] linin= up with >em --

Haldeman: [Unintelligible] line up with >em.

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President: [Unintelligible]. Any success in getting, uh, somebody getting a letter praising the police or any of that sort of thing?

Haldeman: They=re working on that.

President: [Unintelligible].

Haldeman: Plan to, anyhow.

President: [Unintelligible].

Haldeman: Be sure that they can get enough people [unintelligible].

President: I want a good counterattack.

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Transcript #2: Part of a conversation among President Nixon, H. R. (ABob≡) Haldeman, and John D. Ehrlichman in the Oval Office between 5:45 pm and 6:03 pm on May 5, 1971

Conversation No. 492-7#2

President: What is the report on, uh, on the little friends, the animals upstairs?

Ehrlichman: Well, they, uh, a couple thousand of >em up at the Capitol --.

President: They=re still there?

Ehrlichman: No. They=re in jail. All but --.

President: I understand, Bob says that you, your reports indicate that your friend [Edward M. (ATed≡)] Kennedy is going to have a hearing. What, under what kind of a committee?

Ehrlichman: He did this before. Uh, he=s got a subcommittee on Government operations and, uh, he --.

President: Who the hell is the Republican on it? Have we got anybody?

Ehrlichman: I, that I don=t know. I don=t know.

President: That=s what I would find out. Here=s a chance for a Republican to become famous. As minority member of the committee he could just filibuster, yak, object, raise hell, raise questions that Kennedy doesn=t like, ya know, force him to gavel him down, make a real fight.

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- Haldeman: Call in, call in Chief, uh, [unintelligible] [Jerry V.] Wilson.
- President: Oh, they will call him.
- Haldeman: Wilson=ll make a monkey outta him.
- Ehrlichman: Ya know, he did this to us once before. He did this to us at the time of the moratorium [clears throat] and, uh, turned Justice inside out for about two weeks, puttin= together all the records and the big book of all the procedures and, uh, who was arrested and all this stuff, and, uh, then he held a hearing. So, uh, uh, this=s just more grandstanding.
- President: [Unintelligible] no. Grandstanding or not, Republican oughta speak up on this --
- Ehrlichman: Right.
- President: -- and say, ANow, look, this is grandstanding.≡ Uh, uh, I-it=s time now, John, for, uh, and there=s a, I=m kinda certain they=re gonna find a little [unintelligible] agreement in the House and the Senate and probably in the [unintelligible], certainly in the House and Senate, [unintelligible] the way this has been handled. But, ya know, if you allow this kind of thing to go on [unintelligible], you gotta fight it.
- Ehrlichman: Right.
- President: Ya gotta fight it. People should get up on the floor and raise hell with >em. Now, can=t you get [unintelligible] to work on some of this or, suppose he isn=t already [unintelligible] --.

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Ehrlichman: He --.

President: I=ve [unintelligible] Congress.

Ehrlichman: The feeling is that Kennedy is getting himself out on the wrong side of this issue by doing it.

President: He doesn=t need this, John. My point with Kennedy, I mean, it=s like me tryin= to --

Ehrlichman: Yeah.

President: -- [unintelligible] Birchers.

Ehrlichman: Yeah. Right.

President: What the Christ. I mean --

Ehrlichman: Yeah. [Laughs]

President: -- I shouldn=t come out against >em, but I would o= been a goddamn fool to come out for >em.

Ehrlichman: Well, we=ll light it up. We=ll, uh --.

President: Don=t ya think so?

Ehrlichman: Right.

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President: And, uh, and also let, let=s get [Edmund S.] Muskie in there with >em. So, Muskie and [Hubert H.] Humphrey, lovely, don=t you think? [Unintelligible]. They didn=t do anything up there at the Congress, did they? Did any of the Congressmen [unintelligible]?

Ehrlichman: Yeah, they did. Uh --.

President: What=d they do? What happened?

Ehrlichman: Uh, after the last busload rolled away, about ninety or a hundred came from nowhere and busted through the police lines and ran up the steps toward the entrance. The police=re chasing them, and I just, that just came over the radio, uh, the, the Secret Service radio, and I haven=t got a report as to what=s happened since. But, uh, they were very peaceful otherwise and they just sat up there. And then --.

Haldeman: Who arrested, the [Washington,] DC Police or the Capitol Police?

President: I don=t know.

