

## FOREWORD

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- [ ? ]      When the transcriber is not certain of what is said on the recording.
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- . . .        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 23A, Item 23A3

July 10, 1963

JFK: Maggie?<sup>1</sup>

Magnuson: Yeah.

JFK: Oh, well, now this thing's put off for a couple of weeks.

Magnuson: Oh, good.

JFK: And here's what our, uh, situation is. Uh, here's the en-, statement I've just got in. "In view of the unique and all-important nature of this labor-management dispute, I'm asking a special six-man subcommittee of the Labor-Management Advisory Committee--to be composed of George Harrison, Stuart Saunders, George Meany, Joseph Block, the secretary of labor as chairman, the secretary of commerce as vice chairman--to undertake immediately, in full consultation with the parties, a comprehensive review and report limited to the facts and issues in this case and the respective positions of the parties. This report will be transmitted to the Congress on July 22, 1963, with appropriate legislative recommendations from me which would be designed to dispose of the issues in this particular case. After consultation with congressional leaders, I am asking the parties to withhold any rules change or strike notice until July 29 to permit appropriate consideration of this matter, with the understanding that no further such request for a continuance will be made by this administration."

Magnuson: Uh-huh.

JFK: So, uh. . . .

Magnuson: Well, would that require legislation?

JFK: That's correct, if they don't, uh . . .

Magnuson: If they don't . . .

JFK: . . . if in the next two weeks . . .

Magnuson: . . . have time to get together.

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<sup>1</sup> Warren G. Magnuson, senator from Washington.

JFK: And I don't think they probably will, so we're probably gonna be faced with the strike and therefore. . . .

Magnuson: What are we going to have, the one-shot thing?

JFK: Yeah, and we'll have a proposal for a solution.

Magnuson: Yeah, well, we'll, we'll have to work that out . . .

JFK: Right.

Magnuson: . . . and see what we're gonna do.

JFK: Okay, well, we'll wait for a couple weeks . . .

Magnuson: Yeah.

JFK: . . . anyway.

Magnuson: Say, while you're on the phone. Uh, uh, that Black<sup>2</sup> is perfectly okay for that Power Commission.<sup>3</sup>

JFK: That, uh, let's see now, well . . .

Magnuson: Black.

JFK: . . . let me check on that. Dungan<sup>4</sup> had . . .

Magnuson: Well, Dungan, Dungan called me and said that you, uh . . .

JFK: Well, that's all, uh, fine, good.

Magnuson: Yeah. [Words unintelligible].

JFK: That's all set. Is that all right with you?

Magnuson: Yeah, that's marvelous.

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<sup>2</sup> David S. Black.

<sup>3</sup> Federal Power Commission.

<sup>4</sup> Ralph A. Dungan.

JFK: Okay, now, Maggie, uh, uh, how are you doing up there with, uh, civil rights?

Magnuson: Pretty good.

JFK: Are you?

Magnuson: Yeah.

JFK: When will you be st-, when . . .

Magnuson: Dean, Dean Rusk this morning was just marvelous.

JFK: Was he, was he.

Magnuson: He was . . .

JFK: I noticed, I saw something about it on television.

Magnuson: Oh, he was just about as good a witness and then Thurmond<sup>5</sup> blew up which made it, uh, you know, helped us.

JFK: Yeah. Yeah.

Magnuson: He called all the witnesses left-wingers and [everything?] [words unintelligible?] . . .

JFK: Yeah, I heard them on television.

Magnuson: . . . public, uh, in the hearing room, and, uh, and Bobby<sup>6</sup> was marvelous, too.

JFK: Um.

Magnuson: He answered all the questions just perfectly.

JFK: Right. Right.

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<sup>5</sup> Strom Thurmond, senator from South Carolina.

<sup>6</sup> Robert F. Kennedy.

Magnuson: But we've got to have a, I gotta talk with [Mick?] Monroney<sup>7</sup> and those fellows. They always want to get off on some other tangent, you know.

JFK: Yeah, I know, I know.

Magnuson: So we got to do some work on them. But I'll finish this up in about ten days.

JFK: Yeah, I think we don't have to push too fast . . .

Magnuson: No.

JFK: . . . because it'd be good to get, that a, it would be good, uh, it seems to me, to get some action on that, uh, tax bill before, uh, in the House, before...

Magnuson: I don't want to be, I just don't want to be accused of stalling . . .

JFK: No.

Magnuson: . . . get it out of committee, and then we can, the policy committee can handle it from there.

JFK: Yeah, well, we can, yeah, I don't think that we have to push on it.

Magnuson: [No?].

JFK: Good.

Magnuson: Well, then I won't hear anything from you about this until next week.

JFK: Right.

Magnuson: Okay.

JFK: Thanks, Maggie.

Speaker?: Operator.

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<sup>7</sup> A.S. Mike Monroney, senator from Oklahoma