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TAPE 1: Brazil, Peru, Common Market, Berlin, and Canada Released 11/98

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73 minutes

Status: Declassified in Part: Nine excisions totaling 2 minutes and 7 seconds of sound recording have been removed in accordance with Section 3.4 (b) of Executive Order 12958.

Description: Brazil: Anti-Americanism sentiment in Brazil; anti-Alliance for Progress; aid and stabilization assistance; Brazilian economic performance; Brazilian governor elections; Brazilian political parties; President Kennedy meeting with student; American investment in Brazil; Peruvian military; recognition of the Dominican Republic; Brazilian military role; US support; change in military attache; Robert Kennedy involvement; coup in **Peru**; OAS role; Venezuelan proposal; US response; US conversations with Venezuelan officials; Wednesday meeting; resumption of diplomatic relations; timing; US demands; elections under supervision; communist factor; US concerns; US communication with Peruvian government; message to US chargé, Lima; President Kennedy meeting with Lincoln Gordon; comparison of Peru and Brazil situations; **Common Market** negotiations; Common Agricultural Policy; impact on American farmer; **Berlin**; Llewellyn Thompson meeting in Copenhagen; diplomatic appointments to **Canada**; possible candidates; Foreign Service Officer selection; Deputy Chiefs of Mission.

Identified Participants: President John Kennedy, Richard Goodwin

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TAPE 2: Economy and Test Ban Treaty Released 11/98

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Status: Declassified

Description: Economy: Please note that this portion of the tape was previously released by the Library in June, 1983. See verbatim transcript. **Test Ban Treaty:** Disarmament negotiations; advantages of test ban; potential nuclear countries; effects of continued testing; proliferation of nuclear weapons; countries' cost; time frame; countries' motivation; countries most like to develop nuclear capability; cost of production; dissemination of nuclear technology; proliferation of peaceful reactors; need for collaboration between US/USSR; comparison of US/USSR capabilities; development of fusion bomb; analysis of fusion bomb; atmospheric testing; airborne test system; alternate land sites; effects of total test ban; possibility of countries cheating; further weapons development; increased weapons efficiency; advantages of USSR cheating; possible effects of □no restrictions; affect of abrogation of treaty; options; discussion of tabling atmospheric treaty; public appeal; monitoring system; types of stations and locations; capability of system; Swedish opinion of treaty.

Identified Participants: President John F. Kennedy, David Bell, Walter Heller, Henry Fowler, Theodore Sorensen, Robert Turner, Arthur Okun, Robert Roosa, Vice President Lyndon B. Johnson, Arthur Dean, Dean Rusk, Glenn Seaborg, Edward R. Murrow, Paul Nitze, Robert McNamara, Robert Kennedy, John McCone, William C. Foster, John T. McNaughton, Leland Hayworth, General A. R. Luedecke, Gen. Lyman L. Lemnitzer, James Webb, Gen. Maxwell Taylor, Jerome Wiesner, McGeorge Bundy, Spurgeon Keeny, Mr. Long, Adrian Fisher, Carl Kaysen, and Bromley Smith.

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TAPE 3: Test Ban Treaty Released 11/98

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Status: Declassified

Description: Test Ban Treaty: Recent Soviet nuclear test; public release of information; concerns of the United Nations General Assembly; number of control posts and inspection stations needed; acceptance of comprehensive treaty; inspection area; Congressional concerns; information for Congress; presentation to Congressional committee; Congressional support; US proposal for conversations with Zorin; information on French nuclear test; McNamara to relay chronology; Soviets position; possibility of Soviets circumventing treaty; possible conversations with neutrals; need for acceptance of principles; scientific briefing for Geneva delegates; [8 minute gap] consultation with Congress; need for cohesive proposal; possibility of acceptance of inspection; Congressional opposition; Dean conversation with Zorin; proposal of Luis Padillo Nuvo; McCone conversation with Romney; meeting between Senators and Dean; Harold Brown views; number of monitoring stations.

Identified Participants: President John F. Kennedy, Vice President Lyndon B. Johnson, Arthur Dean, Dean Rusk, Glenn Seaborg, Edward R. Murrow, Paul Nitze, Robert McNamara, Robert Kennedy, John McCone, William C. Foster, John T. McNaughton, Leland Hayworth, Gen. A. R. Luedecke, Gen. Lyman L. Lemnitzer, James Webb, Gen. Maxwell Taylor, Jerome Wiesner, McGeorge Bundy, Spurgeon Keeny, Franklin Long, Adrian Fisher, Carl Kaysen, Bromley Smith.

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TAPE 4: Test Ban Treaty Released 11/98

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Status: Declassified in Part: One excision of 11 seconds of sound recording has been removed in accordance with Section 3.4 (b) of Executive Order 12958.

Description: Test Ban Treaty: Meeting with Congressional leadership; need for international supervision of site inspection; Congressional opposition; modification of US proposal; Soviet position on control posts/on-site inspection; possibility of technological advances without inspection; necessity of inspection for disarmament; inspection provision; adherence to the treaty; accumulated results of undetected tests; need to clarify US position; phase of cold war; comprehensive versus atmospheric test ban; Khrushchev position; Zorin, Gromyko statements; replacement for Geneva system; schedule for implementation of system; practical requirements; Soviet atmospheric tests; effectiveness of proposed system; use of current technology; Soviet proposal for atmospheric test ban; British statements; President Kennedy conversation with Macmillian; Soviet opposition to inspections; US counterproposal; phased general disarmament program; number of verifications needed; US/Soviet positions; linkage of inspections to events; statement of US position; meeting schedule; possibility of Soviet cheating below the threshold; benefits of test ban.

Identified Participants: President John F. Kennedy, Vice President Lyndon B. Johnson, Dean Rusk, William Foster, Arthur Dean, Adrian Fisher, Roswell Gilpatric, John McCone, McGeorge Bundy.

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TAPE 5: Test Ban Treaty Released 11/98

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Status: Declassified in Part: One excision of 56 seconds of sound recording has been removed in accordance with Section 3.4 (b) of Executive Order 12958.

Description: Test Ban Treaty: President Kennedy statement of test ban proposals; possible US responses; press conference statement; number of stations; atmospheric test ban; schedule of implementation; possible Soviet response; advantages of atmospheric test ban; moratorium; negotiating posture; briefing representatives in Geneva; detection system; on-site inspections; production of Stage I armaments; military base reduction; Dean meeting with Zorin; troop reduction; background briefing; meeting with Congressional subcommittee; neutral countries proposal.

Identified Participants: President John F. Kennedy, Vice President Lyndon B. Johnson, Dean Rusk, William C. Foster, Arthur Dean, Adrian Fisher, Robert McNamara, John T. McNaughton, Paul Nitze, Robert Kennedy, John McCone, Glenn T. Seaborg, Leland J. Hayworth, Edward R. Murrow, Lyman L. Lemnitzer, James E. Webb, Gen. Maxwell Taylor, Jerome Wiesner, Spurgeon Kenney, Robert Lovett, John McCloy, Franklin Long.

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**TAPE 5A/XX1A: Meeting Of The Foreign Intelligence Advisory Board
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Status: Declassified in Part: Three excisions totaling 3 minutes and 43 seconds of sound recording have been removed in accordance with Section 3.4 (b) of Executive Order 12958.

Description: Meeting of the President's Foreign Intelligence Advisory Board: Leaks to the press; Board evaluation, *New York Times* article; President Kennedy request for memo; PFIAB statement; implications of leaks; Soviet response to leak; Chinese defense/offensive measures; conversation with Dr. Killian; preparation of intelligence estimate; need for procedural change; Robert Kennedy comments; access to information; effect of US concern on Soviets; damage assessment; possible disciplinary action; possible press reactions; President Kennedy statement, FBI investigation; conversations with McNamara, Ross; procedures for handling classified material, conversations with members of the press; control of access to information; leak investigations; Board recommendations; impact of leaks; press response; President Kennedy speech to publishers; monitoring press contacts.

Identified Participants: President John F. Kennedy, James R. Killian, Jr. William O. Baker, Lt. Gen. James H. Doolittle, William L. Langer, Edwin H. Land, Clark Clifford, Frank Pace, Jr., Gen. Maxwell Taylor, Russell Ash.

