

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.

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Dictabelts

Dictabelt XXA

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Conversation #1: Evelyn Lincoln and Jerome Wiesner

Lincoln: Hello?

Wiesner: Hi, this is Jerry Wiesner. Is Mr. McCone still there?

Lincoln: Yes, he is. He's talking on the telephone.

Wiesner: Uh, has the meeting broken up?

Lincoln: Yes, it has.

Wiesner: Uh, would you ask him, when he gets off, whether I could talk with him a little bit if I came over there?

Lincoln: Sure.

Wiesner: O.K., I'll wait for you.

Lincoln: O.K.

Wiesner: Right, thanks.

[disconnect]

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Conversation #2: Evelyn Lincoln and Angela Novello // Angela Novello and RFK

Mrs. Lincoln: Hello?

White House Operator: Angie Novello

Mrs. Lincoln: O.K.

White House Operator: Mrs. Lincoln.

Mrs. Lincoln: Hi, Angie.

Ms. Novello: Evelyn, how are you?

Mrs. Lincoln: Fine.

Ms. Novello: My boss still at the meeting?

Mrs. Lincoln: He's in with the President, in his office.

Ms. Novello: Oh, is he?

Mrs. Lincoln: Unh-huh.

Ms. Novello: We haven't gotten a clue yet whether he plans to come back here or not.
If he doesn't . . .

Mrs. Lincoln: You want to talk to him?

Ms. Novello: Well, if I can, because I have to . . .

Mrs. Lincoln: You hold on.

Ms. Novello: Did you get a list of those people who are attending the luncheon today?
Did the State Department call you?

Mrs. Lincoln: No.

Ms. Novello: Oh . . . Lord knows what they're gonna do. He's supposed to go to that luncheon at the Blair-Lee House for the Prime Minister of Uganda.

Mrs. Lincoln: Oh, yeah. I didn't get that.

Ms. Novello: Yeah. And they were supposed to call you and tell you they were sending over a guest list.

Mrs. Lincoln: Oh.

Ms. Novello: Yeah. They wait until the last--the luncheon's at one.

Mrs. Lincoln: Yeah.

[both laugh]

Mrs. Lincoln: I'll get it at five minutes to one.

Ms. Novello: Yeah.

[both laugh]

Ms. Novello: So, if he's not coming back, I'll send over this briefing for him to read before the luncheon. Otherwise, . . .

Mrs. Lincoln: You hold on and I'll put him on.

Ms. Novello: O.K. Thank you.

[pause]

Mrs. Lincoln: Angie?

Ms. Novello: Yeah.

Mrs. Lincoln: I'm waiting for Mr. Kennedy--the Attorney General . . .

RFK: Hello?

Ms. Novello: Bob?

RFK: Yeah.

Ms. Novello: I just wondered if you were planning to come back here before the luncheon?

RFK: Yeah.

Ms. Novello: You are?

RFK: Yeah.

Ms. Novello: Well, then I won't send these papers. I'll hold them here.

RFK: O.K.

Ms. Novello: Thank you.

[disconnect]