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[The President met with Arlen Specter and Attorney General John N. Mitchell]

[Conversation about drug rehabilitation, new position in White House to include drug policy official, big heroin seizure in Spain]

Mitchell: One other thing that's very interesting is that our BNDD [Bureau of Narcotics and Dangerous Drugs] officials working with the Mexicans found some cocaine coming in to Mexico on its way to this country, and the ship – your friend the Attorney General down there has liabled the ship.

Nixon: Hmm, good. Terrific.

Mitchell: Which is a pretty good law enforcement tactic.

[Conversation continues with discussion of need for education, and problem of drug addicts vs. drug suppliers]