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TAPE 6: Test Ban Treaty and Berlin Released 11/98

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Status: Declassified

Description: Test Ban Treaty: Conversation with Gen. Lyman Lemnitzer; letter to Gromyko; possible conversation with Dobrynin; "German" problem; China; Berlin Treaty; link to Test Ban Treaty; Geneva talks; strategy; Berlin; US counter-initiative; UN action; meeting with deputy foreign ministers; nuclear non-diffusion; French position; Gromyko comments; Berlin; Soviet transfer of government to East Germany; French, British comment; current procedures; inspections; air flight incidences; news articles; contingency planning; effects of blockade; force levels; Strauss comments; number of divisions; Taylor background briefing; German political situation; use of nuclear deterrent; debate with French, Germans; NATO/SHAPE discussions; US proposals; DeGaulle views; deputy foreign ministers proposal; Llewellyn Thompson suggestion; response to Soviet military moves; possible call up of reserves; briefing Congressional leaders; test ban negotiations.

Description, Conversation with General Lyman Lemnitzer re Berlin: Berlin contingency plans; catalogue of plans; NATO defense plan; approval of plans; German force levels; possible German change in commitment to NATO; discussions with allies; discussions of Ambassadorial Group.

Identified Participants, Test Ban Treaty Meeting: President John F. Kennedy, Dean Rusk, Foy Kohler, Martin Hillenbrand, William Tyler, McGeorge Bundy

Identified Participants, Lemnitzer Meeting: President Kennedy and General Lyman Lemnitzer.

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**TAPE 7: Economy and Tax Cut Proposal
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40 minutes

Description: Tax cut discussions. At the end Mills and the President walk away from the microphone which is then left on with nothing recording. Please note that this portion of the tape was previously released by the Library in June, 1983. See verbatim transcript.

Identified Participants: President Kennedy and Wilbur Mills

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TAPE 8: USSR, China, Africa, Haiti, and Berlin Released 11/98

8/8/62 - 8/9/62

90 minutes

Status: Declassified in Part: Seven excisions totaling 2 minutes and 37 seconds of sound recording have been removed in accordance with Section 3.4 (b) of Executive Order 12958.

Description: Soviet Union: Thompson conversation with Khrushchev; U-2 incident; impact on agreement; "surfacing" U-2 by Khrushchev; possible motives; Khrushchev's Camp David business; Swedish ambassador's comments; Soviet's concerns about China; on-site inspections; Rusk's conversation with Ambassador Dobrynin; purpose of Vienna meeting; impact of China; Khrushchev impression of President Kennedy; Laos and impact on Berlin issues; Khrushchev's internal problems i.e. agriculture; Khrushchev proposal to UN; possible US counter proposal; Berlin; recognition of East Germany.

Description: China: Air operations; policy of sending C-123s to Taiwan; message to Ambassador Kirk; shipment of supplies; number of drops; clandestine operations; number of men to be dropped; contingency study; logistics; CIA report; timing and number of drops; proposed 200 man drop; 7 man drop; possible difficulties; U-2 flights; Harriman conversation with Khrushchev; Charles Bohlen comment; **Africa:** possible Tshombe meeting with Harriman; African elections.

Description: Haiti: Statement to OAS; recognition of inter American system; timing of announcement; OAS resolution on Dominican Republic; OAS vote; placement of observers; sugar issue; *New York Times* article; Duvalier regime; militia buildup; American position; Castro interest; US aid program; military contingent; Duvalier actions; possible coup; relations with military; effect of US presence on Duvalier; recall of Thurston; question of general US position; coup plots; political atmosphere in Haiti; Haitian secret police; public statements and news accounts; Congressional action; US public posture; meeting with Duvalier; Haitian elections; instructions to US ambassador; communist influence; alternatives to Duvalier.

Description: Berlin: Briefing on Berlin; four phases of action; Allied organization agreement; NSAM 109, quadripartite general agreement.

Identified Participants (Soviet Union): President John F. Kennedy, Llewellyn Thompson.

Identified Participants (China): President John F. Kennedy, McGeorge Bundy, John McCone, Averell Harriman, Michael Forrestal, Desmond Fitzgerald.

Identified Participants (Haiti): President John F. Kennedy, McGeorge Bundy, Edwin Martin,

John Crimmins, Richard Goodwin, Graham Martin, J.C. King, Richard Helms, Frank Sloan.

Identified Participants (Berlin): President John F. Kennedy, McGeorge Bundy; Dean Rusk, Foy Kohler, William Tyler, Martin Hillenbrand, John Ausland, Walter C. Dowling, Robert McNamara, Gen. Lyman Lemnitzer, Gen. David Gray, Gen. Maxwell Taylor.

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**TAPE 9: Berlin, Economy
Released 7/97**

**08/09/62
89 minutes**

Status: Declassified in full

Description: Berlin. 8/9/62 Briefing for President Kennedy on the current situation in Berlin and contingency planning; diplomatic, military, economic and legislative aspects, as well as positions, options and possible actions of NATO, Allies, UN and USSR.

Description: Economy. 8/9/62 formal presentation by Sproul followed by general discussion on economy, tax cut proposal and federal budget. Please note that this portion of the tape was previously released by the Library in June, 1983.

Identified Participants (Berlin): President John F. Kennedy, Dean Rusk, Maxwell Taylor, McGeorge Bundy, Robert McNamara, Walter Dowling.

Identified Participants (Economy): President John F. Kennedy, Douglas Dillon, Henry Alexander, Harold Boeschstein, Crawford Greenewalt, Alan Sproul, Roger Blough.

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TAPE 10: Economy

Released 06/1983

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61 minutes

Description: Economy. 8/9/62 Meeting continued from Tape 9. Prospects for economy in short term; alternative policy avenues, actions and consequences. Tax cut and implications. Interest rates, federal budget, means of stimulating the economy.

Description: Economy. 8/10/62 meeting with economic staff on economic indicators and implications for short-term economic performance; impact of government budget on economy performance. Cuts off abruptly in midst of statement by Samuelson

Identified Participants (8/09/62): President Kennedy, Douglas Dillon, Henry Alexander, Harold Boeschstein, Alan Sproul, Crawford Greenewalt, Roger Blough.

Identified Participants (8/10/62): President Kennedy, Paul Samuelson, Douglas Dillon, David Bell, Walter Heller, Arthur Goldberg, Wilbur Mills, Robert Solow, Luther Hodges, Henry Fowler, and other unidentified voices.

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**TAPE 11: International Economy
Released 11/98**

8/10/62

75 minutes

Status: Declassified

Description: International economy: Balance of payments; strength of dollar; gold sale; "Paris Club"; IMF participation; "standstill" agreement; accretions to dollar balance; IMF resources; dollar purchases; forward exchange operations; Treasury actions; limits on gold; speculating runs on currency; necessity of long-term agreement; June "run" on dollar; guarantee; agreement with other countries; problem of major "run" on dollar; stock market shake-up; agreement with Italy, France; US financial position; risk of private speculations; purpose; devaluation; accumulated balance of payments loss; British rumors; long term proposal; public perception of dollar weakness; impact of possible major war; plan proposal; world confidence in the dollar; IMF; demand for gold; press conference; future meeting; differences of opinion.

Identified Participants: President John F. Kennedy, C. Douglas Dillon, Arthur Goldberg, Luther Hodges, Theodore Sorensen, David Bell, Paul Samuelson, Walter Heller, Kermit Gordon, Gardner Ackley, James Tobin, Robert Solow, Henry H. Fowler, Kenneth O'Donnell, Edward Gudeman, Robert Roosa, Robert Turner, Elmer Staats.

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TAPE 11A/XX2A: Laos and British Guiana Released 11/98

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37 minutes

Status: Declassified in Part: One excision of 3 minutes and 46 seconds of sound recording has been removed in accordance with Section 3.4 (b) of Executive Order 12958.

