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Attn: Don Sanders

INTERVIEW

~~(Ervin) Senate Select
Committee: You have made
some rather gross errors
in this addendum - & they
should be corrected
ASAP. Please see
my notes inside.~~

ATTACHED IS ADDENDUM TO
INTERVIEW OF
ALEXANDER P. BUTTERFIELD

Don - I'm sure you will agree that
whatever is retained for record purposes
should be accurate.

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Interview with Alexander P. Butterfield on July 13, 1973 at 2:15 PM
at G334, New Senate Office Building
by Gene Boyce, Don Sanders, Scott Armstrong (M. Brazer also present)
Dictated 7-13-73 Transcribed c 7-13-73 by Marianne

A D D E N D U M

ALEXANDER P. BUTTERFIELD

During the course of the interview, Mr. Butterfield was shown a White House log of conversations between the President and Mr. Dean (indicating the ^{dates} ~~date~~ and substance of conversation^s). Butterfield also ~~recalled~~ that Dean indicated during his testimony before our Hearings that he (Dean) had the impression that he was being taped during his conversations in the Oval Office.

Butterfield then stated, "There is tape in the Oval Office. This tape is maintained by the Secret Service, and only ~~four~~ ^{three (3)} Secret Service Men know about it ^{initially...} ~~now~~ ^{now} four (4) know about it.

The system was installed about 2 1/2 years ago ^{think about} at the 18-month point of ^{Mr} Nixon's ^{1st} term ---- "the President is very history-oriented ^{and history-conscious} about the role he is going to play, and is not ^{at all} subtle about it, OR about admitting it."

NOTE

I did not recall the & mention it. One of the interrogators reminded me of this part of Dean's testimony as a lead- to the direct question: "Was there ever any taping device installed in the Oval Office?" OR "Were you ever aware of taping devices in the Oval Office?" In other words, any ~~info~~ info.

The taping devices were in answer to a direct question

NOTE
Locator Box

The locator system in the White House is operated by the Secret Service. Whenever the President enters a room, the Secret Service man turns on the switch in this room which activates a locator light panel on the desks of Haldeman, Butterfield and Bull (in this way it is known exactly where the President is).

Oval Office
West wing
EOB office
East wing
South porch
OUT
Residence

The master tape ^(recording) system is located in the ^(ground floor) basement under the White House. The taping units are located in the Oval Office (room and telephone), the ^{Pis} EOB inner office (room ^{+ phone}), the Cabinet Room (room), the ^{Sitting} Lincoln Room ^{telephone}, ~~Camp David telephones~~, ^{Office} Presidential Study ^{telephone at} AKA Aspen ~~Room~~ ^{Cabin at} Camp David.

NOTE
- in other word
2 offices (Oval + EOB) + Cab R
+ 4 telephones
(Oval office, EOB office, Lincoln Sitting Room, Pis Study in Aspen Cabin)

Taping in the Oval Office ^{is} activated by the locator system, the taping itself triggered by sound. Mikes were located ⁱⁿ under the President's desk ^{+ in or} on the mantel. There is no manual cut off switch in the Oval Office.

Taping in the Cabinet Room can be activated in two ways: 1) by the switches under the table ^{Cabinet at the Pis place,} ~~of such room~~ and 2) by a push button on Butterfield's phone. The taping in

the Cabinet Room could be cut off if desired. For example, the President has had Cabinet Meetings and did not want anyone present (including Haldeman), "this was not taped, as I (Butterfield) was sure that the President did not want this taped."

NOTE

Not at all true!
I know that I did not say this to Comte Staff mbrs.

With respect to Camp David, the tape unit was placed in the phone in the President's own study (AKA Aspen ~~Room~~ ^{Cabin}). The Secret Service has ^{long} been concerned about this because of State visitors lodging there.

Everything was taped in the Cab Rm - as long as the P was in attend. There was no so much as a hint that something should "not" be taped.

But ~~the~~ Taping equipment is basically simple, and in the phone, and ~~it is possible that~~ the Secret Service ^{always} have it removed ~~it~~ ^{when} in the event of invited guests occupy that cabin.

