

FOREWORD

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- [?] 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 3A, Item 3A6

[Very garbled at beginning.]

Voice 1: Waiting.

Dillon¹: [Words missing?] say that, uh, say that he would be retiring in due course . . .

JFK: Yeah.

Dillon: . . . [words missing?] would be choosen shortly . . .

JFK: Right.

Dillon: . . . and wait until after Congress had gone home.

JFK: Right, okay, fine, good.

Dillon: We don't have to worry about that.

JFK: Okay, good. Now, let's see, this problem of H.R. 10. Uh, they. . . . See Dirksen and everything, uh, they're arguing that unless they hang it on this bill, that I'll veto it. Now, what I've got to indicate therefore, is that I'll veto it if it's hung on this bill and that they got a better chance to override my veto if it is separate than they have with this bill. It's rather. . . . It may not be right but that's the only way. Because, uh, otherwise they're going to hang it on this bill.

Dillon: Yeah, ah, though. . . . You think though they don't think they have the votes?

JFK: Well, I, uh, they won't unless, uh, they think I'm going to veto it.

Dillon: I see.

JFK: So, I'm giving the impression that we're going to veto it and I thought the Treasury people ought to at least have that line . . .

Dillon: Yeah, fine.

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JFK: . . . that this would be too much of a revenue loss, it doesn't belong in this bill, and we just have to veto it.

Dillon: Yeah. The same sort of thing we said about, oh, the Cannon amendment.

JFK: Yeah, right.

Dillon: That [fake stuff or fixed up?].

JFK: Okay, good.

Dillon: Okay.

JFK: All right, thank you.