

FOREWORD

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- . . . When a speaker is interrupted before a sentence is completed.
- _____ To indicate the speaker's emphasis.
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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 17B, Item 17B.1

April 2, 1963¹

[Repeats end of item 17A.4 and continues.]

Shriver:² . . . fellows into the Peace Corps.

JFK: Yeah. Yeah.

Shriver: And, John McCone has told me on two or three occasions, and Dulles³ of course did, that they never would do that.

JFK: Right. Right.

Shriver: They sent out messages and the rest of it.

JFK: Right.

Shriver: But, uh, we've got a group in training now that looks suspicious, and I'd like, uh, to follow whatever you recommend, but I sure in hell want those guys, uh, . . .

JFK: Well, would you call Dick Helms⁴?

Shriver: Dick Helms?

JFK: Yeah. He's the operations officer over there under . . . And just say to him that you've talked to me and that I don't want anybody in there.

Shriver: Okay.

JFK: And if they are there, let's get them out now before we have it. And if there is any problem about it that Dick Helms ought to call the President about it. That . . .

Shriver: Okay.

¹ Date is as given on material received, but it is not confirmed.

² R. Sargent Shriver.

³ Allen W. Dulles.

⁴ Richard Helms.

JFK: . . . this is very . . . We are very, very anxious that there be no, uh, we don't want to discredit this whole idea.

Shriver: Okay. Fine.

JFK: And, uh, they . . . Christ, they're not gonna find out that much intelligence!

Shriver: That's right.

JFK: Now, the other thing is, I notice with these people coming back, can we do anything about seeing if we can get some of them to go into the Foreign Service?

Shriver: Yes. The Foreign Service has already changed their, uh, examination schedules, and the kind of exams they give, and the, uh, places that they are going to be given, uh, and done everything that they can this year to facilitate Peace Corps guys getting into the Foreign Service, and . . .

JFK: Yeah.

Shriver: . . . USIA⁵ has done the same thing, and AID⁶ is trying to do something.

JFK: Yeah. Yeah.

Shriver: Uh, I think we'll have to find out by one trial run to see whether it's successful.

JFK: Okay. Well, I just wanted to be sure. Uh, let me know if there's anything we can do, but these are the guys I'd like to get into the Foreign Service.

Shriver: Okay. Fine.

JFK: Okay.

Shriver: Thanks.

JFK: 'bye, Sarge.

⁵ United States Information Agency.

⁶ Agency for International Development.