Plumbers - Wiredges
Preparation for Nixon Assisting
(William) Beecher
(Nick) Sheehan
Hendrick Smith

Overhearings would be disclosed.

(1) Did you recall that these FBI wiretaps were discussed at this meeting?
(2) Do you recall Mr. Mardian listing any names of people tapped or overheard, other thanMessrs. Beecher, Sheehan, and Smith?
(3) Did Mr. Mardian have with him a list of people who had been wiretapped?
(4) Did Mr. Mardian state that "overhearings would be disclosed"?
(5) Did Mr. Mardian state that the Justice Department expected Ellsberg's attorney to file motions requiring overhears to be disclosed?
(6) Did Mr. Mardian state that he expected that attorneys for Messrs. Beecher, Sheehan or Smith would file motions requiring overhears to be disclosed?

At this time Hoover, William G. Sullivan and a very few others in the FBI and Justice Department knew about these wiretaps.

(1) Did Mr. Mardian state that a number of people in the FBI would have to be told about these wiretaps?
(2) Did Mr. Mardian state that a number of people in the Justice Department would have to be told about these wiretaps?
(3) Did Mr. Mardian state that a number of people in the Boston and Los Angeles U.S. Attorney's Offices would have to be told about these wiretaps?
? - did you authorize all wiretaps? ?
4.

(4) Did Mr. Mardian, or anyone else, state that they feared that these people in the "bureaucracy" would "leak" the fact that these wiretaps had occurred?

Ehrlichman's notes reflect that you stated that various people in one of the U.S. Attorney's offices were "disloyal."

(1) Were you prompted to make this observation in light of the possibility that if these wiretaps became known to various people in the Justice Department and U.S. Attorney's Offices some of those people might be "disloyal" and would "leak" to the press the fact that these wiretaps had occurred?

Ehrlichman's notes go on to indicate that Mr. Mardian stated that there were a number of wiretap documents in various files and that the NSC had some of these documents and that Mr. Haldeman had some of these documents. There is then an instruction that Mr. Haldeman should get from Haig all the wiretap documents that were in NSC files. Following this you state that you agree and that all the wiretap logs should be obtained and destroyed. It is then stated that someone should tell Hoover to destroy the wiretap records.

(1) Do you recall giving an instruction to destroy the wiretap records? - or just recording them all together?

(2) Do you recall giving an instruction that someone should tell Hoover to destroy the wiretap records?

(3) Who was instructed to contact Hoover?

(4) What discussion occurred concerning whether or not Hoover would agree to destroy the logs?

(5) What, if any, later discussions did you have with Hoover concerning the wiretaps or the wiretap records?
Later in the same meeting, it is stated that Haig is to return the wiretap records to the FBI and that these records will then be given to Mardian for destruction. Immediately after this, it is stated that Haig should request the FBI, in particular, Mr. Sullivan, to destroy all the wiretap records. This is followed by a statement that Sullivan will contact Mardian concerning the wiretap records.

(1) Do you recall that the final resolution of this meeting was that Mr. Mardian and Mr. Sullivan were to cause all records of these wiretaps to be destroyed.

As you can see from Mr. Ehrlichman's notes, there is no mention of any dispute between Mr. Sullivan and Director Hoover. As your attorneys have informed you, there is some evidence that in early August, 1971, there was a concern expressed by Mr. Mardian to Dr. Kissinger, to the effect that Mr. Hoover could not be trusted with control of the wiretap records. With this background, do you now recall that at this July 12, 1971, meeting --

(1) The principal concern was that "overhearings would be disclosed" and
(2) That any concern about how Hoover might "use" these wiretap records did not arise until sometime after this July 12, 1971, date.

Also, as you can see from Mr. Ehrlichman's notes, the instruction given with respect to the logs was that they should be destroyed, and there is no indication that the logs should be delivered to Mr. Ehrlichman. Your attorneys have reviewed with you the transcript of a tape recording of an October 8, 1971, meeting that you had with Mr. Mitchell and Mr. Ehrlichman. It is clear from that transcript that it was at this October 8, 1971, meeting that the decision was
made to deliver the wiretap records to Mr. Ehrlichrnan.

With this background, do you now recall --

(1) That at this first meeting with Mr. Mardian
the instruction given was to destroy the logs and
that sometime later a division was made to give the
logs to Mr. Ehrlichrnan.

Also during that October 8, 1971, meeting, Mr. Mitchell
refers to these wiretaps as being "part of the overall
investigation of the Pentagon Papers and this whole mess."

(1) Do you recall Mr. Mitchell or others
referring to the fact that these wiretap records
were being used to help in the investigation of
the Pentagon Papers and/or Mr. Ellsberg.

During a conversation on October 25, 1971, you discussed
with Mr. Ehrlichrnan, Mr. Liddy's memorandum concerning J.
Edgar Hoover. In that memo Mr. Liddy states that one of the
arguments against attempting to remove Mr. Hoover is that,
"Hoover could resist and make good his threat against the
President." During this meeting with Mr. Ehrlichrnan you state
that in J. Edgar Hoover "we may have/our hands here a man
who will pull down the temple with him, including me."

(1) Do you recall whether or not you were aware
that Mr. Hoover had indicated to you or others that
he might disclose these wiretaps?

(2) What was it that Mr. Hoover could do or
reveal that would enable him to pull you down
with him.
9. Do you recall that earlier, around Easter 1971, there was a controversy involving Mr. Hoover, Mr. Conger, Mr. Bajsa, and Mr. K뿐만무트?

10. Referring to their meeting from April 1971, does this refresh your recollection such that you now recall that Mr. Hoover had raised with Messrs. Mitchell, K المقدسত and others the fact that if there was a congressional investigation of the FBI, he might have to testify about their HSC winstop?

11. At or about the time of your Easter meeting with Mr. Hoover, do you recall discussing these winstups with Mr. K المقدسত?

12. Referring again to the transcript of your October 25, 1971 meeting with Mr. K المقدس�. During that meeting,
you suggest that the Hoover problem should be discussed with Richard Moore?

1. Do you recall having discussions with Mr. Moore concerning Mr. Hoover's retirement?

1. Do you recall having discussions with Mr. Moore concerning the NSC writing making the fact that Mr. Sullivan had given the words of these writings to Mr. Mondale who later gave them to Mr. Brezhnev.

To recap, would you once again state your present best recollection of the substance of the July 12, 1971 meeting with Mondale in San Clemente?

Did you recall having any other meetings with Mr. Mondale during the February and fall of 1971 that are meetings that would have concerned the Pentagon Papers.

