

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 2A

Gromyko statement upon leaving New York

October 22, 1962 - 2:00 P.M.

- Voice 1: Just a moment.
- Voice 2: . . . War, termination of the arms race and the disarmament of the states are essential prerequisites for a stable peace on earth.
- Voice 3: Bright?
- Bright: Bright here.
- Voice 3: Yes. Were you able to . . .
- Bright: Well, I read all of it, thank you. Wait till I get the recorder off, Colonel. Uh, we have to take the recorder off and reply to the Colonel.
- Voice 4: Okay, Miss Lincoln?
- Lincoln¹: Yeah.
- Voice 4: Yeah. Hold on just a moment now.
- Lincoln: Okay.
- Voice 5: Gary?
- Voice 6: No.
- Voice 7: The first impression of the work of this session of the General Assembly is that the overwhelming majority of states is in favor of the relaxation of international tensions and of the adoption of practical measures aimed at reaching this goal. We are gratified by the fact that the proposals of the Soviet government were generally be met with a correct understanding and a positive attitude on the part of most delegations. The prevailing opinion among the participants in the Assembly, is that those powers whose actions are worsening the international atmosphere, and we spoke about this in detail at

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the Assembly, should reject such a policy, should realize that this is the dangerous road which can lead to great misfortune for mankind. They must realize that we respect kind words, but indeed for the sovereignty of states, big and small, the rooting out of the vestiges of the Second World War, the termination of the arms race and the disarmament of states are essential prerequisites for a stable peace on earth.

Voice 8: . . . answers.

Lincoln: Okay.

Voice 4: Hello, Miss Lincoln, would you like that back, ma'am?

Lincoln: No, I've got it.

Voice 4: Okay, fine. Thank you.

Lincoln: All right, thank you.

Voice 4: Bye.

Lincoln: Bye.