Description Laos: Financing imports to Laos; AID program; immediate objectives; US strategy; French programs; alternate sources of aid; assessment of import data; Harriman talks with French, British; Japan offer; "Special Procurement" policy; French expenditures; French, British participation; US pressures on government aid to Vietnam; long term credits for Vietnam; Fowler Hamilton meeting with ambassadors; risks; relief and project aid; purpose of US foreign aid; Russian aid; Laotian military expenditures; Laotian budget deficit; amount of aid; US proposal; pressure on Souvanna Phouma; British, French discussions; amount of project assistance; alternative; Congressional appropriation; negotiations with British, French, Japanese; Peace Corps involvement; financing imports.

Description, British Guiana: Assessment of political situation; desirability of AID program; US economic assistance; coordination with the UK; doctrine papers on counterinsurgency; Special Group (CI)/5412 Committee.

Identified Participants (Laos): President John F. Kennedy, Averell Harriman, Henry L.T. Koren, James R. Fowler, Roy Wehrley, Charles Mann, Carl Kaysen, Michael Forrestal.

Identified Participants (British Guiana): President John F. Kennedy, John McCone.

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**TAPE 12: Conversation with General Douglas MacArthur
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8/16/62

49 minutes

Status: Declassified

Description: General situation; MacArthur's views; President Kennedy's popularity; next presidential election; Congressional election; governmental system; Congressional roadblock to action; Congressional attitudes; NY politics; MacArthur's conversation with William Randolph Hearst; Far East policy; MacArthur's views on China; drops to China; aid to Taiwan; situation in China; alternative action; MacArthur's suggestion; Beijing response; US involvement in India; possible Indian action; "Achilles heel" of Russians and Chinese; use of blockade; weapon development; Korean War; Lord Curzon; "Guns of August"; British, French leadership during World War I; Hitler's invasion of France; MacArthur's assessment of Gen. Eisenhower.

Identified Participants: President John F. Kennedy, Gen. Douglas MacArthur

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**TAPE 13: Economy and Cuba
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8/20/62

45 minutes

Status: Declassified

Description: Economy: International monetary situation; banks and governments; European view; gold reserves; devaluation of currency; conservatives views; access to gold; Wall Street views; central banks; British pound instability; draft report; European monetary situation; balance of payments discussions; C. Douglas Dillon role; central bankers role; formalization of assessment of central bankers; burden sharing; British reserve currency; American productivity; trade, finance picture; Senator Byrd; David Bell; German budget surplus; interest rates; debt management and Federal Reserve policy; Senator Passman's views; "easy money"; Federal Reserve; Senator Howard Baker's speech; savings incentive; gold shortage; Senator Robert Proxmire's views; funding tax cuts; money supply; rate of returns; loan rates to other countries; Robert Roosa's views.

Description: Cuba: Loss of team; number killed; information gathering; Cuban economic front; CIA aid; reports of Special Group activities; advice for agents; destruction of documents; Robert Kennedy's role; Chairmanship of CI Committee; Latin America survey team.

Identified Participants (Economy): President John F. Kennedy, Richard Russell.

Identified Participants (Cuba): President John F, Kennedy, Gen. Maxwell Taylor, McGeorge Bundy.

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**TAPE 14: International Monetary Situation
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8/20/62

80 minutes

Status: Declassified

Description: International monetary situation: Increasing discount rate; gold statutory requirement; waivers; Congressional action; status of dollar; Canadian balances; agreement at the G-6 meeting; Dillon, Roosa view; acceptable risk, Southeast Asia involvement; Congo; Latin America; Treasury Department discussions; reserve currency; advantages, disadvantages of talks with British, French; G-6 talks; negotiability of risks; possibility of returns; reserve currency; monetary fund agreement; Valery Giscard D'Estang comments; Common Market development; single European currency; Federal Reserve "swap" contract; length of term; "swap" agreement; advantages of short term; accumulating currency; Switzerland balance of payments; "swap" contracts; conditions; European concerns; Dutch actions; bilateral, multilateral standstill; currency speculations; differences in appraisal of agreement; European interpretation; hedging transactions; public perceptions; bank guarantees; ramifications of situation; Treasury views versus Federal Reserve stance; standby agreements; French position; tourist dollars; borrowed currencies; US attitudes; sale of European assets; pilot tests in Belgium, Austria; conversation with Senator Byrd; Dutch position; US access to IMF; special resources meeting; public declaration by countries; European dollar assets; UK position; possible proposal to D'Estang; agreement on gold purchases; encouragement to French; IMF meeting; committee to study proposals.

Identified Participants: President John F. Kennedy, C. Douglas Dillon, Robert Roosa, George Ball, William McChesney Martin, Walter Heller, James Tobin, Kermit Gordon, Carl Kaysen, Theodore Sorensen, John Leddy.

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**TAPE 15: 17th General UN Assembly and Farm Policy
Released 11/98**

8/21/62

82 minutes

Status: Declassified

Description: United Nations: Activities; nuclear testing; atmospheric testing; test radiation; failed test (July, 1962); possible Russian test; cancellation of test; effect on Soviet astronauts; colonial issues; British, French positions; French Africans; Berlin; *[37 minutes segment containing misc. room noise]* Belgium; Congo; trip to Trinidad and Jamaica,

Description: Farm policy: Farm, cotton subsidies; compensation; payments; National Cotton Council; effect on textile mills, workers; Congressional opposition; Richard Russell support; imposition of equalization fee; Department of Agriculture position; Tariff Commission findings; possible national security grounds; financial, political costs of bill; long term agreement; import quota; Robert Stevens, chief negotiator; advisory committee; composition; wool imports; current level of imports; George Ball.

Identified Participants (UN): President John F. Kennedy, Adlai Stevenson, Dean Rusk, Robert Sisk, Arthur Schlesinger.

Identified Participants (Farm Policy): President John F, Kennedy, Luther Hodges, George Ball, John Duncan, Theodore Sorensen, Lawrence O'Brien.

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**TAPE 15A/XX2B: China and Cuba
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17 minutes

Status: Declassified in Part: Five excisions totaling 14 minutes and 11 seconds of sound recording have been removed in accordance with Section 3.4 (b) of Executive Order 12958.

Description: China: Twenty man drops into China; Taiwan suggestion; MacArthur's comments; Chinese coast; Taylor's contacts with MacArthur; characterization of MacArthur; leaks of classified information; establish task force to investigate; DIA task force; logs of meetings with the press; possible press response; consequences. **Cuba:** Evolving situation; ships to Cuba; shipments of equipment; Soviet personnel; circumstances of ship docking; areas of activity; Castro position; public mood; speculation of Soviet presence; Soviet economic assistance; speculation about construction of missile bases; U-2 overflights; Soviet political motives; estimate of assistance; Alliance for Progress; Cuban viability; memo for Congress.

Identified Participants: President John F. Kennedy, John McCone, Gen. Maxwell Taylor

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TAPE 17: Egypt, Berlin, and Congo Released 11/98

8/27/62 and 8/29/62
71 minutes

Status: Declassified

Description: Egypt: Nasser conversation with Barbour; missiles; Soviet sale to Arabs; UAR intentions towards Israel; implications of sale of missiles to Israel; missiles from Soviets; type of missiles obtained; Israeli, Egyptian military plans; possible Israeli request; policy of restraint; UAR reaction to sale of Hawk missiles to Israel; ambassador's instructions; possible arms limitation agreement; Johnson Plan; Palestine problem; refugee situation; implications of Johnson Plan; possibility of repatriation; economic disincentives; Arab attacks on Nasser; Israeli concerns; PCC response; Golda Meir's comments; U Thant comments; legality of Johnson Plan; possible UN resolution; acquiescence to Johnson Plan; presentation to UN General Assembly; US commitment.

Description: Berlin: Passage on autobahn, US position of Berlin; access to West Berlin; Brandt comments; value of East Berlin; Soviet interest in W. Berlin; Berlin wall; Allied control of W. Berlin; APCs; papers issue; air access; Brandenburg Gate; discussions with UK, France; dispute over rights of access; limits to access; US position; response to action; possible Soviet reaction; German budget cuts; President Kennedy's views; Soviet actions; possible future US actions; examination policy; issues of passes; effect on W. Berlin; Brandt comments; significance of War Memorial; British proposal; proposed message; Gen. Lucius Clay.