Anything else you want to add?
- 6/14 - Mardian asks going to SITCP, publication
- 6/14-6/15 - Mardian calling Sullivan James - focusing on Ellsberg

6/15/71 - POM, DF & JNM - 3:45 p.m.
- overall concern with leaks - might have lead to a review of all the paper material to see if it led to other leaks - with the idea of having other individuals concern at M.H. Times
- " " - Dan Rather
- " " getting Ellsberg before Congressional Comm.
- Ellsberg is shown at
- this time

6/16 - Colson says that Henry K & RV have issues about Ellsberg's use of drugs

6/17 - RV & DF, Kissinger is possibly not concerned about any statement by do press interfering in investigation - a very extended session by Kissinger as do Ellsberg - brilliant student, etc.

6/23 - both At. of Proposals
6/26 - Argued before Supreme Ct.

6/29 - RRD/Mitchell phone call - discussion about the "court case" - is this the civil case?

6/30/71 - Supreme Ct. decision

6/30/71 - RRD/Kissing/Mitchell - 2:55-3:07
- Supreme Ct. has decided case
- RRD tells Mitchell to press the 1 same but - civil/criminal
- discussion that they have
- some discussions if
- existing defense: (1) no threat
- to national security; or (2) soft problem - possibility of perjury

RRD/Mitchell/Kissing/Land - 5:15-6:33
- a lot of talk about Supreme Court case

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7/6/71 - Transcript - Ron, Halde, Eth, Jim
- much conversation about
  trading down State Dept.
- Lynn asks - guy named [redacted]
  told him directly about [redacted]
  being involved in a conspiracy
  by Elyberg
- Ron - using the press to
  tell alt - conspiracy
- reference to a DOJ
  trial team coming now the
  weekend or Monday getting
  briefing from them on what
  they have found a conspiracy
  was.
- immediately after the
  conversation about reviewing the
  tapes material Eth talks
  about a "non-legal approach" or a
  "silence"
- much discussion about
  conspiracy or the thought
  that the press is going
to it - but agreement that the
press won't be induced
- discussion about Sweden
8/11/71 - Nixon & Chr. - 11:53-12:51
- Discussion of the FBI's continuing investigation into the \text{Belknap \ van}

* - Chr. says that Nixon is scared to death of \text{Pentagon Papers case}

- No discussion of any "Threat" by \text{J.J. Alexander}, there is discussion as to \text{voluntary or forced } \text{J.J. \ surrender resign}
- desires moving logs from
  Marlin's office to Enr.
- talk about confrontation

10/8/71 - R.M. & Enr.
- talk about Homer
  resigning

10/25/71 - R.M. & Enr. MacDonald
- in discussion re Sullivan
  Nixon confirmed that Enr. knew all about wiretaps

11/23 - "Will be short cut on us"
-- Directly --

Ellsberg reheat ladders, at least the Larry-acid-drip.

-- try to determine what

RMW was doing best 6/13-6/15
Nixon- Wiretaps Discussion

- no on Kissinger agent
- on the Poggi business only in context of the "Nixon threats"

- I agree as to point-by-point of 7/12/71 - but we do have to get some better feeling for what RAW says

-turning Rick off the Congressional investigation idea is good

- no on the Moore agent - what can it lead
Chronology of Events re Removal of Wiretap Records

April 25, 1969: According to Kissinger, he meets with Nixon, Mitchell and Hoover on this day and it is decided that next time there is a major leak, wiretapping will be used to track down the source of the leak.

May 9, 1969: William Beecher (NY Times) reveals secret Cambodia bombing. Four conversations between Kissinger and Hoover on this date and a wiretap is installed on Halperin.

May 12, 1969: Attorney General signs authorization for Halperin wiretap (done three days earlier), as well as wiretaps on Davidson, Sonnenfeld, and Pursley.

April 30, 1970: Cambodian invasion -- At this time only wiretaps in operation are Halperin and Brandon.


May 13, 1970: Haig, on behalf of Kissinger, requests wiretaps on Lake and Lord. (Nixon apparently has a vivid recollection of Kissinger insisting upon the Lake wiretap because Lake had been involved in the secret Paris negotiations and Kissinger was afraid Lake would talk to Muskie about these negotiations since he was going to work for Muskie.)

May 15, 1970: According to Kissinger, at his request, all wiretap letters are sent from this time on to Haldeman rather than to Kissinger and Nixon.

February 10, 1971: All wiretaps then in operation (Halperin, Brandon, Sonnenfeld, Beecher, Sullivan, Patterson, Pursley, Lake, Lord) are discontinued. The day before Hoover had asked Sullivan for a list of all taps then
in operation and noted on the bottom of Sullivan's memorandum "inquire of Colonel Haig whether any can be taken off."

March, 1971: (Haldeman notes indicate possible discussion of Hoover retirement.)

April 5, 1971: Congressman Boggs charges that the FBI is wiretapping Congressmen. Nixon or Haldeman calls Hoover to reassure him of their support.

April 6-11, 1971: Kleindienst states that he would welcome a congressional investigation of the FBI. Hoover calls Kleindienst and says any such investigation might reveal wiretaps done to the President. (See Liddy memo to files August 10, 1971.) Nixon recalls at this time having a breakfast with Hoover (Easter time), but believes there was no problem in terms of Hoover threatening to reveal the wiretaps.

April 12, 1971: Hoover sends memorandum, probably to all Assistant Directors, cutting Mardian out of FBI domestic intelligence information and implying that the FBI wired some people at the President's request.

April 13, 1971: Nixon, Haldeman, Ehrlichman discuss Hoover problem, Nixon states that he discussed with Mitchell Hoover memo suggesting that the FBI had wired some people for the President.

February-May, 1971: Sometime during this period, Mardian probably learned of the wiretaps in connection with preparing responses to Senator Kennedy's request for a breakdown of the number of wiretaps conducted by the FBI. (See May 7, 1973, Mardian interview by Glanz.


Also, Nixon meets with Ehrlichman and Mitchell for a
general discussion of the Pentagon Papers and possible
grand jury actions. Mitchell, earlier that day, had
met with Hoover, Mardian and Kleindienst. Also,
Sullivan in a memo refers to Ellsberg as a former
assistant to John McNaughton, same description as
Sullivan's handwritten notes on the May 17 trip log.
(Sullivan admits that he probably consulted this log
in preparing his June 15, 1971, memo.)


In this meeting, there is a general discussion of
the Pentagon Papers and two specific points of note.
First, there is a discussion of the Brookings Institute
and the fact that, according to Tom Huston, they have
a copy or the original, of Johnson's 1968 bombing halt
file. Nixon cites Huston's plan and says someone
should go in and get the files. Ehrlichman's notes
of the meeting indicate the President's stating
"implement the theft." Second, in this meeting there
is a discussion of the fact that Ellsberg used drugs.
There is no specific reference by Kissinger to being
aware of this fact specifically from the wiretaps.
Kissinger states that Ellsberg is getting into drugs
and Nixon picks up on this and says he is taking
drugs. Kissinger's response is that there is no
question about it, and Nixon says, "get it out," i.e.
meaning, leak it to the press.

