

1 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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 3 IN RE: POSSIBLE VIOLATIONS :
 4 18 USC 2511 and :
 5 18 USC 2512 :
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7 United States District Courthouse
 8 3rd & Constitution Avenue, N. W.
 9 Washington, D. C.

10 January 30, 1974

11 The testimony of HARRY R. HALDEMAN was taken in the
 12 presence of a full quorum of the Grand Jury.

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 14 BEFORE:

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1 A Let me raise one other point that is not specifically
2 I guess in response to that, but very definitely I would
3 assume now relates to it which is that in the meeting with
4 John Mitchell, John Dean, John Ehrlichman, and myself, in my
5 office on March 22nd, which was the day following this, and
6 which was when John Mitchell came down for the meeting with
7 the President, we met separately before the meeting with the
8 President.

9 I do recall, and I think I have testified to an
10 interchange, as I recall it, between John Dean and John Mitchell
11 where the question was asked in some way, "What about the Hunt
12 problem?", and Dean saying, "What's the situation with Hunt?",
13 or "What's happened on Hunt's problem", or something, and Mr.
14 Mitchell saying something to the effect of , "That's no
15 problem", or, "That's taken care of", or "That's okay", or
16 something like that.

17 There was in no way, that I recall, any reference
18 to a payment having been made or not been made, or any specific
19 definition that that was what the Hunt problem was.

20 Looking back at it now, I assume that it was. I
21 can't confirm that it was.

22 Q Does that not refresh your recollection about your
23 conversation with Mr. Mitchell the previous day on the tele-
24 phone in which you invited Mr. Mitchell to Washington, and
25 more specifically, does it not refresh your recollection as to

1 whether you asked Mr. Mitchell whether he was going to do
2 something about Mr. Hunt's problem?

3 A It does not. I don't recall discussing that.

4 Q Did you not learn that in substance on March 22nd,
5 that Mr. Hunt's demand had been in essence acceded to?

6 A I wouldn't say so, no. The only thing is I in
7 effect overheard a conversation between Mr. Dean and Mr.
8 Mitchell, as I just recounted.

9 Q You were all present, meeting together, were you
10 not?

11 A Yes, but in this meeting, as most of these meetings
12 are, people are in and out. There are side discussions.
13 People are on the phone during the meeting, and that sort of
14 thing.

15 This was a bilateral conversation between Mr. Dean
16 and Mr. Mitchell.

17 Q Well, it was fundamental to your meeting on the 22nd
18 as to what would be done with Mr. Hunt, or what position the
19 White House would take with respect to Mr. Hunt.

20 A No, that's not my recollection of the March 22nd.
21 It is not my recollection that that was fundamental or even
22 consequential. The points of those discussions on the 22nd
23 were on a much broader subject which was dealing with the
24 prime question of White House, and so on.

25 Q We have the tape of that meeting, Mr. Haldeman, with

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1 the President, but my question, if you listen to it carefully,
2 sir, dealt with the purpose of the meeting, and if it was not
3 fundamental that Mr. Hunt's problem or the question of how to
4 deal with Mr. Hunt was not fundamental to your having the
5 meeting, and most respectfully, if it was stated at the outset
6 of the meeting, which you have testified it was, that Mr.
7 Hunt's problem was no longer a problem for the White House in
8 essence, then you could move on to other things, could you
9 not?

10 A No. Let me correct an apparent misimpression there.
11 I don't believe it was stated at the outset. I believe it was
12 something that came up peripherally during the course of the
13 meeting. I don't think it was a part of the meeting-discussion
14 as such.

15 My recollection is that this was a side discussion
16 incidental to the meeting between Mr. Mitchell and Mr. Dean
17 at a point where maybe someone else had walked in or out of
18 the room, or something like that, or there was a phone call,
19 and they were conversing incidentally to the course of the
20 general discussion.

21 Q Mr. Haldeman, isn't it a fact that in the course of
22 the meeting on the 21st with the President, the question of
23 whether or not to accede to Mr. Hunt's most recent demand was
24 a subject of discussion?

25 A In the Dean meeting with the President?

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