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# White House Tapes of the Nixon Administration 1971-1973

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DATA DICTIONARY FOR COMMA-SEPARATED VALUE (CSV) FILE

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## FIELDS

(ORDERED BY PLACEMENT IN CSV FILE)

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FIELD	DATA TYPE	DEFINITION
conversationTitle	string	<p>Standardized title given to the Nixon Tapes conversation</p> <p>The conversation title has been formulated as “Conversation [3-digit audiotape number]-[3-digit conversation number]”.</p>
tapeNumber	string	<p>3-digit audiotape number (using leading zeroes) of the audiotape on which the conversation was recorded.</p> <p>United States Secret Service agents assigned tape numbers to the audiotape reels recorded by the White House taping system.</p>
conversationNumber	string	<p>3-digit conversation number (using leading zeroes) assigned by the National Archives and Records Administration. The conversation number is unique within its parent audiotape.</p> <p>During archival processing and description, archivists of the National Archives and Records Administration assigned conversation numbers.</p> <p><i>Note:</i> The conversation number often (but does not always) indicates the sequential order of conversations on an audiotape.</p>
identifier	string	<p>Unique identifier for the specific conversation</p> <p>The identifier has been formulated as “37-wht-conversation-[3-digit audiotape number]-[3-digit conversation number]”.</p> <p><i>Note:</i> “37” represents Richard Nixon as the 37th President of the United States and “wht” represents the parent collection, the White House Tapes.</p>

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startDateTime	dateTime	<p>Machine-readable date and time for the start of the conversation. This field conforms to extended format ISO 8601, using combined date and time in UTC: YYYY-MM-DDThh:mm:ss±hh:mm</p> <p>For example, “1971-02-16T08:04:00-05:00” indicates February 16, 1971 at 8:04 am Eastern Time.</p> <p><i>Note:</i> Time zone indicators have been adjusted for daylight savings time.</p>
endDateTime	dateTime	<p>Machine-readable date and time for the end of the conversation. This field conforms to extended format ISO 8601, using combined date and time in UTC: YYYY-MM-DDThh:mm:ss±hh:mm</p> <p>For example, “1971-02-16T23:59:00-05:00” indicates February 16, 1971 at 11:59 pm Eastern Time.</p> <p><i>Note:</i> Time zone indicators have been adjusted for daylight savings time.</p>
startDate	string	Human-readable start date of the conversation
startTime	string	Human-readable start time of the conversation
endDate	string	Human-readable end date of the conversation
endTime	string	Human-readable end time of the conversation
dateCertainty	string	<p>Indication of the archivists’ certainty for the date span of the conversation.</p> <p>Possible values: “estimated” or “certain”</p>

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timeCertainty	string	<p>Indication of the archivists' certainty for the time span of the conversation.</p> <p>Possible values: "estimated" or "certain"</p>
participants	string	<p>Listing of individuals who participated in the conversation. Individual participants are separated by a semicolon.</p> <p>Names are given in inverted order, i.e. "[Last Name], [First Name] [Middle Initial]"</p>
description	string	<p>A brief narrative description of the conversation, including the date, time, participants, recording location, and unique conversation number.</p>
locationCode	string	<p>3- or 4-letter code assigned to the recording locations.</p> <p>Location codes have been assigned based on the recording device(s) that recorded the particular audiotape reels.</p> <p>Possible values: "CAB," "CDHW," "CDSD," "CDST," "EOB," "OVAL," or "WHT"</p>
recordingDevice	string	<p>Indication of recording device(s) that recorded the conversation. The terms have been derived from the location code.</p> <p>Possible values: "Cabinet Room," "Camp David Hard Wire," "Camp David Study Table," "Camp David Study Desk," "Old Executive Office Building," "Oval Office" or "White House Telephone"<sup>1</sup></p>

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<sup>1</sup> The White House Telephone recording device captured telephone calls that were routed through the White House switchboard, including those placed and received in the Oval Office, the President's office in the Old Executive Office Building, and the Lincoln Sitting Room. However, telephone calls that did not pass through the White House switchboard were not recorded, such as those placed and received on President Richard Nixon's direct lines to several employees, including H. R. Haldeman, Henry Kissinger, John Ehrlichman, Alexander Butterfield, and Steve Bull.