June 25-30, 1971: This is the period of the Mary Frances
interview controversy, resulting in the demotion of Brennan and
the subsequent reinstatement of Brennan at the
insistence of the Attorney General. This incident
was probably discussed at the Presidential level and it
appears from a June 30, 1971, telephone conversation between Mitchell and Nixon that they were discussing this problem and that Mitchell had been able to smooth it over with Hoover.

June 25, 1971: Complaint filed against Ellsberg in Los Angeles and a warrant issued for his arrest.

June 28, 1971: Ellsberg is indicted on two counts -- one theft count and one espionage count. Also, Ellsberg surrenders in Boston. (From the time of Ellsberg's surrender to his Los Angeles arraignment on August 16, 1971, his attorneys continually made motions for the disclosure of the electronic surveillance information.)

July 2, 1971: Internal Security Division requests the FBI to determine whether or not Ellsberg has been overheard. This memo specifically states that this check is in anticipation of defense motions.)

July 6, 1971: Nixon meets with Haldeman, Ehrlichman and Mitchell. There is a general discussion of the progress of the criminal investigation and the grand jury. During the conversation, Haldeman raises the possibility of checking the wiretap logs for any information that might be helpful. Mitchell states that the logs are being reviewed at the Bureau. Haldeman then says that he recalls conversations of Sheehan being on the logs. (In fact, there was only one Sheehan conversation.) Nixon asked, "Who's got the time to read it," and notes that "I naturally never saw any of that stuff." Haldeman again states that in light of recent developments, those logs might have much more meaning and Mitchell again notes that they are being reviewed.

July 9, 1971: Olsen calls Brennan and asks for an elsur check on various grand jury witnesses, including
Halperin, Warnke, Gelb and Sheehan. Also, on this date Mardian is instructed to go to San Clemente.

Mardian claims he was instructed to do this in a call from Haldeman or Ehrlichman. It should also be noted that according to Dean, Mardian stated that he was going at Kleindienst's instructions.

July 10, 1971: Nixon meets with Haldeman, Ehrlichman and Rose Mary Woods. The initial discussion concerns the Nixon Library, but later gets into Ellsberg. At one point Nixon says that Rogers should be tapping more. (According to Mortenson, Nixon recalls this merely as a general outburst that the State Department was leaking and that everyone should be tapping more and not that he was specifically aware of any wiretapping being done by the State Department.) After this, someone states "re grand jury -- don't worry re taps on discovery re witnesses." (Nixon does not recall anything about this reference.)

July 12, 1971: 8:15 a.m. Mardian has breakfast with Ehrlichman. 10:30 a.m. Dean meets with Ehrlichman to turn off the Brookings bombing. 11 a.m. Nixon meets with Haldeman, Ehrlichman and Mardian.

Also on July 12, 1971, there is the initial formation of the "Plumbers Unit".

Post July 12, 1971 - Hand in dictaphone memos concerning the San Clemente meeting. Next day, approximately after discussing these memos with Kleindienst, Hand transcribes the memos and transcribes notes.
Mardian In

(1) Re National Security taps
Especially Coverage Taps
Beecher
Sheehan
Hedrick Smith
Overhearings would be disclosed

HRH (Haldeman) In
President

(2) Southern District of New York
Whitney N. Seymour, Jr.
Summer Interns
Disloyal
Lindsey-types
Including North Seymour

(3) M (Mardian): number of documents out

H (Haldeman) has

(4) M (Haldeman) recover documents from Haig

(5) President -- ok. obtain and destroy
all logs

(6) Tell Hoover to destroy

(7) M (Mardian): Ordered only to go with grand jury
sho of newspaper
Witnesses or newspaper
Indictments
Await instructions from Attorney General
Now at that point
Can make Sheehan (?) Ellsberg cases now

(8) President -- Let the Committees
Eastland
Ichord

let the papers

NW#: 36514 DocId: 31443852
(9) E.G. Congressional fight CBS
Don't call newspapers before grand jury

(10) 10 year Statute of Limitations
Espionage
An inadequate statute
Need to inquire re law is adequate

(11) M (Mardian): Question is Ichord
Eastland more dependable --
Has best lawyer
Kleindienst and M (Mardian) to Sen. E (Eastland)
President requests him to
Do it soon

(12) FBI going all out now

(13) We'll not deny Ichord the stuff
Get Eastland in too

(14) Haig return documents to FBI
Then to RM (Mardian) for destruction
Haig request the FBI (Sullivan) to destroy all
special coverage
Sullivan will contact Mardian

(15) 20% of source documents missing (Ellsberg).
Can't be found in Government files

(16) Mathias -- didn't deliver his documents

(17) President phone call

(18) Gelb the principal co-conspirator
July 13, 1971: FBI memo to Internal Security Division which states that Ellsberg has never been overheard.

July 16, 1971: FBI memo to Internal Security Division which states that Halperin, Warnke and Sheehan have been overheard on foreign establishment wiretap, but does not mention Halperin wiretap or any other overhears from special coverage taps.

July 30, 1971: Wells leaves the FBI to go to work for Mardian. Note: Wells later tells Smith that as of this time he was still working of the wiretaps. Also, Kathy Stone's recollection that she was told that the wiretap records were over with "Brennan and Wells."

August 4, 1971: Mardian calls to Mitchell followed immediately by Mitchell call to Sullivan. (Note: Mardian meets with Kissinger and states that Hoover is either blackmailing or threatening to blackmail the President with regard to the wiretap records.) Liddy meets with Mardian and McGovern and is told that Wells will head IEC and that Wells is the one man that Hoover fears because of things Wells did for Hoover while he was in the Bureau. (Note: It is probably likely that Nixon had conversations with Mitchell at this time concerning the "Hoover threat," but we have no daily diary information or notes that can lead us to any such conversation.)

August 10, 1971: Liddy memo to files re meeting with Mardian. During this meeting, Mardian recounts being in Kleindienst's office (April, 1971) when Kleindienst received a call from Hoover and Hoover threatened to reveal the wiretaps. Mardian does not tell Liddy that it is a threat to reveal the wiretaps, but only states that apparently Kleindienst did not perceive what the threat was.
August 11, 1971: Young lists an agenda of items to discuss with Ehrlichman including: Hoover threat. Nixon meets with Ehrlichman. General discussion of Pentagon Papers case and the progress of the SALT leak case. Ehrlichman notes that Hoover is scared to death of the Pentagon Papers case because he is afraid that is he doesn't do it right that he will hurt his reputation. Ehrlichman also states that Mitchell has decided that Pat Gray is the person to replace Hoover and that the method of doing this is either to have Gray go over as Hoover's deputy for about six months and then become Director.

