

## 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 10B, Item 10B5

[In the following dictation of the Philip Graham letter, punctuation is spoken by Mary Wilder, but in the transcript it is written as in the original.]

- Wilder:<sup>1</sup> Hello.
- Lincoln<sup>2</sup>: Hello.
- Wilder: This is Mary Wilder.
- Lincoln: Yes.
- Wilder: Uh, that letter is, um, addressed to the President, the White House, . . .
- Lincoln: Uh-huh.
- Wilder: . . . Washington, D.C. It is dated January 23, 1963.
- Lincoln: Okay.
- Wilder: *[reading the letter]*
- Dear Mr. President,
- On October 15, 1962, you appointed me as an incorporator of the Communications Satellite Corporation in accordance with the provisions of the Communications Satellite Act of 1962. Thereafter, I was elected chairman of the incorporators. I found my service in this capacity to be a thoroughly rewarding experience.
- Lincoln: . . . in this capacity . . . to be . . .
- Wilder: I beg your pardon. To be a thoroughly . . . thoroughly rewarding experience. I have a cold. Maybe I'm not speaking clearly.
- Lincoln: Oh, yes, you are.
- Wilder: New paragraph.

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<sup>1</sup> Mary Wilder, secretary to Clark Clifford.

<sup>2</sup> Evelyn Lincoln

Lincoln: Uh-huh.

Wilder: *[resumes reading letter]*

I have contemplated for some time, and have so informed you and the incorporators, that as soon as the chief executive officer for the new company has been selected I would relinquish my duties. This selection should take place shortly.

The organizing effort has made excellent progress toward the fulfillment of our task. In view of this, and for further reasons of health, I believe it is advisable for me to resign as an incorporator. I therefore submit my resignation as of this date. Thanking you for your many past kindnesses, I am,

Respectfully yours,  
Philip L. Graham

One "l" in "phillip."

Lincoln: Uh-huh. Okay.

Wilder: Okay.

Lincoln: Thanks an awful lot.

Wilder: You are welcome.

Lincoln: Alrighty.

Wilder: 'Bye.

Lincoln: 'Bye.

*[phone hangs up]*