Haldeman: Musta been DC.

Ehrlichman: Uh, uh, presumably the Capitol Police called >em, and that they brought the buses and hauled >em away.

President: Don=t you feel, John, that the District [of Columbia] handled it with great efficiency --

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Ehrlichman: Yeah.

President: -- and skill?

Ehrlichman: Yeah.

President: What the hell else could we do?

Ehrlichman: That, Wilson went to the mat today. He said for, to the press, AI assume total responsibility for the arrest procedure. The decision was mine. I think it was correct. I think it was necessary for the protection of private property and the public safety of Washington citizens, and I have no apologies to make.≡

President: Yeah.

Haldeman: Good for him!

President: We might have a guy who can be the next head of the [Federal Bureau of Investigation] FBI.

[Laughter]

Haldeman: Well, that=s a --

Ehrlichman: Well --

Haldeman: -- that=s been suggested --

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Ehrlichman: -- remember, we --

Haldeman: -- [unintelligible] might need a guy.

Ehrlichman: -- [unintelligible]. Yeah.

President: After all here=s a guy who [unintelligible] I don=t know with a high school education. That=s just great, and, uh, not even high school --

Haldeman: You=re kidding.

President: -- he finished high school after he got out of the Marine Corps.

Haldeman: [Unintelligible] Marine Corps.

President: And he=s just got [unintelligible].

Ehrlichman: Well, we programmed him to do this this morning, and he, he did better than you could possibly have programmed him.

President: Hell, we=ve got people around here --.

Haldeman: Why don=t we do that? It=s just amazing.

Ehrlichman: Why?

Haldeman: Yeah, there=s hardly anybody around this country that=ll do things like that.

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Ehrlichman: Well, we asked >im to. [Laughs]

Haldeman: I know, but nobody else does [unintelligible]

Ehrlichman: I know, but he has never let us down yet.

President: Nobody else ever steps up to it. How old a fellow is he, John?

Ehrlichman: I, I would guess about forty-five.

President: Hell of a guy, big good-lookin= fellow.

Ehrlichman: Been married fifteen years, according to the newspaper story. Today=s his anniversary.

Haldeman: You oughta call >im. It=s his wedding anniversary today, and his wife said, AI guess we=ll, I=ll have to --≅

Ehrlichman: ATake him, take him a sandwich with two candles.≅

Haldeman: A[Unintelligible] sandwich with a couple of candles [unintelligible]≅.

Ehrlichman: [Laughs]

Haldeman: [Unintelligible] cafeteria or somethin=.

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President: [Picks up telephone; Conversation No. 492-7C (See Conversation No. 2-92)] Get me Mrs. Wilson, the wife of the Chief of Police, Washington. [Hangs up telephone; end of Conversation No. 492-7C]

Ehrlichman: He=s been living in a hotel downtown. He hasn=t been goin= home.

President: Has he got a girl with >im?

Ehrlichman: He=s got a, no, he=s got a police department. [Laughs]

President: I went over to the command center.

Ehrlichman: Oh, did ya? For the mayor=s, uh --.

President: Ya know, Secret Service.

Ehrlichman: Oh, good.

President: Last night, [unintelligible] --

Ehrlichman: Good.

President: -- it was a good thing. [Unintelligible].

Ehrlichman: Yeah, they=ve, uh, pulled --.

President: I don=t know, Bob, [unintelligible] they=ve got about thir-, fif-, twenty-thirty guys in there --

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Ehrlichman: Yeah.

President: -- with their little microphones --

Ehrlichman: Yeah.

President: -- >n= pictures.

Ehrlichman: Well, see, they have surveillance all over town called into there, so the Secret Service knows --.

President: Why do they have to know so much?

Ehrlichman: Well, because they need to, they need to know well in advance if anything is coming this way. They need to know what=s happening out by the Sheraton, for the protection of the Vice President, and, uh, so they have to keep track of --.

Haldeman: And they=ve got nothing else to do. They, they have to just wait until someone comes after you. So --

Ehrlichman: Yeah.

Haldeman: -- while they=re sitting around waiting, they damn well better know what=s happening.

Ehrlichman: Well, they also have responsibility for the embassies. If there were a march on the South Vietnamese --

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Haldeman: [Unintelligible].

Ehrlichman: -- Embassy or somethin= --

President: [Unintelligible].