August 16, 1971: Ellsberg is arraigned in Los Angeles. In the U.S. Attorney's Office Robert Meyer states that he is authorized by the Justice Department to state that Ellsberg has never been overheard on any electronic surveillance.

August 28, 1971: Sullivan sends his letter to Hoover citing all his various policy disagreements with Hoover's administration of the FBI.

Late August, 1971: According to Brennan, Sullivan goes to Mardian's office with the wiretap logs but Mardian is not there. Sullivan then brings the satchel to Brennan's office and asks him to deliver it upon Mardian's return. Brennan does this but claims not to have been aware of the contents of the satchel.

Early September, 1971: Mardian shows Wells the wiretap records and suggests that Wells may be asked to take custody of the records.

Mid-September, 1971: Nixon meets with Hoover and Hoover tells Nixon that he would be willing to leave if Nixon felt that he was a liability for Nixon in the 1972 campaign.

October 2, 1971: Mitchell tells Hoover that the wiretaps were removed from the FBI with Hoover's concurrence and that the wiretaps had been destroyed.

October 8, 1971: Meeting of Nixon with Ehrlichman and Mitchell. Mitchell discusses the fact that Hoover is searching all over trying to find the wiretap records and that this may lead to a confrontation and suggests that, rather than Mardian holding the records, that they be given to Ehrlichman. Nixon concurs and it is agreed that should Hoover confront Mitchell, it will simply be stated that the wiretap records are in the President's hands.

October 8-25, 1971: Mardian delivers the wiretap records to Ehrlichman.

October 25, 1971: Meeting of Nixon and Ehrlichman. Nixon and Ehrlichman discuss Liddy's memo on the FBI and during the course of this meeting, Nixon states that with regard to Hoover "we have a man on our hands who may bring the whole temple down with him, including me." They go on to discuss the scenario of having Hoover resign, in January, 1972, that at that time he would merely state that this is his last year in the Bureau and that after the 1972 election, that whoever is President can appoint the new Director and that he will only stay on until after the new Director is confirmed. There is also a discussion that Hoover might agree to Pat Gray being nominated as the new Director.

November 1, 1971: 3:00 p.m. Mitchell meets with Hoover. It was probably at this meeting that Mitchell tells Hoover that the wiretap logs have not been destroyed.
but are in Ehrlichman's office. Hoover later tells this to Felt.

November 2, 1971: Nixon meets with Ehrlichman. The tape of this meeting does not exist, but notes indicate that the discussions were generally about strategies for getting rid of Hoover and that there is no specific discussion of the wiretap problem.
TO: Jay Horowitz  
FROM: Frank Martin  
RE: Nixon's Testimony

I spoke with Stan Mortenson on Wednesday and got a brief outline of his impression of Nixon's response to various questions on both the wiretap and the Gray investigations. Mortenson had done the questioning on this matter and Miller had taken the notes of Nixon's responses. Mortenson did not have those notes with him and, therefore, did not give me a detailed rundown but should be calling me early next week for more detail on Nixon's responses. Given that we have some advance warning on Nixon's likely responses, we should make an initial decision as to whether or not to try to develop the full background in both investigations or to specifically bore in on the July 12, 1971, meeting with Mardian and on the February 23, 1973, to February 28, 1973, concerning Gray. We may also want to get into some detail on the April, 1971, Hoover-Kleindienst-Gray situation. Also, although not directly related to our original plans on questioning Nixon, we should make some decision with Hank concerning whether or not to get into whether or not Kissinger "initiated" any of the wiretaps. Outlined below as to various specific lines of inquiry is a combination of my readout from Stan concerning Nixon's present recollection, the extent to which Nixon's recollection is either supported or contradicted by tapes and documents, and suggestions as to how to approach each line of inquiry.

I. The Wiretaps Themselves

Nixon recalls, in particular, Kissinger being very insistent upon wiretapping Tony Lake because of Lake's participation in the secret Paris negotiations. Apparently,
Nixon's recollection on that subject is rather vivid. Nixon claims to believe that the taps were never of very much value but Kissinger really wanted the wiretaps. Nixon assumes that the wiretaps were discontinued because of their low productivity and has no explanation for his April, 1973, comments concerning "knocking the wiretaps off after the hullabaloo out there." As to the Radford taps, Nixon simply believes that they came off in the normal course as a result of Kissinger's decision. There are various tape references consistent with Nixon's claim not to have been intimately involved in the wiretaps and that Kissinger was the one who was involved. Specifically, on the July 6 tape, Nixon refers to the fact that he never saw any of the wiretap material and on the February 27, and 28th tapes, Nixon refers to Kissinger wanting the wiretaps and he, Nixon, assuming they were done, and also to the fact that Kissinger loved the wiretaps and used to read them all the time. If we want to go into the area of Kissinger's "initiation" of the wiretaps, it seems that Nixon's testimony will be straightforward and that this area could be handled by four or five relatively quick questions. As to Nixon's failure to recollect why the wiretaps were discontinued, he could be pushed a little given his statement on the tapes concerning the "hullabaloo" but does not seem that this would be very productive.

II. July, 1971 -- San Clemente

According to Stan, Nixon has very little recollection of the July 10th, 1971, reference to not worrying about taps on discovery and similarly, has very little recollection of the overhear problem as it was discussed in the July 12, 1971, meeting. Nixon does not recall any relationship between the Ellsberg or Pentagon Papers case and the wiretap problem. He also has no or little knowledge concerning...
why the wiretaps were not destroyed. As regards the indications of the July 12th notes that newspaper people should not be called before the grand jury, Nixon's recollection is that this was basically a public relations issue regarding suppression of the press. Nixon does recall Mitchell being concerned about Hoover and about the wiretap logs. Nixon also recalls a concern that these wiretaps might leak to the press as other things had been leaking to the press and that, therefore, the wiretaps should be destroyed. Nixon seems to be confusing the events in July, 1971, which is the overhear problem, with events in October, 1971, which is the issue of getting the wiretap material away from Hoover into Ehrlichman's possession. There are a number of things which are inconsistent with Nixon's recollection of the July 12, 1971, meeting especially the early notes concerning the overhear problem and the instructions for Hoover to destroy the logs which would indicate that Hoover would be cooperating in this effort. In addition, there is Mardian's statement that "the FBI's going all out now" with regard to the Ellsberg case. Also, it should be noted that the July 12, 1971, meeting is the time of the formation of the Plumbers Unit and this would be the logical thing to have happened given the considerations of the problems of "Intelligence Operations" causing problems when it comes to prosecutions. On the July 12th meeting, I would suggest probing point by point through Ehrlichman's notes with the assurance that he has gone over all this material again with Nixon and has explained to him why the July 12 events are different from the October, 1971, events.

