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Camp David Hard Wire
President and Haldeman

PRESIDENT: The investigation? Fine?

HALDEMAN: We forward, we forwarded the message to Vernon [Walters], properly received. And no problem with the director.

PRESIDENT: You know, [I thought the guilty, some of them would plead guilty.]

HALDEMAN: Yeah, I would hope so. That would be nice, [but who?] They're trying.

PRESIDENT: Fair question.

HALDEMAN: [Unclear] a simple grand jury indictment on the clean-cut counts. We're in pretty good shape on the civil suit, which was the most worrisome thing of all.

PRESIDENT: How's that?

HALDEMAN: Because we got the right judge.

PRESIDENT: Oh, Richey, yeah.

HALDEMAN: The Democrats are [scheduling] to move fast on depositions. They missed the, the time to take the [unclear], that was, the fun for them now is going to be for them to slap a subpoena on Mitchell.

PRESIDENT: Mitchell or Colson.

HALDEMAN: [Unclear] [it's his] attitude, nobody believes the truth. [Haldeman laughs.]

PRESIDENT: You don't think so?

HALDEMAN: Oh, I don't think at this point, [they don't.]. I don't think anybody would be—

PRESIDENT: [Unclear.]

HALDEMAN: You know, even our own people don't think [in particular, believe that] the Cubans did it. You know, the press and the Democrats are trying are trying to push it on to us.

PRESIDENT: What are they saying? Even the Cubans [unclear] they're saying these guys [gave them money], you know what I mean?

[The Watergate discussion lasted about a minute and a half.]

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