<b>FIELD</b>	<b>DATA TYPE</b>	<b>DEFINITION</b>
latitudeEstimated	decimal	<p>Estimated geographic coordinate for the latitude of recording location, based on the recording device.</p> <p><i>Note:</i> Coordinates for conversations recorded by the White House Telephone devices are the most imprecise. These White House Telephone recordings include telephone calls placed to and from the Oval Office, the Lincoln Sitting Room, and the Old Executive Office Building.</p>
longitudeEstimated	decimal	<p>Estimated geographic coordinate for the longitude of recording location, based on the recording device.</p> <p><i>Note:</i> Coordinates for conversations recorded by the White House Telephone devices are the most imprecise. These White House Telephone recordings include telephone calls placed to and from the Oval Office, the Lincoln Sitting Room, and the Old Executive Office Building.</p>
collection	string	<p>Full title of the parent collection: "White House Tapes: Sound Recordings of Meetings and Telephone Conversations of the Nixon Administration, 1971-1973"</p>
collectionURL	URL	<p>URL for the National Archives and Record Administration's online catalog record for the Nixon-era White House Tapes</p>

FIELD	DATA TYPE	DEFINITION
chronCode	string	<p data-bbox="808 317 1438 411">Indication of the public release group under which the National Archives and Records Administration made the audiotape available to the public.</p> <p data-bbox="808 453 1438 684">The Nixon-era White House Tapes were batched into ten releases -- one batch for all conversations recorded in the Cabinet Room and nine batches for conversations recorded in other locations (based on chronological groupings). As a result, these batches are sometimes called “chrons” or “chron releases.”</p> <p data-bbox="808 726 1438 789">Possible values: “Cabinet,” “1”, “2”, “3”, “4”, “5.1”, “5.2”, “5.3”, “5.4”, or “5.5.”</p>
chronRelease	string	<p data-bbox="808 852 1438 947">Indication of the public release group under which the National Archives and Records Administration made the audiotape available to the public.</p> <p data-bbox="808 989 1438 1220">The Nixon-era White House Tapes were batched into ten releases -- one batch for all conversations recorded in the Cabinet Room and nine batches for conversations recorded in other locations, based on chronological groupings. As a result, these batches are sometimes called “chrons” or “chron releases.”</p> <p data-bbox="808 1262 1438 1524">Possible values: “Cabinet Room Release,” “First Chronological Release,” “Second Chronological Release,” “Third Chronological Release,” “Fourth Chronological Release,” “Fifth Chronological Release: Part I,” “Fifth Chronological Release: Part II,” “Fifth Chronological Release: Part III,” “Fifth Chronological Release: Part IV,” or “Fifth Chronological Release: Part V.”</p>

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chronReleaseDate	string	<p>Human-readable date of public release of the audiotape by the National Archives and Records Administration.</p> <p>The Nixon-era White House Tapes were batched into ten releases -- one batch for all conversations recorded in the Cabinet Room and nine batches for conversations recorded in other locations (based on chronological groupings). As a result, these batches are sometimes called “chrons” or “chron releases.”</p>
aogpRelease	string	<p>Indication of whether or not segment(s) of the conversation were part of the separate Abuse of Governmental Powers (AoGP) release by the National Archives and Records Administration.</p> <p>If the conversation was not part of an AoGP release, this field will remain blank.</p>
aogpSegment	string	<p>The listing of segment numbers released from the conversation as part of the Abuse of Governmental Powers (AoGP) release by the National Archives and Records Administration.</p> <p>If the conversation was not part of an AoGP release, this field will remain blank.</p>
digitalAccess	string	Statement on digital access to the White House Tapes and related content.
physicalAccess	string	Statement on physical access to copies of the White House Tapes.
contactEmail	string	<p>Email address to send questions and comments about the dataset and the White House Tapes.</p> <p>Please contact the Nixon Presidential Library and Museum at <a href="mailto:nixon@nara.gov">nixon@nara.gov</a></p>

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<b>FIELD</b>	<b>DATA TYPE</b>	<b>DEFINITION</b>
lastModified	dateTime	Timestamp of the most recent modification made on the data contained within the particular row.

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## FOR MORE INFORMATION

### **White House Tapes of the Nixon Administration**

For digitized audio recordings and more information about the White House Tapes, please visit:  
<http://www.nixonlibrary.gov/forresearchers/find/tapes/index.php>

For questions about this data, please contact:

Tapes Team, Nixon Presidential Library and Museum  
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