Description: Congo: Ultimatum to Tsombe; consensus status; possible embargo; US position; purchase of cobalt; other sources; US sale of cobalt; Belgian actions; U Thant comments; original agreements; British, French agreement; US opposition to ultimatum; statement to U Thant; sanctions; ongoing negotiations; UN bond issues; U Thant statement; possible military harassment; response to Abdoula

Identified Participants (Egypt): President John F. Kennedy, Dean Rusk, Walworth Barbour, McGeorge Bundy, Meyer Feldman, Phillips Talbot, Robert Strong.

Identified Participants (Berlin): President John F. Kennedy, Dean Rusk, Paul Nitze, Gen. Maxwell Taylor, McGeorge Bundy, Carl Kaysen

Identified Participants (Congo): President John F. Kennedy, Dean Rusk, George Ball, McGeorge Bundy, G. Mennen Williams.

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TAPE 18: USSR and Cuba Released 11/98

9/4/62

87 minutes

Status: Declassified in Part: One excision of 34 seconds of sound recording has been removed in accordance with Section 3.4 (b) of Executive Order 12958.

Description: Soviet Union: Flight; President Kennedy candor in response to Khrushchev; Soviet note; US investigation; possible President Kennedy statement; US overflights of Sakhalin Islands; possible violation of Soviet territory; President Kennedy credibility; phrasing of public statement; origin of plane; coordination of public statement and to the Soviet government; timing of statement; Robert Kennedy conversation with Dobrynin; weapons agreement for Cuba; nuclear testing; possible discussion of Cuba; Berlin.

Description: Cuba: Military expenditures; missile strength; nuclear versus non-nuclear; need for plan; possible statement and consequences; possible blockade; Soviet shipments of arms; possible Soviet blockade of Cuba; Soviet defensive posture; UN; Venezuela captured arms cache; evidence of Cuban subversion; Cuban posture; briefing for Congressional leadership; McNamara appearance; calling up reserves; Congressional action; meeting with Congressional leadership; timing; possible news story; US policy towards Cuba; possibility of worldwide confrontation; Soviet air defense; effect of statement, warning on Soviets; use of Monroe Doctrine; possibility of establishing Cuban government-in-exile; implications of missiles in Cuba; information from White House; possible Rusk statement; Gen. Carter briefing; Robert Kennedy; meeting schedule.

Identified Participants (Soviet Union): President John F. Kennedy, Dean Rusk, Charles Bohlen, Martin Hillenbrand, Robert Kennedy, McGeorge Bundy.

Identified Participants (Cuba): President John F. Kennedy, Dean Rusk, Charles Bohlen, Martin Hillenbrand, Robert Kennedy, McGeorge Bundy.

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TAPE 19: Cuba
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97 minutes

Status: Declassified in Part: Three excisions totaling 1 minute of sound recording have been removed in accordance with Section 3.4 (b) (1), (3) of Executive Order 12958.

Description: Cuba 1: Draft statement on Cuba; integrity of the Western Hemisphere; Rio Treaty; Soviet military activities in Cuba.

Description: Cuba 2: CIA briefing of Leadership re: developments in Cuba over the weekend; SAM sites, assembly area and torpedo boats; question of whether the weapons are offensive or defensive; Guantanamo; attitude of Latin American countries; NATO; missiles in Turkey; Berlin; public reaction; statement on Cuba.

Identified Participants (Cuba 1): President John F. Kennedy, Robert F. Kennedy, Theodore C. Sorensen, McGeorge Bundy, General Marshall S. Carter, General Curtis LeMay, Robert S. McNamara, Dean Rusk, other unidentified voices

Identified Participants (Cuba 2): President John F. Kennedy, General Marshall S. Carter, and Bi-Partisan Legislative Leaders (see daily diaries for names of Legislative Leaders)

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TAPE 20: Cuba and Nuclear Testing Released 11/98

9/5/62

57 minutes

Status: Declassified in Part: Fifteen excisions totaling 7 minutes and 17 seconds of sound recording have been removed in accordance with Section 3.4 (b) of Executive Order 12958.

Description: Cuba: Authority to activate the reserves; status of armed forces; Congressional briefing; force levels; composition of personnel; Soviet's response to Congressional action; wording of resolution; McNamara meeting with the leadership; manpower levels.

Description: Nuclear testing: Number of tests; amount of fission; possible future tests; radiation effects; impact on US space flight; possible areas of launch; Soviet tests; US tests; US advances; proposed US series of tests; Livermore Labs; weapons development; timing of tests; AEC preference; number of tests; underground testing; ASW weapons; atmospheric, underground testing; effect on laboratories readiness, morale; cancellation of tests; cost, benefits of tests, US national security needs; termination of tests; weather problems; Soviet tests; schedule of tests; final number of tests.

Identified Participants (Cuba): President John F. Kennedy and Congressional Leadership (see daily diary for names of Congressional leaders).

Identified Participants (Nuclear Testing): President John F. Kennedy, Robert McNamara, Dean Rusk, Glenn Seaborg, Jerome Wiesner, McGeorge Bundy, Carl Kaysen, James Webb, Robert Seamans, Leland Hayworth, Dana Orwick, Gerald Johnson, Harold Brown.

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**TAPE 21: Conversation with Dwight D. Eisenhower
Released 11/98**

9/10/62

29 minutes

Status: Declassified

Description: World situation: NATO forces; US responsibility for deterrent; defense of Europe; US withdrawal from Europe; European response; DDE meeting with Adenauer; German, French relations; Common Market; Norstad replacement; Lemnitzer; US attitude towards deterrent; Gen. Taylor's testimony; Norstad and Clay relationship; criticism of US efforts; assessment of Norstad; Lemnitzer nomination; French response; DeGaulle; German criticism; Berlin problems; President Kennedy's conversation with Clay; President Kennedy's conversation with Khrushchev; DDE conversations with FDR; Adenauer comments; possible British influence in EEC; afternoon meeting on Cuba.

Identified Participants: President John F. Kennedy, Dwight D. Eisenhower.

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TAPE 22: Berlin

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9/10/62

50 minutes

Status: Declassified

Description: Berlin: Contingency planning; NAC; inter-allied discussions; timing of sanctions; use of nuclear weapons; BERCON/MARCON plans; Norstad's concerns; obligations of NATO powers; Phase II; NATO force goals; contingency plans; US/NATO roles; existing NATO strategy; tripartite/NATO relationship; Norstad's concerns; Norstad's appearance before NAC; DDE, Adenauer conversation; Finletter; JCS views; medium range ballistic missiles; schedule of meetings; McNamara meeting with Senate committee; foreign aid.

Identified Participants: President John F. Kennedy, Dean Rusk, Lyman L. Lemnitzer, Robert McNamara, Paul Nitze, Martin Hillenbrand, William Tyler, McGeorge Bundy.

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TAPE 23: Far East and Southeast Asia Released 11/98

9/29/62

57 minutes

Status: Declassified in Part: Three excisions totaling 54 seconds of sound recording have been removed in accordance with Section 3.4 (b) of Executive Order 12958.

Description: Far East: Analogy between Europe and Far East; Soviet Union versus China; Chinese threat; US ground, air force; placement of Hawk missiles; US air defense; military budget, aid program; Korea; study of use of tactical nuclear weapons in the Far East; requirements; current study; possible need for different strategy; US force levels in Korea; deterrent to hostilities; long run effects; South Korean force strength; Japan; US capital expenditures; US bases in Japan; balance of forces; MAP objection; need for specific objectives; Southeast Asia; insurgency; **South Vietnam;** Taylor conversation with junior officers; press reports; status of morale; hamlet program; use of pesticides; use of napalm; possible effects; progress reports; Sihanouk; Sarit; aid to **Cambodia, Thailand;** Thai news coverage; Cambodian leak of information; border incidents; possible UN presence; U Thant conversation with Thais, Cambodians; coordination of US effort; Thailand; Ambassador Young; **Indonesia;** Taylor meeting with Sukarno; meeting with military officers; Indonesian Civic Action Program; effect of Indonesian economy; debt to Soviet Union; possible US aid to Indonesia; Laos; South Vietnam representation; meeting the President Ayub; military assistance program.

Identified Participants: President John F. Kennedy, Gen. Maxwell Taylor.

