

FOREWORD

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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.

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June 18, 1963

Operator: [Waiting?].

Hays:¹ Hello, Mr. President.

JFK: Wayne, how are you?

Hays: All right.

JFK: Um, I just wanted to speak to you a minute on the aid matter. Where do you think they're gonna end up?

Hays: Well, I, I would think from the way Passman² talks below 3 billion . . .

JFK: Oh, my God. Jesus.

Hays: . . . but then I don't know how much of his is talk and how much is, uh, hot air.

JFK: Yeah. Yeah.

Hays: I, I think we'll, we've about agreed to get one out of the Foreign Affairs Committee with about 4 billion I authorized.

JFK: Right, right, fine. Well, I, I'm, uh. . . . Damn. I think if we can get, uh, that or anything above that, it would be helpful.

Hays: Well Passman said to me on the floor, he said, "What are you going to come out with?" And I said, "Well, I think somewhere about, slightly above 4 billion." And he said, "That much!" And I said, "Well, yeah, I guess." He said, "Well, 3 billion's too much, I'm gonna cut it below that."

JFK: Yeah, yeah, that's all right. I think we can try to fight that and do the best we can.

¹ Wayne L. Hays, congressman from Ohio.

² Otto E. Passman, congressman from Louisiana.

Hays: Yeah, well, uh, the only trouble is the way we go through these maneuvers up here, uh, I've long since, uh, maintained that this is a waste of time to have two committees operate all the time [words unintelligible].

JFK: I know. Well, as a matter of fact though, when you think of it, last year we did end up finally with what, 3.9?

Hays: Yeah.

JFK: So that I think if we can get at least . . .

Hays: Well, I think you might end up, uh, with, if you can, if. . . . I don't know what the Senate's gonna do, that's the trouble.

JFK: Yeah, I know. I haven't talked to anybody over there.

Hays: If they hold up, uh, somewhere near what we do, then, uh, even if Passman cuts it, you can get a compromise probably at 3.6, 3.7 [or something like that?].

JFK: Yeah, yeah. Uh, but you think we'll get 3, uh, 4.1?

Hays: Well, we tentatively talked the other day about 4, uh, 4 . . .

JFK: Ninety-five.

Hays: . . . 95, yeah, 4.095.

JFK: If they can put that figure over, the 4.1, it seems to me it makes it a little easier for us to, uh, influence the Senate, even if it's not too much over 1. [Authorize?] once it's under 95, then really it's in the 4 billion, then the escalator takes us down another step. Well, fine, whatever . . .

Hays: [Words unintelligible]

JFK: . . . you can do, whatever. . . . Maybe you can talk to Doc³ about it. I haven't talked to him today and I don't know where. . . . I just, I talked to him last week. Perhaps, you'd speak to him.

Hays: Sure. I . . .

³ Thomas E. Morgan, congressman from Pennsylvania and chairman of the House Foreign Affairs Committee.

JFK: Okay, fine, thanks a lot.

Hays: *[Words unintelligible]*