

FOREWORD

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- * * * To indicate a pause in the recording while the speaker listens to the person speaking at the other end of the telephone. Used when only one side of a telephone conversation is recorded.
- [?] When the transcriber is not certain of what is said on the recording.
- To indicate a sentence which the speaker trails off without completing it.
- . . . When a speaker is interrupted before a sentence is completed.
- _____ To indicate the speaker's emphasis.
- [] Used to enclose editorial comments of the transcriber such as */Meeting appears to be breaking up/* or */Several speakers speak at once and none of the words are intelligible./*

Names:

The first time a name is mentioned, the full name is provided whenever it is known. "JFK" and "RFK" are used for President Kennedy and Robert Kennedy, respectively. When the identity of a speaker is unknown, "Speaker?" is used; when the identification of a speaker is uncertain, a question mark follows the name. The heading of each transcript gives the names of all participants listed in the President's Appointment Books as scheduled to attend the meeting.

Preparation:

These electronic documents were created from transcripts available in the audiovisual research room in the John F. Kennedy Library. The transcripts were scanned using optical character recognition and the resulting text files were proofread against the original transcripts. Some formatting changes were made.

Dictabelt 28A, Item 28A3

October 29, 1963

Operator: He'll be right with you, sir.

Halleck:¹ Okay.

JFK: Hello.

Halleck: Yeah, Mr. President.

JFK: Well, you did a great job.

Halleck: *[Oh, well, thanks?]*.

JFK: What?

Halleck: I got a lot of mad people up here.

JFK: *[Laughs.]* Oh, but that's all right.

Halleck: *[I know?]* you've got a few.

JFK: I got a lot of 'em . . . *[Tapes skips and repeats itself.]*

Halleck: . . . you've got a few.

JFK: I got a lot of 'em.

Halleck: . . . you've got a few.

JFK: I got a lot of 'em. *[I got a lot of mad Negroes that are ready to come and throw rocks at me, but that's all right. That is good?]*. That was terrific, Charlie.

Halleck: Well . . .

JFK: You really did what you said.

¹ Charles A. Halleck, congressman from Indiana.

Halleck: . . . my guys, boys did better and, uh, we . . .

JFK: That's right.

Halleck: I hated to overpromise down there, Mr. President.

JFK: Well, that was good. Got Roland,² unfortunately, uh, we didn't get Roland Daley.³ Evidently that Cook County machine isn't as strong as we hear.

Halleck: No, no. I, you got ten of my guys, didn't you?

JFK: Yeah, well, anyway they got m-, more than you said. I know they got at least nine. But, uh . . .

Halleck: You know, whenever I say something I underestimate a little bit . . .

JFK: Yeah. Yeah.

Halleck: . . . and, uh, I don't get to be made out a liar.

JFK: Yeah.

Halleck: I got a little trouble on my side, uh, but, uh, a lot of guys bitching . . .

JFK: Yeah.

Halleck: . . . and so I ain't sure they'll make me leader again, but . . .

JFK: *[Laughs.]*

Halleck: . . . I don't give a damn.

JFK: *[Laughs.]* No, that was good. That was good.

Halleck: Well, thank you very much for calling. Now, look, we got a . . . The bill got reported, didn't it?

JFK: I think it, yeah, yeah.

² Roland V. Libonati, congressman from Illinois.

³ Richard J. Daley.

Halleck: Yeah. By a real good vote.

JFK: Very good.

Halleck: Twenty-four, eleven.

JFK: Right, right.

Halleck: We got to get a rule. I don't think, Mr. President, uh, if I could just make a little suggestion . . .

JFK: Right.

Halleck: . . . [press up two things?], let a little dust settle . . .

JFK: Right. Right. Right. Okay.

Halleck: . . . and get a rule [and then go?].

JFK: Okay, good, Charlie, very good.

Halleck: Thank you.

JFK: Very good. All right.