Butterfield stated that the quality of sound is good on the Oval Office and EOB Office tapes; however, those taped in the Cabinet Room are poor (sometimes inaudible)

With respect to the results of the tapes, Butterfield stated that the Secret Service changed the

tapes at least once a day --- this was ^{WONG's overall} ~~responsibility~~ ^{responsibility} but Zumwalt or his ass't were the individuals who actually attended to that task. The tapes were taken off, dated, and placed in storage.

The tapes are stored in various security areas of the ^{old EOB.} ~~White House.~~

NOTE

not in the WH



Butterfield is aware of one ⁵⁰⁶ storage area which is located at the west end of ^{center} the main ^{1st floor} corridor ^(back of the stairs) in a small "broom closet"; an iron gate was installed for security purposes.

NOTE
I don't recall saying this. It is not the case. The closet has been made especially secure, however.

The tapes have been made and stored, there has been no transcription; to Butterfield's knowledge, the President has never requested ^{that} a tape be brought to him, nor has he inquired of them. The plan had been ^{proposed by Butterfield} that four or five trustworthy ^{secretaries} ~~people would~~ ^{given the job of} be employed to ~~do nothing~~ ^{transcribe} the tapes, ^{so} and this material would be filed.

at the Archives. This has never been initiated.

NOTE
NO, I did not say "at the Archives." I said in the Office of Special Files - for Mr. Nixon's use at the end of his Presidency I wouldn't have suggested that this material go to the Archives.

With respect to the Oval Office, Butterfield stated that the President never requested that the Secret Service not use the locator system which would activate the tapes.

Butterfield stated that he had ^(RUMOR ONLY) heard that LBJ had a lot of things recorded during the Johnson Administration . . . Butterfield also said that the Secret Service indicated that they ^{had} played this tape game before.

Butterfield stated that the above information was not revealed to the Special Prosecutors as "they did not ask anything ^{were closely} related to this."

NOTE
Silbert & Glazer

During a recent phone conversation with

Haig, Haldeman's replacement, Butterfield mentioned the system. ^{because Haig inquired as to what knowledge he had, if any, of "any"} Haig interrupted and said, ~~"I know, I know"~~ ^{"Oh, I know"}

about that. [^] Butterfield assumes that Higby, Haldeman ^(HAIG) or possibly the President informed him of this taping system [^] at the time that he took over Haldeman's desk & duties.

bugging that went on during the entire 4-y period of the P's 1st term

Butterfield stated "This is all something ^{would guess that} I ~~know~~ ^{does} the President ~~is~~ [^] not want revealed, but you asked me, ^{so I have no choice but to answer. And, of course,} and I feel it is ~~something you ought to know~~

^{There is only one kind of truth.} ~~about in your investigations.~~ ^{at the time the taping instruction was given} I was told no one was to

know about the information, ~~I have told you.~~ ^{absolutely no one - not even} the Director of the Secret Service's Presidential Protective Division."

I meant any outside bugging other than that which has been made known to the public to date"

NOTE

I think this more closely reflects what was said on this occasion. I doubt that I said anything about your needing to know ^{about} this in your investigation. That sounds as though I was lying, & I wasn't.

INTERVIEW



Alexander P. Butterfield was interviewed on Friday, July 13, 1973. Mr. Butterfield was not accompanied by counsel. His home address is

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Mr. Butterfield is presently employed as the Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration. He has been in this capacity since March 14, 1973.

With respect to Butterfield's prior association with Haldeman, Butterfield, Haldeman and Ehrlichman went to UCLA at the same time. Butterfield and Haldeman's wives were best friends, and through them, the two men became friends (Haldeman did not know Ehrlichman personally at this time).

Butterfield received a phone call from Haldeman on January 12, 1969. In accordance Butterfield resigned his

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commission as an Air Force Colonel, and was sworn in as Deputy to the President on January 21, 1969.

At this point, Butterfield related the following incident. On April 6, 1972, Gordon Strachan contacted Butterfield --- "said that Haldeman wanted to know if he (Butterfield) had a friend outside the government level, in the area, loyal to President, impeccable references, free to travel should a need arise to direct funds to a special project such as polls and advertising." This person would be custodian of the \$350,000 Haldeman Reserve Fund, and Haldeman could make disbursements if an emergency arises. It was Butterfield's understanding that the travel would be domestic --- any expenses incurred would be reimbursed by the Administration.

