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*The United States v. Richard Millhouse Nixon*

**Document 1: US v. Nixon Case Brief**

1. What were **the 3 reasons** Nixon gave for **refusing** to turn over the White House tapes?
2. What do these reasons tell you about **Nixon’s views** on Presidential power?
3. What did Chief Justice Burger say about the **origins** of **executive privilege**? How does this origin **justify** his decision about Nixon releasing the tapes?
4. Explain Burger’s statement, “A President and those who assist him must be free to explore alternatives in a way many would be unwilling to express except privately.” **How** **did the** **court interpret executive privilege**?
5. How did this court case **expand** the power of the presidency?

**Document 2: “The Smoking Gun Transcript”**  
 Transcript of White House Tapes, June 23, 1972 – conversation between President Nixon and Chief of Staff H.R. Haldeman. *(Note: Pat Gray is the Acting Director of the FBI, and Mark Felt is the Associate Director of the FBI. Helms is the Director of the CIA and Walters is the Deputy Director of the CIA)*1. Haldeman tells Nixon, “the FBI is not under control.” **Why** does the FBI need to be **controlled**?  
  
  
2. What is **Nixon’s plan** for **dealing** with the **investigation** of the Watergate Break-In?

3. What does this transcript tell you about **the relationship** between the **FBI** and the **CIA**?

4. What does this transcript tell you about Nixon’s **views** on Presidential power?

5. Why is this transcript called the “**Smoking Gun**”?