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President and Haldeman

PRESIDENT: If I can come back on this thing more intently, I can be very, very serious on the hypocrisy. There's no question there's a double standard here.

HALDEMAN: [Inaudible words, spoken as Nixon is speaking]

PRESIDENT: I don't give a shit about that. Also regarding political money, [and contributions too].

HALDEMAN: Yeah. [hushed]

PRESIDENT: They're all doing it. That's, that's the standard thing. Why the Christ do we have to hire people to sweep our rooms?

HALDEMAN: Because we know they're—

PRESIDENT: Yeah. They're bugging. And why—

HALDEMAN: Sue em. [softly interjected, while the president is making his point, and ignored]

PRESIDENT: Ah, we have been bugged in the past, haven't we?