

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 28A, Item 28A2

October 28, 1963

JFK: . . . when the, with that, uh, Judiciary Committee trying to get this civil rights together and . . .

Daley:¹ Yeah.

JFK: . . . uh, Roland Libonati is sticking it right up us.

Daley: Is, he is?

JFK: Yeah, because he's standing with the extreme liberals who are gonna end up with no bill at all. Then when we put together, uh, he'll, gonna vote for the extreme bill. Then I asked him, "If you'll vote for this package which we got together with the Republicans which gives us about everything we wanted," and he says, "No."

Daley: He'll vote for it. He'll vote for any goddamned thing you want.

JFK: [Laughs.] Well, can you get him?

Daley: I, I surely can. Wh-, where is he? Is he there?

JFK: Well, he's in the other room.

Daley: Well, you have, uh, uh, Kenny,² tell, tell Kenny that, uh, to put him on the wire here.

JFK: Okay. Or would you rather get him when he gets back up to his office? That's better, otherwise, 'cause he might think . . .

Daley: That's better. But he'll do it. The last time I, I told him, "Now look it, I don't give a goddamned what it is, you vote for, for anything the president wants and this is the way it will be and this is the way we want it and that's the way it's gonna be."

JFK: That'd be good.

¹ Richard J. Daley

² Kenneth P. O'Donnell.

Daley: I'll get him as soon as he gets back to the. . . .

JFK: *[Laughs.]*

Daley: What are they trying to do, they got you hanging under . . .

JFK: Well, we're gonna, we have a chance to pull this out.

Daley: Yeah, but . . .

JFK: But you see, of course, these guys, they . . .

Daley: . . . what the hell's the matter with our own fellows?

JFK: That's why, well, it's good. . . . Krol³ was, uh, Philadelphia, Billy⁴ got him and if you can get Kr-, Libonati.

Daley: Well, I'll *[catch?]* Libonati.

JFK: Okay, good.

Daley: Bye, now.

JFK: Thanks, Dick.

³ Archbishop John Joseph Krol.

⁴ William J. Green, Jr., congressman from Pennsylvania.