In accordance, on April 7, 1972 Butterfield explained this assignment to his friend, Leonard "Bill" Lilley, who is president of Ironsides, Inc, a management consultant firm in Rosslyn, and former Air Force officer. Lilley accepted the assignment. Butterfield told Lilley

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everything he knew about the assignment. (Butterfield reported back to Strachan --- mentioned Lilley's name, however, doesn't think that Strachan remembers it, nor does he think that Strachan passed this information on to Haldeman.)

Strachan brought the money to Butterfield on April 7, 1972 in one briefcase, the money was counted by them. Butterfield met Lilley that afternoon at approximately 3:00 - 4:00 PM, at the Key Bridge Marriott, no reason for choosing this location other than the fact that it was a centrally located site. Lilley took the briefcase deposited it in a safety deposit box at the bank he personally deals with --- Butterfield cannot recall the name of the bank, and to his knowledge, Lilley was the only authorized signature on the box.

On April 21, 1972 Strachan called Butterfield and said that a \$22,000 disbursement must be made immediately to Joe Baroudy, the address was K or L Street, Washington, DC. (In 1973, Butterfield learned that Joe Baroudy was in the advertising business and was the brother of Bill

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Baroudy, who took Colson's place at the White House. Butterfield assumed that this money would be drawn to the AEI Institute.) Butterfield contacted Lilley, Lilley made the disbursement as instructed that day.

On November 28, 1972 Strachan called Butterfield, and said "get the money back right away." Butterfield contacted Lilley, met him at the Key Bridge Marriott parking lot, Lilley returned the money in the same briefcase, Butterfield delivered the briefcase to Strachan's office that same afternoon. The briefcase was not opened in Butterfield's presence.

During the entire assignment, there were no receipts for the exchange of money between Strachan and Butterfield, or between Butterfield and Lilley.

Strachan said that only six people knew about the fund: Stans, Haldeman, Higby, Strachan, Butterfield, Lilley (and Butterfield states, "I assume the President. Haldeman would do nothing without the knowledge of the President. "). Butterfield has since

learned from Glanzer and Silbert that Sloan knew of this fund, but Strachan never mentioned this. Butterfield was told the \$350,000 came from Stans and Butterfield accordingly assumed it was campaign money.

In mid-1972, shortly after the Watergate break-in, Butterfield in no way associated this fund with the Watergate incident. To Butterfield's knowledge this money was not used for payment of legal fees for the Watergate defendants.

In March, 1973, Butterfield began to suspect that the fund may have been involved in the Watergate incident. However, he did not discuss this with anyone, including Dean and the President, since he had no feeling of wrong doing.

Approximately April 15, 1973, Higby called Butterfield at the FAA, asked Butterfield if he remembered the dates of deposit, how many withdrawals and amounts with respect to the Fund. Butterfield checked with Lilley, who made note of withdrawal

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date and return date. Butterfield advised Higby of the dates and amounts as requested. Higby asked "Are you sure that there was only one withdrawal?" Butterfield said yes, but did not know the significance of this question.

Perhaps two or three days later, Strachan called Butterfield, advising Butterfield that he (Strachan) would be interviewed by Watergate investigators and would be mentioning Butterfield's name to them. (Higby had told Butterfield that Strachan perjured himself on the first admission.)

A few days later, Butterfield went to Silbert and Glanzer on a voluntary basis, and told them everything he knew. (Lilley did the same thing approximately one week later).

Butterfield went to Leonard Garment around the end of April (Garment was Acting Counsel to President and a good friend of Butterfield), and told Garment what had transpired between Butterfield and the Silbert/Glanzer interview.

From January 24, 1969 until March 14, 1973,
Butterfield's duties as Deputy Assistant to the President
included:

Was the President's liaison and functioned
as a personal secretary, in charge of administration,
responsible for management and supervision of the Office
of the Presidential Papers and the Office of Special Files.
Butterfield was in charge of security at the White House,
and acted as liaison with the Secret Service and the Execu-
tive Protective Service, had responsibility of FBI investi-
gations with respect to staff, presidential appointments,
and visitors of the President. Was liaison between the
President and the Office of the President. Butterfield
was in charge of the smooth-running of the President's
official day.