III. Hoover Threat

Nixon recalls meeting with Hoover in early April, 1971, and states that there was no threat from Hoover and
that he never received any such threat. There is some support for Nixon's "impression" in the February, 1973, tapes where he seems to indicate disagreement that Hoover would ever threaten him. There is, however, significant contradiction for Nixon's present recollection, in particular, the reference on the October 25, 1971, tape to "Hoover bringing the temple down with him, including me." Nixon now claims that this statement has no meaning to him. It seems that Nixon is confusing again events in April, 1971, August, 1971, and October, 1971. I would suggest probing on the October 25, 1971, tape reference above, as well as the April, 1971, notes which indicate that Hoover was upset over Kleindienst and had threatened to reveal the wiretaps. I would also probe on what was done to turn Kleindienst off on the Congressional investigation idea.

IV. Gray's Nomination

Nixon's recollection is that there had been some initial considerations consistent with the January 8, 1973, Haldeman notes, to not know anything about Gray. Nixon further recalls that when it came down to trying to find someone else, various political factors indicated that the best they could do would be to send up Gray. This is somewhat confirmed by the February 14, 1973, discussion/concerning nominating Gray. With regard to the meeting with Gray, Nixon recalls the main concern being how Gray would handle the Watergate questions, and that this is what he was principally concerned with probing Gray on. Also, Nixon does not assume that his discussion with Gray concerning the need for a direct relationship between the Director and the President meant that he expected Gray to engage in wiretapping or that Gray necessarily knew about the wiretapping that Hoover had done for Nixon as part of this direct
relationship with the President. Stan did not recall, without his notes, how Nixon responded to the tape references to the leaks to *Time* magazine. Other than for setting Nixon's general concern over Felt and leaks to *Time* as well as the fact that he pushed for Sullivan during this meeting, there does not seem that there is a lot to be gained by probing Nixon in detail on the February 16, 1973, meeting.

V. *Time* Magazine Story

According to Mortenson, Nixon's recollection is hazy and apparently he has little information about this period, at least from their initial conversation. Nixon states that he assumes Gray would not necessarily have known about the wiretaps since they were closely held and he believes that only Hoover, Sullivan, Kissinger, Haig, Haldeman, Ehrlichman, and Mitchell would have such knowledge. Nixon further assumes that denying the *Time* allegations was something that he really would have dealt with. There is substantial contradiction for Nixon's view of these events. On the basis of the February 16, 1973, meeting with Gray, it is clear that Nixon would be very concerned about another "truthful" story to *Time* magazine and about the possibility that Felt and/or Sullivan was the source of this story. In addition, we have the February 25, 1973, notes of Haldeman's conversation with the President concerning the fact that Brandon and Safire were known to *Time* magazine as subjects of the wiretaps and that this would be an obvious concern to Nixon. This is buttressed by the fact that in his conversations on the 27th and 28th with Dean, Nixon continually refers to Brandon and Safire and is basically concerned that it might leak out that Bill Safire had been wiretapped. Safire was still on the White House staff at that time. In addition the Haldeman notes clearly indicate
that Nixon had discussed the subject matter with Ehrlichman while they were at Camp David. Finally, there is a reference in the February 27th tape to Nixon discussing the wiretaps and saying "of course we had to stonewall and say nothing happened." This obviously indicates that this was the decision that had been reached at Camp David or had been reported to Nixon by Ehrlichman at Camp David. Nixon, on the February 28th tape makes an additional reference where Dean states that the Time magazine article is being stonewalled completely and Nixon says "oh, absolutely." It would appear that as to the issues in the Gray investigation, the questioning should concentrate on probing the events of the 24th, 25th and 26th of February. This is due to the fact that we have a clear indication that Nixon spoke to Ehrlichman, but did not know the substance of that conversation and it is clear that Nixon later talked to Haldeman and he should have some knowledge as to what was done to assure the Time allegations would be "stonewalled."

VI. Other Aspects

There are a few other more miscellaneous aspects of the questioning which we should discuss whether or not we should probe deeply on. This includes the Kleindienst knowledge of the wiretaps either as a result of the April, 1971, threat, the July, 1971, San Clemente meeting, and the implementation of the orders given by Nixon at that meeting, and finally discussions with Richard Moore concerning the wiretaps either during 1971 in discussions about replacing Hoover or in discussions about Sullivan's departure from the Bureau. Also, we should probe possibly whether or not Moore had any knowledge at the time of the Gray confirmation hearings and the Time magazine article
about the wiretaps. Finally, there is the question of whether or not there was other wiretapping done in the course of the Ellsberg investigation. There are clear indications in two April 19, 1971, conversations, one with Petersen and one with Moore, that such wiretapping was done and that Nixon knows about it. There are, however, in some of these conversations, some disclaimers on the extent of Nixon's knowledge. I did not get into specifics with Stan concerning this issue, although he did state that as to a notation in Ehrlichman's July 10, 1971, notes concerning the fact that "Roger should be tapping more," it is Nixon's recollection that he was not aware whether or not Rogers was tapping at all, nor did he give a specific order that he should be tapping, but that this was a general statement about the problem of leaks out of the State Department, and an indication that there should be more wiretapping.

My initial inclination is that we should concentrate on July 10, 12, 1971, on February 24, 25, 1973, and possibly on the April, 1971, materials regarding Kleindienst and possible knowledge of the wiretaps.
EXHIBITS -
- 4/71 notes
- 7/16/71 tape
- 2/10/71 Bar notes
- 3/12/71 " "
- 10/2/71
- 10/8/71
Chronology of Events re Removal of Wiretap Records

April 25, 1969 --

According to Kissinger, he meets with Nixon, Mitchell and Hoover on this day and it is decided that next time there is a major leak, wiretapping will be used to track down the source of the leak.

May 9, 1969 --

William Beecher (NY Times) reveals secret Cambodia bombing. Four conversations between Kissinger and Hoover on this date and a wiretap is installed on Halperin.

May 12, 1969 --

Attorney General signs authorization for Halperin wiretap (done three days earlier), as well as wiretaps on Davidson, Sonnenfeld, and Pursley.

April 30, 1970 --

Cambodian invasion -- at this time only wiretaps in operation are Halperin and Brandon.

May 4, 1970 --


May 13, 1970 --

Haig, on behalf of Kissinger, requests wiretaps on Lake and Lord. (Nixon apparently has a vivid recollection of Kissinger insisting upon the Lake wiretap because Lake had been involved in the secret Paris negotiations and Kissinger was afraid Lake would talk to Muskie about these negotiations since he was going to work for Muskie.)

