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NIXON: Ya.

SECRETARY: I have Mr. Ehrlichman now, sir. I have Mr. Ehrlichman now.

NIXON: Ya, ya.

SECRETARY: Here you are.

EHRlichMAN: Thank you.

NIXON: Hello, John.

EHRlichMAN: Yes sir.

NIXON: I, uh, I, I, uh, just talked to Bob and told him he could call you

EHRlichMAN: Oh, fine.

NIXON: ...you wouldn't have to call me back.

EHRlichMAN: Okay.

NIXON: But, uh (clears throat) I mean, just fill him in on the talk with Peterson which he has in full.

EHRlichMAN: Alright, I'll, I'll get it from him then...

NIXON: Yeah.

EHRlichMAN: ...then.

NIXON: And, uh, the only thing that, uh, is particularly relevant is that piece of paper which they brought in here which, uh-I talked to Peterson about it, and he said the pr-that he felt very strongly, as did-and Kleindienst--that, that Dean's people were trying to blackmail them with that.

EHRlichMAN: Hmm.

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NIXON: And that they, therefore, felt it was very important that they get that--b-, b-, because I had assured Peterson that, of course, it had never...

HALDEMAN: Um-hmm.

NIXON: ...never been conveyed to the prosecution that they at least can get it too. The prosecutor was aware of the fact that at first their investigations--you see what I mean is that Dean--Dean having--Dean's lawyer having told them this, uh, they have, they have--felt that it's important that the prosecution know it.

EHRlichman: Hm.

NIXON: That the judge know it. Now that's what they've done.

EHRlichman: I see.

NIXON: And, uh, I don't think I had any choice in the matter. I mean, I could have said uh, kill it, don't pass it on, et cetera.

EHRlichman: They, they passed it on to Matt Byrne?

NIXON: Passed it on to the judge.

EHRlichman: I see.

NIXON: That's right. And what is likely to happen is that--well, I don't know. Might call Dean. And then Dean will have to say what it was.

EHRlichman: Hmm.

NIXON: So uh, so Watergate buggers involved in, uh, into the psychiatrist's office. Let me say, though it, on that point, I think it was, with that information--hands of, of, of all those u-, prosecutors over there already...

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EHRlichman: Um hmm.
NIXON: ...it's going to come out anyway, John.
EHRlichman: Um humm.
NIXON: You know what I mean.
EHRlichman: Yeah.
NIXON: So (unintelligible). Ah, otherwise I covered the other items very
EHRlichman: Alright I'll...
NIXON: ...very strongly with him.
EHRlichman: ...I'll talk to Bob.
NIXON: Okay. Bye.
EHRlichman: Thanks.