TRANSCRIPT OF EXCERPTS FROM THE RECORDING OF A MEETING BETWEEN THE PRESIDENT AND MESSRS. HALDEMAN AND MITCHELL ON JUNE 30, 1972 IN THE OVAL OFFICE FROM 12:55 TO 2:10 P.M.

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## FIRST EXCERPT

HALDEMAN: Well, there's another factor. The longer

you wait the more risk each hour. Really, you run the risk of more stuff, valid or invalid surfacing on the Watergate caper

type of thing.

PRESIDENT: You couldn't possibly do it if you got

(unintelligible)

(both speak at once)

HALDEMAN: (Unintelligible) positive then you're

stuck...

PRESIDENT: That's the other thing, if there is

something that does come out, we hope

nothing will, it may not, but there's always

the risk.

HALDEMAN: As of now there's no problem there, 'cause

as of any moment in the future there is

every single potential problem.

PRESIDENT: Nope, I'd cut the loss fast. I'd cut it

fast. If we're going to do it, I'd cut it
fast. That's my view, generally speaking.
And I wouldn't -- and I don't think though,

as a matter of fact, I don't think the story, if we -- if you put in in human

terms, I think the story is positive rather

than negative, because as I said I was preparing the answer for that press conference -- I just wrote it out, as I usually do, the ones that I think are

terribly sensitive. And I know but by golly

(unintelligible) a hell of a lot of

people'll like that answer. They will. And if it made anybody else that asked any other

question on it look like a savage

son-of-a-bitch, which I thoroughly intended

them to look like.

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## SECOND EXCERPT

PRESIDENT: RESTRICTED-"D"

MITCHELL: (unintelligible) except to resolve the

Westchester County problem with all the

sympathy in the world.

PRESIDENT: That's great.

MITCHELL: (unintelligible)

HALDEMAN: With you taking this move, which people

won't expect you to do, will be a surprise.

PRESIDENT: No, if it is a surprise (pause) Otherwise,

you`re right, it will be tied to Watergate. It won`t lighten me. If you wait to long. If

it simmers down.

HALDEMAN: And if other stuff develops on Watergate.

The problem is, it`s always the potential of

something.

MITHCELL: Other than that (unintelligible) not much

harder

HALDEMAN: Nuts! That's right, it would he hard to

hard line Mitchell's departure under

UNIDENTIFIED: Ridiculous. (Pause) (Door closes) (Pause)

(Background noise)

PRESIDENT: I just want him to be happy...

UNIDENTIFIED: later...

PRESIDENT: that Martha's not hurt.

HALDEMAN: Yeah.