Butterfield totally controlled the paper flow
of mail going to the President. All items were stamped going in
and out of the President's office and logged in, Butterfield also weeded
out memos which the President did not have to see.

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Butterfield or Haldeman always accompanied the President at all times --- Butterfield was Haldeman's back up. Butterfield went on 35% of the Presidential trips and took charge of the staff (always went to Western White House and DC). Haldeman took all of the foreign trips.

Butterfield met at 2:00 PM each day to review the President's schedule for the following day. Each meeting that the President would have scheduled must have a briefing paper which included talking points. It was a prime interest of Chapin's office to designate who would prepare the brief, depending upon the subject and who was most qualified to do so. This person would more than likely sit in on the actual meeting, then would be responsible to prepare a Memorandum for the President which would include the subject, tone of the meeting and any commitments made. . . memo primarily for historical purposes and filed with the Presidential Papers. If the meeting included only a White House staff, then a Memorandum for the President was not usually prepared; however, if the meeting was highly significant the President might say "write this up."

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The President's official day was always logged. The military and White House switchboard kept track of who the President talked to, how long, and the date. This information compiled each day --- copies sent to Butterfield, Haldeman and the Presidential Papers Office

With respect to the FBI investigations, Butterfield stated that he does not recall a directive from the President either through Haldeman or directly to the FBI director to assist in implementation of Wiretaps.

Haldeman and occasionally Ehrlichman had requested an FBI check on nonappointees. To Butterfield's recollection there may have been 8 such requests, among them were Frank Sinatra, Daniel Schor, Helen Hayes. At the time, Butterfield stated, he assumed they may have been looking for a White House position or would be in close contact with the President. Butterfield does not recall an FBI request for information on Joseph Kraft. These reports were abbreviated data (an inbetween of the name check and full field).

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Butterfield does not recall FBI reports requested on any Democratic Party members, nor does he recall specifically reports concerning investigation of Larry O'Brien, DNC Chairman. Butterfield also recalled doing an investigation on a Detroit entertainer who was associated with the National Association of Advancement of Black Business.

With respect to Haldeman, Butterfield stated he (Haldeman) ran smooth running of President's day via other people working under him. President told Haldeman, and Haldeman carried out the President's decisions --- "Haldeman was not a decision maker."

With respect to Ehrlichman, Butterfield stated that he (Ehrlichman) did not have access to the President, he required an appointment. The President really considered Ehrlichman his Counsel. The President was not aware of Dean, and Dean would only do those things which Ehrlichman assigned to him.

Butterfield can recall the increased activity of the Segretti matter, since his office was directly across from Chapin's. He knows very little of the circumstances,



other than the fact that if Segretti was an advance man, he worked for Chapin. (There is mention by Butterfield that Pero was also used as an advance man). Around 12/72, Haldeman indicated to Butterfield that Chapin would soon be leaving the White House and also said that Higby would be a "little bigger wheel." Butterfield indicated that Chapin had talked to Kalmbach and Marriott, Sr. concerning future employment, and he understands that Chapin is now employed by United Air Lines in Chicago.

Butterfield stated that Caulfield was "sort of Ehrlichman's guy." Caulfield ran the intelligence reports through the New York Police Department, his former employer, when the President had scheduled trips. Caulfield's reports concerning the size of demonstrations, etc., were more accurate than the Secret Service/FBI. Butterfield assumes that Caulfield received his work assignments from Ehrlichman.

Butterfield stated that Ziegler did precisely what he was told. Ziegler was always fully briefed by the President, Kissinger, Haig, Peterson or Flannigan (depending upon the situation) and reported information exactly as told.

Butterfield stated that Kissinger spent a lot of time meeting with the President. Butterfield does not know what was discussed, or is aware that it concerned leaks in the White House.

Butterfield stated that the President thought very highly of Colson and his political astuteness. Colson would spend time with the President --- the President liked Colson for his toughness. The President also liked Doug Mallet, a young Colson Staffer.