May 15, 1970 --

According to Kissinger, at his request, all wiretap letters are sent from this time on to Haldeman rather than to Kissinger and Nixon.
February 10, 1971 --

All wiretaps then in operation (Halperin, Brandon, Sonnenfeld, Beecher, Sullivan, Petersen, Pursley, Lake, Lord) are discontinued. The day before Hoover had asked Sullivan for a list of all taps then in operation and noted on the bottom of Sullivan's memorandum "inquire of Colonel Haig whether any can be taken off."

March, 1971 --

(Haldeman notes indicate possible discussion of Hoover retirement.)

April 5, 1971 --

Congressman Boggs charges that the FBI is wiretapping Congressmen. Nixon or Haldeman calls Hoover to reassure him of their support.

April 6-11, 1971 --

Kleindienst states that he would welcome a congressional investigation of the FBI. Hoover calls Kleindienst and says any such investigation might reveal wiretaps done for the President. (See Liddy memo to files August 10, 1971.) Nixon recalls at this time having a breakfast with Hoover (Easter time), but believes there was no problem in terms of Hoover threatening to reveal the wiretaps.

April 12, 1971 --

Hoover sends memorandum, probably to all Assistant Directors, cutting Mardian out of Domestic Intelligence information and implying that the FBI wiretap some people at the President's request.

April 13, 1971 --

Nixon, Haldeman, Ehrlichman discuss Hoover problem, Nixon states that he discussed with Mitchell Hoover memo suggesting that the FBI had wiretapped some people for the President.

February-May, 1971 --

Sometime during this period, Mardian probably learned of the wiretaps in connection with preparing responses.
3.

to Senator Kennedy's request for a breakdown of the number of wiretaps conducted by the FBI. (See May 7, 1973, Mardian interview by Glanzer.)

June 13, 1971 --

Pentagon Papers published.

June 15, 1971 --

Wells prepares 6/15/71 memo re Morton Halperin. Also, Nixon meets with Ehrlichman and Mitchell for a general discussion of the Pentagon Papers and possible grand jury actions. Mitchell, earlier that day, had met with Hoover, Mardian and Kleindienst. Also, Sullivan in a memo refers to Ellsberg as a former assistant to John McNaughton, same description as Sullivan's handwritten notes on the Acid trip log. (Sullivan admits that he probably consulted this log in preparing his June 15, 1971, memo.)

June 16, 1971 --

According to Colson, Nixon and Kissinger are aware of Ellsberg-Halperin conversations.

June 17, 1971 --

Nixon meets with Ehrlichman and Kissinger. In this meeting, there is a general discussion of the Pentagon Papers and two specific points of note. First, there is a discussion of the Brookings Institute and the fact that, according to Tom Huston, they have a copy, or the original, of Johnson's 1968 bombing halt file. Nixon cites "Huston's plan" and says someone should go in and get the files. Ehrlichman's notes of the meeting indicate the President's stating "implement a theft." Second, in this meeting there is a discussion of the fact that Ellsberg used drugs. There is no specific reference by Kissinger to being aware of this fact specifically from the wiretaps. Kissinger states that Ellsberg is getting into drugs and Nixon picks up on this and says is he taking drugs. Kissinger's response is that there is no question about it, and Nixon says, "get it out," i.e. meaning, leak it to the press.
June 25–30, 1971 --

This is the period of the Marks interview controversy, resulting in the demotion of Brennan and the subsequent reinstatement of Brennan at the insistence of the Attorney General. This incident was probably discussed at the Presidential level and it appears from a June 30, 1971, telephone conversation between Mitchell and Nixon that they were discussing this problem and that Mitchell had been able to smooth it over with Hoover.

June 25, 1971 --

Complaint filed against Ellsberg in Los Angeles and a warrant issued for his arrest.

June 28, 1971 --

Ellsberg is indicted on two counts -- one theft count and one espionage count. Also, Ellsberg surrenders in Boston. (From the time of Ellsberg's surrender to his Los Angeles arraignment on August 16, 1971, his attorneys continually made motions for the disclosure of the electronic surveillance information.)

July 2, 1971 --

Internal Security Division requests the FBI to determine whether or not Ellsberg has been overheard. This memo specifically states that this check is in anticipation of defense motions.

July 6, 1971 --

Nixon meets with Haldeman, Ehrlichman and Mitchell. There is a general discussion of the progress of the grand jury. During the conversation, Haldeman raises the possibility of checking the wiretap logs for any information that might be helpful. Mitchell states that the logs are being reviewed at the Bureau. Haldeman then says that he recalls conversations of Sheehan being on the logs. (In fact, there was only one Sheehan conversation.) Nixon asked, "Who's got the time to read it," and notes that "I naturally never saw any of that stuff." Haldeman again states that in light of recent developments, those logs might have much more meaning and Mitchell again notes that they are being reviewed.
July 2-9, 1971 --

Wells tells Wannall there are no Ellsberg overhears.

July 9, 1971 --

Olson calls Brennan and asks for an elsur check on various grand jury witnesses, including Halperin, Warnke, Gelb and Sheehan. Also, on this date Mardian is instructed to go to San Clemente. Mardian claims he was instructed to do this in a call from Haldeman or Ehrlichman. It should be also noted that according to Dean, Mardian stated that he was going at Kleindienst's instructions.

July 10, 1971 --

Nixon meets with Haldeman, Ehrlichman and Rose Mary Woods. The initial discussion concerns the Nixon Library, but later gets into Ellsberg. At one point Nixon says that Rogers should be tapping more. (According to Mortenson, Nixon recalls this merely as a general outburst that the State Department was leaking and that everyone should be tapping more and not that he was specifically aware of any wiretapping being done by the State Department.) After this, someone states "re grand jury -- don't worry re taps on discovery re witnesses." (Nixon does not recall anything about this reference.)

July 12, 1971 --

8:15 a.m. Mardian has breakfast with Ehrlichman. 
10:30 a.m. Dean meets with Ehrlichman to turn off the Brookings bombing. 11:00 a.m. Nixon meets with Haldeman, Ehrlichman and Mardian.