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TAPE 24: University Of Mississippi Crisis and Espionage Arrests Released 06/83

9/29/62

Item No.: 24.1-24.1A

Description: Discussion of ways to maintain order at the University of Mississippi during the integration crisis; calling up the National Guard, troop movements, and conversations with Mississippi Governor Barnett are discussed.

Identified Participants: President Kennedy, Robert Kennedy, Burke Marshall and other unidentified voices.

Item No.: 24.1B

Description: Exchange between President Kennedy and Robert Kennedy; it is largely unintelligible exchange; Newport, R.I., Theodore Sorensen and Arthur Schlesinger are mentioned.

Identified Participants: President Kennedy, Robert Kennedy

Item No.: 24.1C-24.1D

Description: President Kennedy and unidentified speaker have brief, unintelligible exchange.

Identified Participants: President Kennedy and other unidentified voice.

Item No.: 24.2

Description: Robert Kennedy briefs President Kennedy on arrest of USSR United Nations Mission employee and U.S. Navy Yeoman Nelson Drummond on espionage charges. Diplomatic immunity discussed. (See New York Times articles of 09/29/62-02/10/62 on the incident. Nothing substantial added.) Cuts off and then back again immediately at end prior to item 24.2A.

Identified Participants: President Kennedy and Robert Kennedy

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TAPE 25: USSR, Nuclear Testing, and Berlin Released 11/98

9/25/62 and 9/29/62
76 minutes

Status: Declassified

Description: Soviet Union: PFIAB paper on Laos; communist intentions; Soviet troops in Laos; Rusk conversation with Gromyko; communist propaganda statements.

Description: Nuclear testing: Moratorium on nuclear tests; Soviet proposal; length of moratorium; monitoring stations; on-site inspections.

Description: Berlin: Impact of public opinion; news reports; DeGaulle's position; Khrushchev's comments; possible public statement; conversation with Khrushchev; possible US action; Norstad's position; Khrushchev's manipulations Holstein Doctrine; Soviet buildup in Cuba; Castro's stance; Che Guevera's trip to Soviet Union; Soviet's position towards Cuba; possible solution to Berlin problem; possible treaty; Soviet harassments; British, German views; Khrushchev's position; reasons for Soviet buildup in Cuba; Soviet Union public opinion; Chinese attitude; "missile gap"; Sino-Soviet dispute; possible US action against Cuba; infiltration of Cuba; Washington Post article; Bay of Pigs; Berlin; McNamara trip to Germany; NATO leak; Soviet ICBMs; Khrushchev's calculations; possible letter; McNamara statement; "pen-pal" letters; Khrushchev's comments to Belgians; need for German actions; draft letter; automatic seismic stations; France; Bohlen conversation with Gilpatric; Adenauer conversation with Rusk; French nuclear capability; Pugwash scientists comments; President Kennedy conversation with Senator Henry Jackson; sale of nuclear submarines to France; UN resolution.

Identified Participants (Soviet Union): President John F. Kennedy and other unidentified participants.

Identified Participants (Nuclear Testing): President John F. Kennedy and other unidentified participants.

Identified Participants (Berlin): President John F. Kennedy, Jerome Weisner and other unidentified participants.

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[9/25/62 and 9/29/62](#)
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TAPE 26: University Of Mississippi Crisis Released 06/83

09/30/62

104 minutes

Item No.: 26.1

Description: Conversations in the “White House Command Post” in the Cabinet Room during the night of September 30, 1962, during the height of the crisis over the integration of the University of Mississippi. Includes White House end of telephone conversations with the Justice Department officials in Oxford, Mississippi, and with Defense Department officials arranging for military support to marshals in Oxford. During the meeting there is at least one departure from the topic of the crisis when a James Reston story concerning an alleged invitation from Khrushchev to have President Kennedy and Mrs. Kennedy visit the Soviet Union is discussed; also Major General Edwin Walker and the novel *Seven Days in May*.

Identified Participants: President Kennedy, Robert Kennedy, Kenneth O’Donnell, Burke Marshall, Theodore Sorensen, Lawrence O’Brien, Evelyn Lincoln and other unidentified voices.

Item No.: 26A.1

Description: Continues from 26.1. Conversations in the “White House Command Post” in the Cabinet Room during the night of September 30, 1962 during the height of the University of Mississippi crisis. Includes White House end of telephone conversations with Justice Department officials on the scene in Oxford, Mississippi, and with Defense Department officials arranging for military support to the U.S. marshals in Oxford. At the end, although the microphone remains on, nothing intelligible is heard.

Identified Participants: President Kennedy, Robert Kennedy, Kenneth O’Donnell, Burke Marshall, Theodore Sorensen, Lawrence O’Brien, Evelyn Lincoln and other unidentified voices.

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**TAPE 27: Economy and University Of Mississippi Crisis
Released 06/83**

10/02/63, 10/8/62
67 minutes

Item No.: 27.1

Description: 10/2/62 meeting on the size of the federal budget deficit; prospects of the economy in the short term; examination of items in the federal budget for possible cuts; prospects for and possible impact of tax cut.

Identified Participants: President Kennedy, C. Douglas Dillon, Theodore C. Sorensen, Walter Heller, David Bell, Schultze, Ackley, Stasts, and other unidentified voices.

Item No.: 27.2

Description: 10/2/62 meeting on the use and disposition of National Guard troops in Mississippi following University of Mississippi crisis, in connection with chlorine barge sinking in Mississippi River; technicalities of handling the National Guard demobilization. Includes President Kennedy's side of a telephone conversation with Cyrus Vance, both ends of the call are found on Dictabelt 4J.

Identified Participants: President Kennedy, Kenneth O'Donnell, and Evelyn Lincoln.

Item No.: 27A.1

Description: 10/8/62 review of budget items in search of cuts and rationale for actions; discussion of total budget figure.

Identified Participants: President Kennedy, C. Douglas Dillon, David Bell, Theodore C. Sorensen, Walter Heller, and other unidentified voices.

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**TAPE 28: Cuba
Released 2/97**

**10/16/62 Morning and Afternoon Meetings
66 minutes**

Status: Declassified in Part: Two excisions totaling 33 seconds of sound recording have been removed in accordance with Section 3.4 (b) (1), (3) of Executive Order 12958.

Description: (Morning Meeting): Formal briefing by Lundahl, explaining and discussing intelligence of missile sites in Cuba; proposals of action by Rusk and McNamara. General discussion of military and political options and Soviet motivation. **(Afternoon Meeting):** Formal briefing by Carter of latest intelligence; questions and answers, discussion of diplomatic aspects by Rusk and Martin; continued discussion of military and political options.

Identified Participants: President John F. Kennedy, Arthur Lundahl, Sidney Graybeal, Robert S. McNamara, Maxwell Taylor, Marshall Carter, Dean Rusk, McGeorge Bundy, Douglas Dillon, Lyndon B. Johnson, Robert F. Kennedy, Edwin Martin.

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**TAPE 28A: Cuba
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**10/16/62 Afternoon Meeting (continued)
62 minutes**

Status: Declassified

Description (continuation of tape 28): Discussion of military and political options. President Kennedy and Bundy discuss President Kennedy's schedule and meeting with Schroeder on Berlin.

Identified Participants: President John F. Kennedy, Robert S. McNamara, Maxwell Taylor, Marshall Carter, Dean Rusk, McGeorge Bundy, Douglas Dillon, Lyndon B. Johnson, Robert F. Kennedy, Edwin Martin, Roswell Gilpartic, U. Alexis Johnson.

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TAPE 29: Berlin

Released 11/98

10/17/62

90 minutes

Status: Declassified

Description: Berlin: Exchange of greetings. Schroeder speaks in German, followed by English translation. Berlin situation; Soviet intentions; access to Berlin; possibility of separate Soviet peace treaty; problem of recognition; Berlin airlift of 1948-1949; possible changes in civilian access procedures and the repercussions of them; economic countermeasures; Soviet demands; possible Khrushchev trip; forces in Berlin; status of Nuclear Test Ban Treaty; Mr. Straus' interview in the *New York Times*; German commitment to NATO; French troops; planning.

Identified Participants: President John F. Kennedy, Gerhard Schroeder, K. Heinrich Knappstein, Translator Kusterer.