Butterfield stated that Rosemary Woods would handle all the President's very personal work. She kept her own special files, was liaison with the President's personal friends, had a copy of the contributor's list and always knew how much each person gave.

Over the years, the President has gained confidence in several of the girls on the White House staff --- Nellie Yates, Marge Acker, Beverly Kaye, Pat McKee (Haldeman's number one girl). These girls would accompany the President to Camp David or Key Biscayne to do memos for the President.

Before the election got underway, Haldeman held meetings with Butterfield, Colson, Dean, Price and Ziegler ---- "we were sort of Haldeman's prime guys." The meetings concerned the changes which should be made in the White House, etc.

Moore, Chapin and Klein met to determine what "would be good for the President to do", regarding changing strategy, etc.

Colson, Sapphire, Chapin, Moore, Klein and Buchanan were among those the President met with regularly.

Butterfield stated that the President was very program-oriented. The President was constantly thinking about what they were doing, the new approach, and what they were doing wrong. The President's recollection of meetings was very good, he was precise.

The President would read the news summaries each morning --- he would scroll messages across the margins indicating his thoughts, what he wished done (memos, etc). Butterfield could not recall any of the notations.

Butterfield does not recall the President receiving independent reports on Watergate. Butterfield is not aware of a special Watergate file. Butterfield did not

see or hear of any circumstances which indicated that the President was involved in the alleged effort to cover-up the facts of the Watergate from the public.

Butterfield stated that the President was sent copies of ISD reports relating to radical groups, etc. but this type of thing never went into the President. This was also true of routine Secret Service or FBI reports.

Butterfield does not recall receiving any information on the Viet Vets against the War.

Butterfield does not recall any response from the President as to "who" were Liddy and Hunt, when their names appeared in the news summaries.

Butterfield stated that the President would put "the freeze" on certain people at times, for example, the Washington Post, Arthur Burns (who apparently had been too independent at one time).

Butterfield does not recall seeing any memos relating to leaks or the Plumber's operation.

Butterfield was shown exhibits, he responded... With respect to the correspondence regarding Jay Leanse (attached), Butterfield stated he does not remember the name or the memo

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but this was the type of correspondence which was transmitted between he and Trudy Brown. (Note: that he was not shown his memo to Caulfield or subsequent memos in the Series; See Dean Exhibit #7.)

With respect to a memo, speechtyped, Butterfield stated that he does not recall seeing a letter typed in speech-type, however, Rosemary Woods does have such a typewriter. Butterfield does not recall anything ever being done on legal size paper. With respect to the lack of letterhead, Butterfield added that if this had been a carbon copy there would not be a letterhead. At the bottom of the letter was the following: "CC - My File". Butterfield states that this was Rosemary's format.

Butterfield's immediate staff as Deputy Assistant consisted of David Hoops, his assistant; his secretaries; the man in charge of the Visitor's office; Trudy Brown; Archivists.

Butterfield left the White House at his own decision --- he felt no challenge to the type of work he was doing. When the President learned of this, he initially asked Butterfield if he would like to work for the State Department --- the FAA was the 2nd suggestion.

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Butterfield's duties were divided among those who remained at the White House: Dean acquired Butterfield's FBI and security responsibilities --- Steve Bull assumed Butterfield's administrative duties. Five weeks before Butterfield officially left the White House, his office was moved into the basement; two weeks before leaving, his office was moved to the EOB. By February 7, Butterfield was not in a position to have direct contact with paper flow at the White House.

PLEASE SEE ADDENDUM
FOR REMAINDER OF
INTERVIEW



March 19, 1985

Reply to: NNFD-L

Subject: Butterfield Interview

TO: David Horrocks-MLF

— Thank you for sending us the stenographer's translation of sections of the Ervin Committee staff's interview with Alexander Butterfield. I will add it to the records, with a note as to its location in the Ford Library.

Enclosed is a copy of the interview summary found in the Ervin Committee records. You are correct that this interview is open to research; the "restricted" mark applies only to Butterfield's home address. In addition, I am sending you another copy of the "addendum" to the interview which has apparently been corrected by Butterfield; note his reference to "some rather gross errors" in the staff's summary.

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