Mardian In

(1) Re National Security taps
Especially Special Coverage Taps
Beecher
Sheehan
Hedrick Smith
Overhearings would be disclosed

HRH (Haldeman) In
President
(2) Southern District of New York
Whitney N. Seymour, Jr.
Summer Interns
Disloyal
Lindsey-types
Including North Seymour

(3) M (Mardian): a number of documents out
NSC has
H (Haldeman) has

(4) H (Haldeman) recover documents from Haig

(5) President -- ok obtain and destroy all logs

(6) Tell Hoover to destroy

(7) M (Mardian): Ordered only to go with grand jury
short of newspaper
Witnesses or newspaper
Indictments
Await instructions from Attorney General
Now at that point
Can make Sheehan (?) Ellsberg cases now

(8) President -- Let the Committees
Eastland
Ichord
Hit the papers

(9) E.G. Congressional fight CBS
Don't call newspapers before grand jury

(10) 10 year Statute of Limitations
Espionage
An inadequate statute
Need to inquire re law is adequate

(11) M (Mardian): Question is Ichord
Eastland more dependable --
Has best lawyer
Kleindienst and M (Mardian) to Sen. E (Eastland)
President requests him to
Do it soon

(12) FBI going all out now

(13) We'll not deny Ichord the stuff
Get Eastland in too
(14) Haig return documents to FBI
Then to RM (Mardian) for destruction
Haig request the FBI (Sullivan) to destroy all
special coverage
Sullivan will contact Mardian

(15) 20% of source documents missing (Ellsberg)
Can't be found in Government files

(16) Mathias -- didn't deliver his documents

(17) President phone call

(18) Gelb the principal co-conspirator

Also on July 12, 1971, there is the initial information
of the "Plumbers Unit."

Post July 12, 1971 --

Mardian dictates memo concerning the San Clemente meeting.
Next day, apparently after discussing the memo with
Kleindienst, Mardian destroys the memo and stenographic
notes.

July 13, 1971 --

FBI memo to Internal Security Division which states
that Ellsberg has never been overheard.

July 16, 1971 --

FBI memo to Internal Security Division which states
that Halperin, Warnke and Sheehan have been overheard
on foreign establishment wiretap, but does not mention
Halperin wiretap or any other overhears from special
coverage taps.

July 30, 1971 --

Wells leaves the FBI to go to work for Mardian. Note:
Wells later tells Smith that as of this time he was
still working with the wiretaps. Also, Kathy Stone's
recollecion that she was told that the wiretap records
were over with "Brennan and Wells."
August 4, 1971 --

Mardian call to Mitchell followed immediately by Mitchell call to Sublivan. Liddy meets with Mardian and McGrath and is told that Wells will head IEC and that Wells is the one man that Hoover fears because of things Wells did for Hoover while he was in the Bureau. (Note: It is probably likely that Nixon had conversations with Mitchell at this time concerning the "Hoover threat," but we have no daily diary information or notes that can lead us to any such conversation.)

August 5, 1971 --

Mardian meets with Kissinger and states that Hoover is either blackmailing or threatening to blackmail the President with regard to the wiretap records.

August 10, 1971 --

Liddy memo to files re meeting with Mardian. During this meeting, Mardian recounts being in Kleindienst's office (April, 1971) when Kleindienst received a call from Hoover and Hoover threatened to reveal the wiretaps. Mardian does not tell Liddy that it is a threat to reveal the wiretaps, but only states that apparently Kleindienst did not perceive what the threat was.

August 11, 1971 --

Young list of agenda of items to discuss with Ehrlichman include "Hoover threat -- Mardian knows what it is." Nixon meets with Ehrlichman. General discussion of Pentagon Papers case and the progress of the SALT leak case. Ehrlichman notes that Hoover is scared to death of the Pentagon Papers case because he is afraid that if he doesn't do it right that it will hurt his reputation. Ehrlichman also states that Mitchell has decided that Pat Gray is the person to replace Hoover and that the method of doing this is to have Gray go over as Hoover's deputy for about six months and then become Director.

August 16, 1971 --

Ellsberg is arraigned in Los Angeles. U.S. Attorney Robert Meyer states that he is authorized by the Justice Department to state that Ellsberg has never been overheard on any electronic surveillance.
August 28, 1971 --

Sullivan sends his letter to Hoover citing all his various policy disagreements with Hoover's administration of the FBI.

Late August, 1971 --

According to Brennan, Sullivan goes to Mardian's office with the wiretap logs but Mardian is not there. Sullivan then brings the satchel to Brennan's office and asks him to deliver it upon Mardian's return. Brennan does this but claims not to have been aware of the contents of the satchel.

Early September, 1971 --

Mardian shows Wells the wiretap records and suggests that Wells may be asked to take custody of the records.

Mid-September, 1971 --

Nixon meets with Hoover and Hoover tells Nixon that he would be willing to leave if Nixon felt that he was a liability for Nixon in the 1972 campaign.

September 30, 1971 --

Hoover fires Sullivan.

October 2, 1971 --

Mitchell tells Hoover that the wiretaps were removed from the FBI with Hoover's concurrence and that the wiretap records have been destroyed.

October 8, 1971 --

Meeting of Nixon with Ehrlichman and Mitchell. Mitchell discusses the fact that Hoover is searching all over trying to find the wiretap records and that this may lead to a confrontation and suggest that, rather than Mardian holding the records, they be given to Ehrlichman. Nixon concurs and it is agreed that should Hoover confront Mitchell, it will simply be stated that the wiretap records are in the "President's hands."

October 8-25, 1971 --

Mardian delivers the wiretap records to Ehrlichman.
October 25, 1971 --

Meeting of Nixon and Ehrlichman. Nixon and Ehrlichman discuss Liddy's memo on the FBI and during the course of this meeting, Nixon states that with regard to Hoover "we have a man on our hands who may bring the whole temple down with him, including me." They go on to discuss the scenario of instead of having Hoover resign, in January, 1972, that at that time he would merely state that this is his last year in the Bureau and after the 1972 election, whoever is President can appoint the new Director and that he will only stay on until after the new Director is confirmed. There is also a discussion that Hoover might agree to Pat Gray being nominated as the new Director.

November 1, 1971 --

3:00 p.m. Mitchell meets with Hoover. It was probably at this meeting that Mitchell tells Hoover that the wiretap logs have not been destroyed but are in Ehrlichman's office. Hoover later tells this to Felt.

November 2, 1971 --

Nixon meets with Ehrlichman. The tape of this meeting does not exist, but notes indicate that the discussions were generally about strategies for getting rid of Hoover and that there is no specific discussion of the wiretap problem.
A. - Our area of inquiry is the so-called National Security Council Electronic Surveillance Project.

- This involved surveillance of 17 different individuals - newsmen and various persons associated with W.H. and N.S.C.

- Project commenced in 5/69, ended in 2/71.

- G.J.'s focus is on 2 matters relating to this project: (1) circumstances of 1971 removal of records from FBI to White House; (2) testimony of Patrick Gray about this project during his confirmation hearings - in 2/73 - 3/73.

- First, however, a few questions regarding the project itself.
B) WHAT WERE CIRCUMSTANCES LEADING UP TO AND SURROUNDING THE START OF PROJECT?