Ehrlichman: -- of that kind --

President: [Unintelligible]. The other thing is that, uh, the, uh, --.

Ehrlichman: -- [unintelligible] damn good source of information for us. I really helps us
>cause they keep track of what=s going on.

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Transcript #3: Part of a conversation among President Nixon, H. R. (ABob≡) Haldeman, and John D. Ehrlichman in the Oval Office between 5:45 pm and 6:03 pm on May 5, 1971

Conversation No. 492-7#3

Ehrlichman: He, uh, he really set the foundation. [Ronald L.] Ziegler got assaulted pretty heavy this afternoon on this whole business of unconstitutional arrests and all that. But he was able to --.

President: By [Peter] Lisagor [unintelligible].

Ehrlichman: Oh, I don=t know who but, ya know, that mob. And, uh, he was able to say, ALook, the Chief of Police has made a statement on this, and I just don=t have anything to add to it.≡

President: Good.

Ehrlichman: That was it.

President: [Unintelligible]. We=re gonna stand determined; we don=t give an inch; now don=t give an inch. And, Bob, I want you keep this White House, nobody is to yap out of this White House staff. I see anybody do that, the whole goddamn staff is fired. You know what I mean? No leaks, no concerns, people around the President are worried, di, di, di, di, dit. I, if anything, I think we should=ve clubbed a few more o= the bastards. That=s my attitude. It=s very important that we show no, we show an absolute united front all through the [unintelligible]. Just, if they don=t agree, just tell >em Ashut up≡, ya know. I know there is all

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this [unintelligible] around; well, let=s not overreact. It was fine the first day, but the second day I=m worried. No, sir. Don=t ever --

Ehrlichman: Um-hum.

President: -- once you start down a road, John, never turn back.

Ehrlichman: Now we=ve got a very good, strong position right now.

President: I think we are.

Ehrlichman: And then I think --.

President: [Unintelligible].

Ehrlichman: That=s right. Then ya got guys like Sam[uel J.] Ervin[, Jr.].

President: I heard that he said something.

Ehrlichman: And, uh, ya know, he=s the first to come stormin= out on constitutional issues.

President: But he said it was all right?

Ehrlichman: He said that he thought that the thing was handled but very well.

President: Did he?

Ehrlichman: So, uh, I think we just hang in.

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President: The [Edward M. (ATed≅)] Kennedy thing is the first break --

Ehrlichman: Yeah.

President: -- from any responsible person. Course he=s, uh, [unintelligible] the hell he tryin= to appeal to?

Ehrlichman: Well, I=d, I, it may be a reflex thing because he did it before, and he got a little mileage out of it before. And his staff may be just [unintelligible].

President: It may be [unintelligible] --

Haldeman: [Unintelligible].

President: -- be Kennedy.

Ehrlichman: Yeah.

Haldeman: It might just be his staff.

Ehrlichman: Yeah.

President: It may be that this entire effort now is to try to capture the left of the Democratic Party completely. In other words, [Edmund S.] Muskie is waffling, and, uh, [Hubert H.] Humphrey, of course, is playing [George] Meany a little too close. So Kennedy tries to get the left.

Ehrlichman: Except he has no credibility with them.

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President: Oh, God, yes, he does.

Ehrlichman: These, these kids that were in town, they think Kennedy is a sell-out.

President: Oh, no! Really?

Ehrlichman: Yeah.

President: Kennedy?

Ehrlichman: Yes, sir.

President: I thought they loved >im.

Ehrlichman: Well, not the ones I=ve talked to.

President: Who the hell do they love? Muskie?

Ehrlichman: [George S.] McGovern. McGovern.

President: Oh, for Christ=s sakes. Kennedy [unintelligible] --

Haldeman: [Unintelligible].

President: -- [unintelligible] McGovern. Where do they, how they think Kennedy sold >em out?

Ehrlichman: They did, because he came out so late on the war.

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President: Oh, I see, because he came out so late. McGovern was always against it.

Ehrlichman: Yeah.

President: Humphrey - what do they think? He's a switcher.

Ehrlichman: They have no, uh, uh --.

President: Muskie didn't speak out soon enough.

Ehrlichman: No.

Haldeman: [Unintelligible] Humphrey just isn't their, ya know, even if he were with >em [unintelligible] --.

Ehrlichman: Establishment.

Haldeman: [Unintelligible] wouldn't be with >em [unintelligible].