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TAPE 30: Budget and Cuba Released 11/98

10/18/62
96 minutes

Status: Declassified

Description: Budget: 1964 budget, including increases in expenditures; tax cut; what reductions can be made; cuts in Agriculture and HEW budgets; impact of 1963 items on the 1964 budget; care in making commitments; watch increasing numbers of employees; comparison of increase in Federal employees with increase during Eisenhower administration; federal pay; federal productivity; accelerated work program; and next year's legislative program. President appears to leave. A few clear conversations about GNP projections; mid-year budget review; and publication of projections. Please note that this portion of the tape was previously released by the Library in July, 1994.

Description: Cuba: Explanation and discussion of photographic sites in Cuba. General discussion of possible U.S. actions, President Eisenhower's position, and possible attack on Guantanamo Base by Castro.

Identified Participants (Budget): President John F. Kennedy, David Bell, McGeorge Bundy, J. Edward Day, C. Douglas Dillon, Najeeb Halaby, Theodore Reardon.

Identified Participants (Cuba): President John F. Kennedy, Robert Kennedy, Maxwell Taylor, Robert McNamara, McGeorge Bundy, Llewellyn Thompson, C. Douglas Dillon, Dean Rusk.

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10/18/62
96 minutes on 1 cassette.....\$6.00

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**TAPE 30A: Meeting On Cuba 10/18/62
Released 7/94**

**30A.1
10/18/62
95 Minutes, 20 Seconds.**

Status: Declassified in Part: Three Excisions totaling 2 minutes and 12 seconds of sound recording have been excised in accordance with Section 1.3(a)(1) and 1.3(b) of Executive Order 12356.

Description: 11:00 am Cuba meeting (continued from previous tape): General discussion of Khrushchev's expectations and response to possible actions, available options including airstrike and blockade, role of the Organization of American States and allies. President leaves room, discussion of missiles in Italy and Turkey, participants leave room. *(tape records in empty room to end of reel—about 24 minutes).*

Identified Participants: President Kennedy, Robert Kennedy, McGeorge Bundy, Maxwell Taylor, Llewellyn Thompson, Douglas Dillon, Dean Rusk, George Ball, Edwin Martin, John McCone and others (unidentified).

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**TAPE 31: Cuba
Released 10/96**

Item # 31.1

**10/18/62 Evening Meeting
4 minutes**

Status: Declassified in Full

Description: President Kennedy monologue reviewing situation and substance of discussions of previous days regarding the missile crisis situation. Mentions having seen Gromyko.

Identified Participant: President John F. Kennedy.

Item # 31.2

**10/19/62 9:45 am
51 minutes**

Status: Declassified in Part. One excision: 48 seconds of sound recording have been removed in accordance with Section 1.3 (a)(5) of Executive Order 12356.

Description: Joint Chiefs of Staff offer views and advice. President Kennedy gives his view of situation in Cuba. Discussion on likelihood of USSR retaliatory action, implications and probable consequences of courses of action.

Identified Participants: President John F. Kennedy, Maxwell Taylor, Curtis Lemay, George Anderson, E.B. Wheeler, David Shoup, Robert S. McNamara.

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**TAPE 32: Meeting On Cuba 10/22/62
Released 7/94**

Item # 32.1

**10/22/62 Cassette of portion of 11:00 am meeting
40 Minutes, 40 Seconds.**

Status: Declassified in Full

Description: Discussion of President's upcoming speech on the crisis in Cuba. Consideration of drafting a proposal for the removal of nuclear weapons from all non-nuclear nations--Turkey, Italy and Cuba. Discussion about handling press briefings before the President's speech.

Identified Participants: President Kennedy, Robert Kennedy, Dean Rusk, McGeorge Bundy, George Ball, and others (unidentified).

Item # 32.2

**10/22/62 Cassette of 11:45 am meeting
11 Minutes, 18 Seconds.**

Status: Declassified in Full

Description: Discussion of instructions to Joint Chiefs of Staff in case of a confrontation. President Kennedy stresses need to inform missile sites in Turkey not to fire if they come under a Soviet attack. Discuss making clear to allies that commitments on Berlin would not be compromised, the need to protect US credibility and the need to maintain the strategic balance.

Identified Participants: President Kennedy, Robert Kennedy, Dean Rusk, McGeorge Bundy and others (unidentified).

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[10/22/62](#)
[52 minutes on 2 cassettes.....\\$12.00](#)

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TAPE 33: Meeting On Cuba 10/22/62 Released 12/94

Item # 33.1

10/22/62 3:00 PM. National Security Council Meeting No. 507

43 Minutes

Status: Declassified in part: Four excisions totaling 30 seconds of sound recording have been excised in accordance with Section 1.3(a) (4), (5) and 1.3(b) of Executive Order 12356.

Description: The recording begins while the meeting is in progress. President Kennedy sets the stage for discussion with an update on actions taken and two questions to be discussed the next day: what action to take if a U-2 is shot down and what action to take if work on the bases continues. President Kennedy's reading of a list of questions and suggested answers is interspersed with comments from the people present. Among the questions raised: Why didn't the government act sooner? When did the government know about the missiles and why wasn't this known sooner? Are current actions justified?

President Kennedy refers again to the issue of distinguishing between the missiles in Cuba and US missiles in Turkey and Italy brought up earlier in the day and to the differences between the Cuban and Berlin blockades. He also discusses his decision against an air strike at this time. There is a discussion of how much information to give the press. Questions of the flight of capital and flow of gold are raised. There is some discussion of the extent of the blockade. The meeting ends with a brief review of decisions. This is followed by a general hubbub of voices as the meeting breaks up and numerous voices speak at once. During the last eight minutes of the tape, occasional words or phrases can be heard clearly, but multiple conversations continue to override each other obscuring most words. Conversation briefly becomes clearer then stops.

Identified Participants: President John F. Kennedy, Chief of Naval Operations Admiral George W. Anderson, Undersecretary of State George Ball, Special Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs McGeorge Bundy, Under Secretary of the Treasury Henry H. Fowler, Director State Department Bureau of Intelligence and Research Roger Hilsman, Attorney General Robert F. Kennedy, Director of CIA John McCone, Secretary of State Dean Rusk, Chairman Joint Chiefs of Staff Maxwell Taylor, Ambassador Llewellyn Thompson.

TAPE 33: Meeting On Cuba 10/22/62
(description continued)

Item # 33.2

10/22/62 First portion of 5:00 pm meeting
52 Minutes, 59 Seconds

Status: Declassified in part: Three excisions totaling 18 seconds of sound recording have been excised in accordance with Section 1.3(a) (4), (5) and 1.3(b) of Executive Order 12356.

Description: The first seventeen minutes record a briefing by Mr. McCone on the chronology of events leading to the decision for a quarantine, including intelligence details. Mr. Lundhal displays charts and photographs, and describes what they show. Inquiries from Senator Russell elicit further details and expanded description.¹

The discussion continues with Senator Dirksen, Secretary McNamara and other unidentified voices asking questions and eliciting further details. The President asks Llewellyn Thompson to report on his most recent conversation with Nikita Khrushchev. Secretary Rusk comments on the implications of the Soviet move. The President recaps the situation and implications. *(At this point approximately seven seconds of recording are repeated due to overlap on the duplication of the original reel to reel tape during initial processing)*

The President announces to the congressional leadership the course of action. Secretary Rusk adds his comments and suggests giving the Soviets time to pull back. Senator Russell comments, advising stronger action. Secretary McNamara outlines military plans and time constraints. Senator Russell pursues his argument further, and he and the President have several exchanges. Secretary McNamara outlines military problems and further exchanges ensue on the implications and wisdom of the assessment and the choices of actions.

Identified Participants: President John F. Kennedy, CIA Deputy Director of Plans Ray Cline, National Photographic Interpretation Center Director Arthur C. Lundhal, CIA Director John McCone, Secretary of Defense Robert McNamara, Secretary of State Dean Rusk, Ambassador Llewellyn Thompson; Senators Everett M. Dirksen, J. William Fulbright, Bourke Hickenlooper, Hubert Humphrey, Richard Russell, Leverett Saltonstall; Congressmen Charles Halleck, Carl Vinson.