4/25 - meeting after Brenda reviewed
5/9 - Deedee article
- 1st air dates: Dalperin
  - Davidson
  - Sommelfeldt
  - NW
  - Pursley ['00]

- So, who were the
  parties to start of project?

- Any who opposed?

- Was there any plan
  as to how long it
  would continue?

- Of course, it
  continued a long
  while - any?

- Was there any plan
  as to exactly what would
  be done with material
  i.e. who was to analyze,
  were there to be
  prosecutions?
C) Procedure

There were 2 "periods" within the project:

1) From 5/69 to 5/70:
- Did you get summaries from Hoover?
- Did Mr. McNamara write memos?
- Were there occasional analyses of the material - by whom prepared?
- Did the White House - in the White House material disseminated?

2) From 5/70 to 3/71:
- Did you know now - or where material was filed?
- Did you keep any?
II 5/30 - 6/21 -
- Why the change
- Did you get summaries themselves or memos?
- Did you get occasional analyses - by whom prepared?
- To whom - disseminated?
- How filed? - Were there copies? - Specific files?

III - 6/31 - termination
of project
- Why?
- Did 4/5/73
- In a conversation with
Mr. Newman Peterson
You refer to a
"hullabaloo" causing the
end of the project?
D) OVERALL PROJECT

- DURING LIFE-TIME OF
  THE PROJECT:

- WERE THERE OCCASIONAL
  MEETINGS BETWEEN YOURSELF
  & DR. KISSINGER, OR MR.
  MITCHELL?

- WHO KNEW OF THE
  PROJECT—EITHER IN DETAIL
  OR IN GENERAL?

- AS FAR AS DURATION WAS?
  WHY DID IT CONTINUE SO LONG?

- DID THE FBI
  URGE CONTINUATION?—WERE OTHER
  USING MATERIALS AS AN INPUT
  INTO OVERALL INTELLIGENCE PROGRAMS?

D² – E] FINALLY, JUST TO MAKE
SURE THAT WE HAVEN'T BEEN
LED TO CHARACTERIZE THIS
UNICALLY—

- WAS THIS ONE PROJECT?
- WAS THERE ANY
  OTHER SIMILAR FBI
  PROJECT—REQUESTED BY
  WH. AT WHAT TIME?

- SO THIS WAS RATHER
  EXPENSIVE & UNUSUAL AT THE
  TIME?
[7] We are not too concerned at this point with the "invitation or justification of any one of the witnesses". We are aware what you have indicated you authorized, each of them. Evidently you recall the circumstances of the initiation of surveillance on Mr. Lake - 5/70

- Was going to work for Sen. Muskie

- Are objections on that basis?

- Kissinger's role?
- Different here than elsewhere?

- I introduce Frank's introduction to cover-up - ① time-wise
- ② thrust of investigation
A) 6/13 - A SUNDAY - P.P. ARE PUBLISHED - OBVIOUSLY A MAJOR PROBLEM -

- NOW DO YOU RECALL - IN THE IMMEDIATE AFTERNOON:

- DISCUSSIONS OF WHAT THE STUDY WAS?
  - McNAMARA STUDY?

- HOW MANY COPIES WERE THERE? WHERE DISTRIBUTED

- WHO HAD WORKED ON IT?
  - HALPERIN?

- ELSBERG?

- NOW, ONE OF ELSBERG SUBSCRIBER WAS HALPERIN -
  - DID YOU DISCUSS CONSULTING THE RECORDS?

- AWARE OF OTHERS SO DISCUSSING?
CONVO.

B) - BY 6/15 IT IS OBVIOUS THAT ELLSBORG IS AT LEAST ONE OF PERPETRATORS. BUT, OF COURSE, IT WAS NOT CLEAR WHEN HE HAD GOTTEN PAPERS, WHY HE HAD RELEASED THEM, AND WHETHER HE HAD MORE AND, IF SO, WHAT THEY WERE.

-- NOW, DO YOU RECALL THAT -- PERHAPS WITH THESE PARTICULAR CONCERNS REGARDING ELLSBORG IN MIND DID YOU TALK WITH DR. KISSINGER OR TOLD HIM -- IT HAPPENED ON 6/17 -- KISSINGER SAID: ELLSBORG - "BRILLIANT" - "[^WAS DIVE" - HAD USED DRUGS.

- RECALL CONV. PARTICULARLY DRUG ASPECT?

- RECALL ANY CONV. AS TO DRUG USE BY ELLSBORG?
WHAT ERRATIC ACTIVITIES?
- RECALL THAT THIS INFORMATION HAD COME FROM WIRETAPS?

- YOU SAY THAT YOU WERE INCURSED?

- ANY EFFORTS MADE?

- I SHOW YOU 9/3/69 - 

- EVER SEEN BEFORE?

- ANYTHING SUBSTANTIALLY SIMILAR?

- BECOME AWARE OF ANY INFORMATION AS TO ELLSBERG COMING FROM TAPS?

- ANY DISCUSSION THAT HE SHOULD BE TAPPED?

- ANY KNOWLEDGE THAT HE WABS?

- ON 4/19/63 WAS MENTION TO BOTH MORE - O PETERSEN THAT THERE WAS WIRETAPPING RE P.R.?
C) On 6/30 ELSBERG indicated but investigation continues. You are following it fairly closely:

- 6/30/71 CONV. WITH MITCHELL
- DISCUSS: 1) ELSBERG
- DEFENSE - NOT NATIONAL SECURITY; 2) S. OF L PROBLEM

- On 7/6 you meet with MITCHELL AGAIN
- CONV. RE DNE CONSPIRACY
- WHETHER PRESS SHOULD BE INDICTED

MITCHELL MENDONS
SPECIFIC REVIEW OF WIRETAP RECORDS

RECALL THIS CONV.? RECALL ANY SIMILAR INDICATIONS?
ANY SPECIFIC PURPOSE?
ANY SPECIFIC OUTCOME?
D) 3/10/71 - You meet with ENR - and again you are discussing this case.

- ENR then states, "No need to worry about wiretaps being disclosed through discovery motions."

- Retail this?
- "Similar conv. is?

- At about this time Mitchell is leaving for 2 weeks - England? - Alridge will take over supervision of case.
E) 2/12/21 - AT 11:00 A.M. - MEETING
WITH J. MARVIN, EHR & MACDE.

- HAD VN DIRECTED MARVIN
  TO COME?

- WHO HAD?

- WHY?

WHAT WAS IT DO
REPORT ON ONE REVIEW
OF ONE WIRETAP RECORDS?

- WHAT WAS HE DO
BRAUN?

ENHANCED NOTES

- GENERALLY 2 SUBJECTS - 1 WIRETAP & 1 P.P. CASE.
  SPECIFICALLY - 1ST NOTES ARE:

"RE: National Security Taps
(Especially) -- Special Coverage Taps"