Ehrlichman: Yeah, yeah.

President: He agreed with >em; he's really with >em. Humphrey is basically an ultraliberal.

Haldeman: But he isn't their type.

President: [Unintelligible].

Haldeman: [Unintelligible].

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President: [Unintelligible] Johnson.

Ehrlichman: Yeah, yeah.

President: But Humphrey is closer to them than any o= the others.

Haldeman: But he=s the old school --

Ehrlichman: Yeah.

Haldeman: -- babbling politician.

President: [Unintelligible] but Teddy is interesting.

Ehrlichman: Now, my, uh, my information isn=t current. It=s, uh, it=s five or six months before I talked to anybody, ya know, about that. But, uh, uh, the, that, that crowd really considered him a sell-out.

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Transcript #4: Part of a conversation among President Nixon, H. R. (ABob≡) Haldeman, and John D. Ehrlichman in the Oval Office between 5:45 pm and 6:03 pm on May 5, 1971

Conversation No. 492-7#4

Ehrlichman: Bella [S.] Abzug urged the police not to arrest the crowd.

President: Well, that=s nice.

Ehrlichman: [Unintelligible] hundred and fifty to a thousand demonstrators have already been arrested, are en route. There=s a meeting at St. Steven=s Church tonight of the May Day --

Haldeman: [Unintelligible].

Ehrlichman: -- Coalition. [Reading] A[Unintelligible] urgings of Rennie Davis a group of University of Maryland students will attempt to block traffic on Route One in the vicinity of College Park, Maryland.≡ Well, that=s what they did that other time.

Haldeman: Yeah. It=s kind of a pathetic [unintelligible] thing [unintelligible]. Well, their, the big deal was, was to stop all traffic in the District of Columbia], so now they=re gonna block it out at College Park, Maryland. Who the hell cares?

Ehrlichman: Secret Service is planning to resume normal operations, removing all barricades, extra guards, *et cetera*, at six p.m.

President: Tonight.

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Ehrlichman: Right.

President: Well, let's hope they're not planning a big deal tomorrow.

Ehrlichman: Not around, uh, no, there's no intelligence of it at all. They were planning to stay at the Congress forever, ya know, until they signed the peace treaty.

President: Well, nobody thinks we're permissive at the moment, do they?

Ehrlichman: I h-, haven't heard that. [Laughs] Not lately. [Laughs]

President: You know, [Ronald L.] Ziegler was just right to stand right up there and throw it back. He said, "The Chief has said this."

Ehrlichman: Yeah.

President: But I don't, he wasn't, uh, he didn't dodge it.

Haldeman: [Unintelligible].

Ehrlichman: They were tryin' to get him to comment on whether or not the President regretted the violation of people's constitutional rights in, in the arrest process. And he just held firm.

President: Regretted it. Jesus Christ.

Ehrlichman: [Laughs]

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President: He didn=t say, he, he didn=t, he [unintelligible] mention --.

Ehrlichman: No he did not. He said he hung very tough, and he said they [unintelligible] and went away just mad as hell.

President: Really good man.

Ehrlichman: So, uh, that=s right, I think rightly [unintelligible]

President: We better be sure of that [unintelligible] any question --.

Ehrlichman: No, I, I, well, least that=s --

President: Yeah.

Ehrlichman: -- he called me as soon as his briefing --

President: Yeah.

Ehrlichman: -- was over.

Haldeman: Well, he=s good --

President: But I, I regret, I=m proud of him.

Ehrlichman: [Laughs]

President: [Unintelligible] more of the bastards.

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Ehrlichman: [Laughs] Well, I=m sure he didn=t say that [unintelligible].

President: Well, ya know, uh, just keep your, just hold your [unintelligible]. We can really get this going.

Ehrlichman: That=d be a real coup.

Haldeman: That really would. It=d just be --

Ehrlichman: Yeah.

Haldeman: -- [unintelligible].

President: [Unintelligible] The libs would just be up the walls. All these goddamn, horrible people, ya know, voting for that.

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Transcript #5: Part of a conversation among President Nixon, H. R. (ABob≡) Haldeman, John D. Ehrlichman, and Ronald L. Ziegler in the Oval Office between 6:03 pm and 6:13 pm on May 5, 1971

Conversation No. 492-7#5

President: I called Mrs. [Jerry V.] Wilson and congratulated her on her fifteenth wedding anniversary.

