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one of reporters tapped was the NYT reporter who broke the stories on the SALT talks. about six reporters total; on June 19, 1972 when supreme court decision against nat. security wiretaps, had about two in and Felt said they better get them out.

all the tapping was Mardian's idea and Mitchell signed orders at insistence of Hoover.

project began as early as 1971. Gray learned from felt that the taps were there---but all Gray's information was second hand so he can deny it, saying there are no records.

doesn't know about the term "out of channels," but says that the tappers included some present and former FBI agents. (my source insists absolutely that all were former agents.)

says that Hoover insisted on the mitchell authorization before he would go along with the taps.

about 12 White House people were tapped also

the mardian operation on reporter/ white house taps was separate from the ~~skinner~~ watergate.

Liddy also reported to Mardian at CREEP.

tapping was done at the phone company and at White House switch board.

those who knew about Wgate were: Mardian, Mitchell, Colson, and Haldeman, Magruder.

believes that someone will eventually flush out this ~~is~~ story and it could to the one that sends the administration over the wall.

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