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**TAPE 33A: Meeting On Cuba 10/22/62 @ 5:00 Pm
Released 12/94**

Item # 33A.1 (Continuation of 33.2)

**Second and final portion of 5:00 pm meeting with the Congressional Leadership
24 Minutes, 6 Seconds**

Status: Declassified in Full

Description: Meeting continues from tape 33.2. The President and Senator Russell continue their exchange. Discussion of OAS vote next day. Merits of the choice of action debated. Reactions of the British Government conveyed to the congressional group. Russian ships and the relative desirability of an invasion. Discussion continues on OAS vote. President Kennedy responds to questions from group on his speech scheduled for that evening and plans to meet with congressional leadership again. McNamara provides further military plan details. Further discussion of the wisdom and implications of the choices made. President Kennedy responds with further details of the rationale and thinking going into the government position.

Identified Participants: President John F. Kennedy, CIA Deputy Director of Plans Ray Cline, Director National Photographic Interpretation Center Arthur C. Lundhal, Director of CIA John McCone, Secretary of Defense Robert McNamara, Secretary of State Dean Rusk, Ambassador Llewellyn Thompson; Senators Everett M. Dirksen, J. William Fulbright, Bourke Hickenlooper, Hubert Humphrey, Richard Russell, Leverett Saltonstall; Congressmen Charles Halleck and Carl Vinson; and other unidentifiable voices.

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TAPE 34: Cuba
Released 10/96

Item # 34.1
10/23/62 10:00 am
53 minutes

Status: Declassified in part: Three excisions totaling 5 minutes and 39 seconds of sound recording have been removed in accordance with Sections 1.3 (a)(2)(4)(8), (b), (c) of Executive Order 12356.

Description: Briefing on intelligence regarding Cuba. Discussion of coordination of information to press and Congress. Discussion of quarantine proclamation and implementation; rules of procedure regarding a potential attack on U-2 planes and other contingencies; what photographic evidence to make public; and disposition of U.S. forces.

Identified Participants: President John F. Kennedy, George Ball, John McCone, Robert S. McNamara, Maxwell Taylor, McGeorge Bundy, Llewellyn Thompson, Lyndon B. Johnson.

Item # 34.1A - 34.2
10/23/62
46 minutes

Status: Declassified in part: One excision of 5 minutes and 59 seconds of sound recording have been removed in accordance with Section 1.3 (a)(4), (5) of Executive Order 12356.

Description: Discussion regarding which photographs to provide to U.N. Report on Organization of American States developments, U.N. plans and reactions from Washington diplomatic corps. Discussion regarding the creation of a Berlin working group.

Identified Participants: President John F. Kennedy, George Ball, John McCone, Robert S. McNamara, Maxwell Taylor, McGeorge Bundy, Llewellyn Thompson, Jerome Wiesner.

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**TAPE 35: Cuba
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Item #35.1

10/23/62 Time unknown (Continuation of item 34.2)

9 minutes

Status: Declassified in full

Description: Continuation of discussion of intelligence and communication matters from meeting number 34.2.

Identified Participants: Jerome Wiesner, John McCone.

Item #35.2

10/23/62 6:00 pm

39 minutes

Status: Declassified in part: Three excisions totaling 1 minute and 4 seconds of sound recording have been removed in accordance with Section 1.3 (a)(4) of Executive Order 12356.

Description: Discussion of wording of the proclamation of the quarantine and practical implementation of quarantine. Dean Rusk reads draft of proposed additional message to Chairman Nikita Khrushchev. Review of reactions around the world. Partial report on results of low-level photo reconnaissance.

Identified Participants: President John F. Kennedy, McGeorge Bundy, Robert S. McNamara, Dean Rusk, Robert F. Kennedy, George Ball, Theodore Sorensen, Llewellyn Thompson, John McCone, Roswell Gilpatric.

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TAPE 36: Cuba
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Item #36.1 - 36.1A

10/24/62 Time unknown

25 minutes

Status: Declassified in full

Description: Consideration of civil defense measures. Discussion of Berlin contingency planning.

Identified Participants: President John F. Kennedy, Edward McDermott, McGeorge Bundy, Maxwell Taylor, Llewellyn Thompson, Robert F. Kennedy.

Item # 36.2

10/24/62 9:55 am

9 minutes

Status: Declassified in full

Description: General Taylor leaves room. President Kennedy and Robert Kennedy have general conversation about the situation in Cuba, including communicating with the Soviets through the embassy, press reactions, political reactions and assessment of political and strategic situation, and possibility of Organization of American States' troops boarding Soviet ships.

Identified Participants: President John F. Kennedy, Robert F. Kennedy, Maxwell Taylor.

Item # 36.3

10/24/62 10:00 am

54 minutes

Status: Declassified in part: Nine excisions totaling 3 minutes and 43 seconds of sound recording have been removed in accordance with Sections 1.3 (a)(2), (4), (5), (8); 1.3 (b); and 1.3 (c) of Executive Order 12356.

Description (Item 36.3): Briefing on situation according to latest intelligence. Discussion of reactions around the world. Discussion of which intelligence photographs to give to Ambassador Adlai Stevenson to use at the UN. Reports on situation in Moscow and military situation of United States. Discussion of implementation of quarantine and implications for Berlin. Report on communication capabilities of the United States.

Identified Participants: President John F. Kennedy, Maxwell Taylor, Arthur Lundhal, John McCone, Robert S. McNamara, McGeorge Bundy, Dean Rusk, U. Alexis Johnson, Roswell Gilpatric, Paul Nitze, Jerome Wiesner.

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TAPE 37: Cuba
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Item #37.1 - 37.3

10/24/62 5:00 pm and possibly 10/25/62

56 minutes

Status: Declassified in full

Description: Discussion of problems of using intelligence information in public briefings. In the second section of the tape, Congressional leaders are briefed on all aspects of the crisis, including implementation of the quarantine, press and world reaction, possible intentions of USSR, problem of leaks from meetings with Congressional leadership. In the third section of the tape, possibly 10/25/62, President Kennedy and cabinet discuss courses of action taken with respect to Cuba and Berlin.

Identified Participants: President John F. Kennedy, McGeorge Bundy, John McCone, Dean Rusk, Everett Dirksen, Bourke Hickenlooper, Mike Mansfield, Richard Russell, Hubert Humphrey, J. William Fulbright.

Item # 37.4

10/25/62 10:00 am

35 minutes

Status: Declassified in part: Nine excisions totaling 4 minutes and 31 seconds of sound recording have been removed in accordance with Sections 1.3 (a)(3), (4), (5), (8), (9); 1.3 (b); and 1.3 (c) of Executive Order 12356.

Description: Briefing on and questions about latest intelligence. Report on military situation, implementation of the quarantine and possible additional associated actions. Discussion about low-level reconnaissance and whether to allow the *Bucharest* to pass through the quarantine line.

Identified Participants: President John F. Kennedy, Maxwell Taylor, John McCone, Robert S. McNamara, McGeorge Bundy, Dean Rusk, Robert F. Kennedy, Donald Wilson, Llewellyn Thomson, Theodore Sorensen

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TAPE 38: Cuba

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Item #38.1 -38.2A

10/25/62 10:00 am (continuation of item 37.4)

73 minutes

Status: Declassified in part: Two excisions totaling 1 minute and 56 seconds of sound recording have been removed in accordance with Section 1.3 (a)(2), (4), (8); of Executive Order 12356.

Description: Continued discussion from 37.4 regarding whether to allow the *Bucharest* and POL to pass through the quarantine. Instructions for Ambassador Adlai Stevenson. Contents of some Kennedy-Khrushchev correspondence are read and discussed.

Identified Participants: President John F. Kennedy, Maxwell Taylor, John McCone, Robert S. McNamara, McGeorge Bundy, Dean Rusk, Paul Nitze, Llewellyn Thompson, Robert F. Kennedy, C. Douglas Dillon, George Ball, Donald Wilson, Walt W. Rostow.

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TAPE 39: Cuba
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Item # 39.1 - 39.1A
10/26/62 10:00 am
73 minutes

Status: Declassified in Part: Two excisions totaling 31 seconds of sound recording have been removed in accordance with Section 1.3 (a)(2), (4), (8); of Executive Order 12356.