Ziegler: [Unintelligible].

President: Damn right.

Haldeman: Her husband=s the Chief of Police [unintelligible].

Ehrlichman: [Laughs] He=s the big red [unintelligible].

President: [Unintelligible] that we were, we, uh, we [unintelligible] greatly appreciated the many hours of overtime, uh, [unintelligible] he=s devoted to the city.

Haldeman: He said that he knew that the whole city and the Nation=s proud of what he=s done.

President: [Unintelligible] don=t, uh, this idea of, oh, for Christ=s sales, that you mean, that I re-, that for one min-, two minutes that I regretted the violation of constitutional rights?

Ziegler: Yes, sir.

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President: What the hell, I regret the way that they have violated the rights of people that [unintelligible] have their damn tires slashed or their trash dumped over.

Haldeman: Or to get [unintelligible] --.

President: [Unintelligible] constitutional rights of those people? Who was it, [Peter] Lisagor?

Ziegler: They weren't fit to govern us.

[Laughter]

President: [Unintelligible]

[Laughter]

President: [Unintelligible] Lisagor, [Herbert E.] Kaplow --.

Ziegler: No, sir. Lisagor wasn't there.

President: Um-hum.

Ziegler: It was, uh, that ol' [Robert] Pierpoint got it goin'.

President: Oh, well.

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Transcript #6: Part of a conversation among President Nixon, H. R. (ABob≡) Haldeman, John D. Ehrlichman, and Ronald L. Ziegler in the Oval Office between 6:03 pm and 6:13 pm on May 5, 1971

Conversation No. 492-7#6

President: Yeah. Well, I wish they=da hit me with that. I=d=ve kicked >em right in the balls.

Ziegler: [Unintelligible].

President: It=s a good thing they hit you [unintelligible].

Ziegler: What they were, what they were going after was a quote, and they were just dying --

President: Quote [unintelligible].

Ziegler: -- to get it. I=d go to [unintelligible], and then they=d come back to it.

President: Yeah.

Ziegler: And then I=d go to somethin= else, and they=d come back to it. And I really --.

President: What did they want you to quote; say that I regretted it?

Ziegler: Well, they were lookin= for a quote --

President: Yeah.

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Ziegler: -- which said that the President regrets that the constitutional rights of some of those who were arrested were violated --

President: Oh, shit.

Ziegler: -- see? Well, if I say that --

President: Oh!

Ziegler: -- the-, the-, then the headlines would be --

President: The word Aregret.≡ No!

Ziegler: -- regret. [Clears throat] So I danced a whole [unintelligible], uh, ya know, there are some times when you can cut it off and then there are some --

President: Yeah.

Ziegler: -- questions that are so belligerent that if you don=t --

President: Yeah.

Ziegler: -- ya know, strike back at them that, then stands as the impression --

President: Um-hum. Right.

Ziegler: -- of the President=s attitude. So --.

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President: So you, you kept repeating that I felt that they=d done a hell of a good job and that I am not re- --.

Ziegler: Competent, appropriate job --

President: That=s right.

Ziegler: -- over and over again. And, and, uh, I said not only the, the Police Department but the, the US for-, troops that were here --

President: That=s right.

Ziegler: -- did an excellent job, and that the city officials and so forth >n=, and I said, AI don=t want anything I say to even lead to the, to the question that there=s any doubt that the President --

President: Right.

Ziegler: -- feels this way.≡

President: Good. [Unintelligible].

Ziegler: And then [unintelligible] said, AYou have to keep in mind that this was very unusual situation that occurred here, where people came to town, stopped the operation of the Government through violence, civil disobedience. That in itself is something that probably has never occurred here in Washington, you know, before.≡

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President: Well fine, good. That=s very well [unintelligible].

Ziegler: Danced around it.

Ehrlichman: Well, I, I think it=s a good thing to let the reputation of this town be a tough reputation --

President: That=s right.

Ehrlichman: -- so that they --

President: That you can=t --

Ehrlichman: -- [unintelligible].

President: -- come here and kick us around.

Ehrlichman: >S the point.

President: I mean, just, let=s, we=ll be the Chicago of the East.

Ehrlichman: [Laughs] I don=t think [Richard J.] Daley --

Haldeman: [Unintelligible].

