

Conversation Number 344-7
June 20, 1972, 7:52 P.M.-7:59 P.M.
Executive Office Building
Nixon, Telephone call to Haldeman

[NOTE: This transcript is of the room recording of the telephone conversation "Con. No. 25-91," which is completely inaudible. It sounds like some sort of technical interference resulted in a muffled tone overpowering the voices of the recorded conversation. Accordingly, "Con. No. 344-7," which was made by the room-recording equipment for the EOB Office, has only the president's end of the conversation. However, he did all the talking, which was the norm. The conversation transcribed below originally began at 0:45:36.91 on tape 344a.]

RN: Did I interrupt your dinner? You home? Good, good. I, ah, gave Mitchell a call. Cheered him up a little bit, [told him not to worry, that we might be able to control this Watergate thing.] He's obviously quite chagrined. Yeah. It's, ah, I gave him the, ah— [He pauses for Haldeman's comment.] —the [unclear]. I had one thought on the Cuban [unclear], on the Cuban angle, if that's the way it starts to bounce. I might, ah, I'd give a call to Bebe. The Cuban community, they're very much, you know, against, ah, against McGovern. They could raise money for the purpose of paying these fines and all, and so forth. [The following responds to a Haldeman comment, which cannot heard.] And, where they could, fine, [pay their money]. I'm, I'm thinking, though, of having it publicized. Not something in private. In other words, making an issue of the fact that the politics of these people, there's real concern in the Cuban community about the importance of this election, which is why they're doing it. You know, [the real anti-McGovern's [unclear] in Miami]. They are all tied in, apparently, with the Bay of Pigs, [there's several of them]. [unclear] They're all anti-communists.*

[Subject abruptly changes at approximately 0:47:36.268 on the tape.]

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* Nearly inaudible statement(s) clarified by Haldeman's contemporaneous notes.