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Additional Nixon White House Tapes Released

On December 10, the National Archives released an additonal 240 hours of White House tape recordings from the Nixon Presidency. The newly released tapes (reproduced on 304 compact discs) include approximately 3,000 conversations recorded at the White House from July through October 1972. These new tapes, covering such topics as the 1972 Presidential Campaign, the Vietnam War and Paris Peace Talks, U.S.-Soviet relations, foreign relations, domestic issues, and the Watergate scandal, join previously released tapes to comprise 2,019 hours of tapes from the Nixon Presidency. The tape log of 10,000 pages, easily accessible on CD-ROM, was also released. The public is welcome to make recordings of the released tapes, but must bring their own recorders and recording media. Scholars should visit www.archives.gov for more information.

Omnibus Spending Bill Delayed in Senate

Senator Robert Byrd (D-WV) rallied fellow Democrats to delay the passage of the Consolidated Appropriations bill in reaction to last minute Administration lobying that negated some congressional actions. The result will likely be a delay in completion of FY 2004 appropriations until Congress returns in mid-January. The stalled bill contains final appropriations for seven of the 13 FY 2004 spending bills. Agencies whose funding falls within the bill, including NSF, NIH, CDC, and the Departments of Education and Agriculture, will continue to operate under a Continuing Resolution that runs through January 31 and which maintains their funding at FY 2003 levels.

NIH Roadmap Includes Social and Behavioral Science Focus

The NIH's new "Roadmap for Medical Research," designed to identify major opportunities and gaps in health research that no single NIH institute can address alone, includes a focus on social and behavioral science research. Social and behavorial scientists are encouraged to take advantage of the broadly drafted initiatives for funding opportunities. Recently released initiatives include: Short Programs for Interdisciplinary Research Training and Supplements for Methodological Innovations in the Behavioral and Social Sciences. Scholars interested in these and other new funding opportunities should consult the NIH web site at http://nihroadmap.nih.gov.

U.S. News Investigates Bush Administration

U.S. News and World Report journalists Christopher H. Schmitt and Edward Pound reported in "Keeping Secrets" (22 December 2003 edition) the results of the magazine's five-month investigation into the Bush Administration and its blatant attempts to hide the operations of the executive branch through imposition of sweeping secrecy requirements. The results of which would be a reversal of a decade long trend toward greater openness in government. Visit www.usnews.com/usnews/issue/031222/usnews/22secrecy.htm for the article.

Document Declassification to Meet Timetable

Brian Dowling of the Office of Information Programs and Services reported at a recent meeting of the Advisory Committee on Historical Diplomatic Documentation of the U.S. State Department that the declassification goal of completing mandated review of 1976–1981 materials by 2006 can be met. When complete, the review will have encompassed over 6,600 boxes (16.5 million pages), four million electronic documents, and the so-called P-reels (electronic documents that must be converted to paper format for declassification). State electronic documents from 1973–1974, whose declassification is long-awaited, should be transferred to NARA in early 2004.

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