Ehrlichman: -- oh, I don=t think Daley

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President: [Unintelligible].

Ehrlichman: -- ever, ever arrested that many, did he --

President: No.

Ehrlichman: -- in Chicago?

President: Daley? Hell no. He just beat >em up.

Ehrlichman: We must be up there close to ten thousand now. See, they, they busted another thousand, twelve hundred this afternoon.

Ziegler: They did? That=s [unintelligible] out of the building, I hadn=t seen that.

President: [Unintelligible] the Capitol.

Haldeman: [Unintelligible] First and Constitution one.

Ziegler: Well --.

President: Well, aren=t these, some of these repeaters, though?

Ehrlichman: Oh, sure.

Haldeman: Sure.

President: Yeah.

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Ehrlichman: [Unintelligible].

Ziegler: Well, I was, ya know, there [unintelligible].

Haldeman: One guy was quoted in the paper. He said, AI=m going home.≡ They said, AWhy, I thought you were staying until they ended the peace.≡ He said, AI did. I came here to stay until we had peace in Vietnam but I=ve been arrested three times.≡

Ehrlichman: [Laughs]

Haldeman: [Unintelligible]. [Laughs]

Ehrlichman: All out of bail money.

Haldeman: [Laughs] [Unintelligible].

Ehrlichman: Ya know, there=s a lot of [unintelligible].

Ziegler: The cameramen out there got me aside, ya know, >cause they were comin= over, they were comin= at me on the [*Washington*] *Star* guy --

Ehrlichman: Oh, yeah.

Ziegler: -- the *Washington Star* guy.

President: Right.

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Ziegler: Well, I could see that, I didn't say this for the President, I said, I said, look, uh, I -
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President: [Unintelligible].

Ziegler: -- [Unintelligible] sympathize with the guy who is inconvenienced in that way. That's as far as I went. I went back and repeated the hard line, [unintelligible] but I was tryin' to turn >em off at that point. The, the cameramen came to me afterwards. They said, AListen, we were out there [unintelligible] had press passes on us.≅ They said, AYou should have said --

Unknown: S-s-s.

Ziegler: -- to those guys [unintelligible] had their press passes when they were arrested.≅ He said, AAll we had to do was show >em the press p- --

Ehrlichman: Yeah.

Ziegler: -- [unintelligible].≅

Ehrlichman: You know what this whole thing --

Haldeman: [Unintelligible] point out I bet those kids purposely didn't show their passes --.

Ziegler: Oh, they wanted to be arrested.

Ehrlichman: [Unintelligible].

Ziegler: But the question is, did their editor want >em to get arrested?

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Haldeman: Damn right.

Ehrlichman: Yeah. Th-this whole episode --

President: [Unintelligible].

Ehrlichman: -- reminds me of Germany right after the war. Nobody was a Nazi, ya know?

Unknown: Yeah.

Ehrlichman: Everybody had been against [Adolf] Hitler after the war. Here everybody was just walkin= down the street. Ya don=t, ya don=t find anybody who was arrested that was doing anything wrong.

Haldeman: Except some girl there at the jail, she just blew her stack. It was a great story. She said, ALook, God damn it, I came to town to demonstrate. I=m not an innocent civilian --

Ehrlichman: [Laughs]

Haldeman: -- who was just walking around and got scooped up. I wanna get out --

Ehrlichman: Well --

Haldeman: -- so I can demonstrate some more.≡

Ehrlichman: -- well, it=s the only one I=ve heard of.

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Haldeman: [Laughs]

President: They all said they were here peacefully, huh?

Ehrlichman: Yeah. AI was just walking down the street and I was busted,≡ ya know.

Ziegler: Well, that=s gonna be the new theme --

Ehrlichman: Yeah.

Ziegler: -- to try.

Haldeman: [Unintelligible] --

President: If I were ten years ago --.

Ziegler: [Unintelligible] hold hearings on this.

Haldeman: -- was telling me that Congressman, somebody from Texas, his son got arrested, fifteen year old son got arrested. He was out with the crowd somewhere and he got hauled in. And his father, the, this was yesterday, I guess. His father brought him into the House barber shop this morning at opening time, sh-, shoved the kid in the door and said cut all his hair off. [Laughs] This is the last time he=s gonna pull somethin= like that.

President: Good.

Haldeman: And, and the barber cut his hair off.

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