

TAPES AND TRANSCRIPTS OF  
TELEPHONE CONVERSATIONS AND MEETINGS

In the course of doing the duplication necessary to preserve the dictabelt recordings, the archives staff listened to the conversations and compared many of the transcripts and summaries (which were typed in the White House and during the preparation of the President's memoir, The Vantage Point) to the recordings. Variations in sound quality and in the interpretation of the listener produced variations in what was heard. While listening to the recordings, the archives staff occasionally noticed differences significant enough to change the meaning of the conversation. When the staff noticed inaccuracies of substance, they prepared a processing note and filed it with the transcript. The staff made no effort to compare the transcripts and recordings word for word. Other substantive inaccuracies or matters of interpretation may exist in these transcripts, and researchers are urged to quote cautiously and to check the transcripts against the recordings for accuracy when they are made available for research use.

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