

Conversation Number 344-9  
June 20, 1972, 8:04-8:22 P.M.  
Executive Office Building  
President, telephone call to Colson

[NOTE: This transcript, like Con. No. 344-7, is the room recording of the telephone conversation, Con. No. 25-93, which is completely inaudible. The same technical interference with other EOB telephone conversations was present on this tape. Accordingly, Con. No. 344-9, which was made by the room recording equipment for the EOB Office, has only Nixon's end of the conversation. The conversation transcribed below originally began at 0:50:02:48 on tape 344a. The sound quality of this recording is extremely poor, but a few bits of it can be discerned. Because the audio is so bad, and only one side of the conversation was recorded, no transcript could be prepared, but audible words that could be discerned are set forth:]

RN: Hello. Hello. Well, did you survive the day. Yeah, yeah, yeah. Well, good. Why not? Yeah. Anderson papers. Adds up doesn't it. All the people were doing things. The White House. Pretty ridiculous that the White House would have anything to do with this bizarre. That's the whole point, for Christ's sake. Hunt. The Cubans. Do exactly that. The Democrats. Probably playing every damn game. Probably got a hell of a lot on us. On the other hand it's so damn bizarre. [The conversation then turned to non-Watergate related matters.]

[*Later in the conversation is the following reference to John Mitchell: "I called him. He's embarrassed. John said, 'I didn't know what the hell was going on.' And he said someone should have told him."*]