

## FOREWORD

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### **Punctuation:**

The following conventions are used throughout the transcripts:

- \* \* \*      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 2B

This was not a telephone call but the receiver was left off the hook. Voice is unknown but believed to be General Clifton. Underlinings indicate portions inaudible or too low to recognize. [There is no tape for this item.]

Clifton<sup>1</sup>: You know that Life magazine has turned itself inside out \_\_\_\_\_.

JFK: They want the films. They call me today and ask whether we can get them the films.

Clifton: Another thing that Hank Suydam is after, is if they can't do films to do the drawings.

JFK: That is right. What we hope to have is films for them by the morning.

Clifton: I talk to their man Oluhand and I also talk to Stan about New York. And he said it can't help but be all out favorable. The guy that is editing this issue is an admirer of yours for one thing and this has been their policy. But I didn't try to fill them in very much because I didn't know Oluhand. I don't know how much to give him.

JFK: Is he good?

Clifton: He is a good writer. Well I act like I never heard of him from Tuesday until Saturday morning. He didn't bug me and he didn't use any tough questions. They are just accepting what is going on. The only question that he raised and I said I knew nothing about was the AI Friendly bit.

(This part was too low to understand.)

JFK: Let's just say, However, it does seem to me regretful that there are so few occasions. . . . Uh, no. It does seem to me regretful, in view of my persistence \_\_\_\_\_ support \_\_\_\_\_ national dependence and sovereignty.

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<sup>1</sup> Chester V. Clifton