

**NIXON PRESIDENTIAL MATERIALS STAFF****Tape Subject Log***(rev. 9/08)*

Transcript #1: Part of a telephone conversation between President Nixon in his office in the Old Executive Office Building and Charles W. Colson between 4:33 pm and 4:37 pm on April 28, 1971.

Conversation No. 42-68#1

Colson: I, I had a --

President: Yeah, I know.

Colson: -- I had a phone-call --

President: Yeah.

Colson: -- program started around the country and, uh --

President: Um-hum, um-hum.

Colson: -- talked to, well, I guess, twenty people whom I really trust and, uh, who are damned good with political instincts in --

President: Um-hum.

Colson: Texas and Nebraska --

President: Yeah, yeah.

Colson: -- and their reaction is: hell, the President's doing the right thing and, uh, uh, very few people were even aware of the demonstrations this weekend.

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President: Um-hum.

Colson: Uh.

President: Of course, they don't get the play out of this town that they do here.

Colson: That's right and, uh --

President: Although they do in the --.

Colson: -- the veterans' thing made a little bit of an impact but not,

President: Not as big as we --.

Colson: [Coughs] Not heavily, no, sir.

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Transcript #2: Part of a telephone conversation between President Nixon in his office in the Old Executive Office Building and Charles W. Colson between 4:33 pm and 4:37 pm on April 28, 1971.

Conversation No. 42-68#2

President: 'Nother thing too is that, uh, how 'bout the Congress now, how 're they doin'? Are they, uh, uh, uh --?

Colson: Well, they're scared to death.

President: Yeah.

Colson: You know --.

President: Scared? What do you mean, of they, of they, uh, of these demonstrators, you mean?

Colson: Sure, uh --.

President: That's nice. Well, that may, that certainly doesn't hel-, hurt our cause, does it?

Colson: Helps us, uh, the --.

President: I'd think they'd be, get turned off by it.

Colson: You should have heard the wailing that was going on Monday when these kids were running through the offices, throwing paint, uh --

President: Um-hum.

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Colson: -- and, uh, running in and chasing the gals out of Tower's office. Tower locked himself in his office. And, uh, all of a sudden he's, he's, uh, he had been getting a little soft, you know. He's, uh, God, he's tough again.

President: Tower? Yeah.

Colson: Sure. And, uh, even Aiken. I mean, he's, uh, this, they have turned off the Senators, and the Senators are scared. Goldwater's closed his office, as you know.

President: Yeah. That's a good thing.

Colson: Sure it is.

President: Some of our, uh, uh, our softies think it's, uh, he shouldn't 'a' done that. Why, they're absolutely wrong. Goldwater pointed up the problem that way.

Colson: Best thing in the world. That's exactly how they --.

President: Finally did something smart.

Colson: Exactly right.

President: That's right. And, uh, what the hell, if they're gonna go in rip his office up, close the damn thing.

Colson: Exactly. But, uh, no, I think they'll o-, they'll overplay their hand. I'm, I'm, uh, absolutely convinced of it.

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Transcript #3: Part of a telephone conversation between President Nixon in his office in the Old Executive Office Building and Charles W. Colson between 4:33 pm and 4:37 pm on April 28, 1971.

Conversation No. 42-68#3

Colson: They, they, uh, this fellow Kerry that they had on last week --

President: Yeah.

Colson: -- uh --

President: Yeah.

Colson: -- hell, he turns out to be, uh, uh, really quite a phony. You know, we --.

President: Yeah, I know.

Colson: That story we're getting out, that, uh, --

President: Are ya?

Colson: --TerHorst is writing that for --

President: Good.

Colson: -- North American Newspaper Alliance, uh --.

President: Well, he is sort of a phony, isn't he? Is --?

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Colson: Well, he stayed, when he was here --

President: Stayed out in Georgetown, yeah.

Colson: -- he stayed in Georgetown with, uh, one of the old-line Washington socialites, Elsie Leiter [sp?], and, uh, was out at the best restuarants every night and, uh --

President: Sure.

Colson: -- you know, he's just, the-e complete opportunist.

President: A racket, sure.

Colson: He was in Vietnam a total of four months. Uh, he's, he's politically ambitious and just, uh, looking for an issue.

President: Yeah.

Colson: He came back a hawk and became a dove when he saw the political opportunities.

President: Sure, well, anyway, keep the faith.