Description: Contingency plans discussed, including organization for planning and operations and security needs. Status report on quarantine implementation, prospective developments and recommendations for additional actions, and on latest surveillance activities. Discussion of UN related matters and the proposed nuclear free zone.

Identified Participants: President John F. Kennedy, Maxwell Taylor, John McCone, Robert S. McNamara, McGeorge Bundy, Dean Rusk, Paul Nitze, Robert F. Kennedy, C. Douglas Dillon, George Ball, Donald Wilson, Adlai Stevenson, Roswell Gilpatric, John McCloy.

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TAPE 40: Cuba Released 10/96

Item # 40.1

10/26/62

13 minutes

Status: Declassified in part: Two excisions totaling 47 seconds of sound recording have been removed in accordance with Section 3.4 (b) (1), (3) of Executive Order 12958.

Description: McCone briefing of the President on the latest photo intelligence from Cuba. Participants discuss alternative courses of action.

Identified Participants: President John F. Kennedy, John McCone.

Item # 40.2

10/26/62

29 minutes

Status: Declassified

Description: The President meets with Indian Ambassador Braj Kumar Nehru and they discuss the Sino-Indian conflict, diplomatic measures taken by India, support for India and the situation in Cuba.

Identified Participants: President John F. Kennedy, Ambassador Braj Kumar Nehru, Phillips Talbot, Carl Kaysen, Robert S. McNamara.

Item # 40.3

10/27/62

29 minutes

Status: Declassified

Description: Planning reconnaissance flights. Discussing newspaper reports on Khrushchev correspondence, missiles in Turkey, Khrushchev's two recent messages to the President, Khrushchev's message to U Thant, drafting of reply to Khrushchev and Berlin.

Identified Participants: President John F. Kennedy, Maxwell Taylor, John McCone, Robert S. McNamara, McGeorge Bundy, Dean Rusk, Lyndon B. Johnson, George Ball, C. Douglas Dillon, Robert F. Kennedy, Llewellyn Thomson.

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**TAPE 41: Cuba
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Item #41.1
10/27/62
98 minutes

Status: Declassified

Description: Desirability of announcement of nighttime surveillance, report on previous night's surveillance. Drafting of response to Khrushchev's messages of 10/26 and 10/27, including proposal of trading Jupiters, impact on NATO, assurances of withdrawal of missiles. Conversation punctuated by periods of no talk while participants read and draft responses.

Identified Participants: President John F. Kennedy, Maxwell Taylor, John McCone, Robert S. McNamara, McGeorge Bundy, Dean Rusk, Lyndon B. Johnson, George Ball, C. Douglas Dillon, Robert F. Kennedy, Llewellyn Thomson, Donald Wilson, Theodore C. Sorensen.

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**TAPE 41A: Cuba
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Item # 41A
10/27/62
98 minutes

Status: Declassified in part: Two excisions totaling 9 seconds of sound recording have been removed in accordance with Section 1.3 (a) (4), (8) of Executive Order 12356.

Description: Primarily a continuation of tape 41 and the discussions taking place therein. Report of downing of U-2 plane, and ensuing discussion.

Identified Participants: President John F. Kennedy, Maxwell Taylor, John McCone, Robert S. McNamara, McGeorge Bundy, Dean Rusk, Lyndon B. Johnson, George Ball, C. Douglas Dillon, Robert F. Kennedy, Llewellyn Thomson, Donald Wilson, Theodore C. Sorensen.

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TAPE 42: Cuba Released 10/96

Item #42.1

10/27/62

33 minutes

Status: Declassified in part: One excision totaling 4 seconds of sound recording have been removed in accordance with Section 1.3 (a) (4), (8) of Executive Order 12356.

Description: Continuation of tape 41A. Discussion of relationship between missiles on Turkey and Italy and missiles in Cuba, military options, draft response to Khrushchev's message. Havana announcement of downing of US plane, and ensuing discussion.

Identified Participants: President John F. Kennedy, John McCone, McGeorge Bundy, Dean Rusk, Lyndon B. Johnson, C. Douglas Dillon.

Item # 42.2

10/27/62

44 minutes

Status: Declassified in part: One excision totaling 11 seconds of sound recording have been removed in accordance with Section 3.4 (b) (1), (3) of Executive Order 12958.

Description: Rusk makes a presentation. Taylor reports on intelligence. The President discusses courses of action for the next day. Discussion about firing on reconnaissance plane and calling up troop carriers. Consideration of NATO's position. Robert Kennedy suggests waiting to see things done so far, and a timetable, in response to the President suggestion of the way the US wants to NATO to move.

Identified Participants: President John F. Kennedy, Maxwell Taylor, Robert S. McNamara, McGeorge Bundy, Dean Rusk, C. Douglas Dillon, Robert F. Kennedy.

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TAPE 43: Cuba
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Item #43.0A- 43.1

10/27/62 - possibly 10/28/62

18 minutes

Status: Declassified

Description: Background office noise. Dean Rusk speaks for about 30 seconds about Cuba, possibly 10/28/62, then tape is cut off.

Identified Participants: Evelyn Lincoln, Dean Rusk.

Item #43.2

10/29/62

42 minutes

Status: Declassified in part: One excision totaling 2 minutes and 37 seconds of sound recording have been removed in accordance with Section 3.4 (b) (1), (3) of Executive Order 12958.

Description: Intelligence briefing. Announcement of formation of committee under McCloy to negotiate with USSR. Summary of meetings with UN officials regarding surveillance, inspections and U Thant's trip to Cuba. Reconnaissance and quarantine plans are discussed. Nuclear free zone proposal discussed.

Identified Participants: President John F. Kennedy, Maxwell Taylor, Robert S. McNamara, McGeorge Bundy, Dean Rusk, C. Douglas Dillon, Robert F. Kennedy, John McCone, Roswell Gilpatric, George Ball.

Item #43.3

10/29/62

28 minutes

Status: Declassified: 1 excision: 5 minutes and 28 seconds of sound recording have been removed in accordance with restrictions in the donor's deed of gift.

Description: Military aspects of Cuban situation, Berlin. Discussion of press conference that evening or to take action first. The President talks about Stevenson. Verification of dismantling of missiles.

Identified Participants: President John F. Kennedy, George Anderson, David Shoup.

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TAPE 44: Cuba Released 8/99

10/29/62 and 10/30/62
97 minutes

Status: Declassified in Part: Eight excisions totaling 5 minutes and 12 seconds of sound recording have been removed in accordance with Section 3.4 (b) (1), (3) of Executive Order 12958.

Description, Cuba (10/29/62): International Red Cross inspection; Kuznetsov; Shipping; U.N. Inspection, protest note; air reconnaissance.

Description, Cuba (10/30/62): Photographs from yesterday's mission; McCone briefing; U-2 missions; **Vietnam** (short conversation); **Venezuela**; guidance for dealing with the press; Shipping orders; Cuban exile activities re US radio stations.

Identified Participants (Cuba, 10/29/62): President John F. Kennedy, Lyndon B. Johnson, Dean Rusk, Robert S. McNamara, C. Douglas Dillon, Robert F. Kennedy, John McCone, U. Alexis Johnson, George Ball, Roswell Gilpatric, General Maxwell D. Taylor, Theodore C. Sorensen, Llewellyn Thompson, McGeorge Bundy.

Identified Participants (Cuba, 10/30/62): President John F. Kennedy, Lyndon B. Johnson, Dean Rusk, Robert F. Kennedy, Gen. Maxwell D. Taylor, Theodore C. Sorensen, Robert S. McNamara, John McCone, Llewellyn Thompson, McGeorge Bundy, P. Kenneth P. O'Donnell, C. Douglas Dillon.

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**TAPE 45: Congo and Cuba
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**10/31/62
90 minutes**

Status: Declassified in Part: Eight excisions totaling 6 minutes and 11 seconds of sound recording have been removed in accordance with Section 3.4 (b) (1), (3) of Executive Order 12958.

Description, Congo: Secession of Katanga; comments on Justin Bomboko, Cyrille Adoula and Moise Tshombe; UN plan for and troops; US military aid; African vote in the UN; McGhee paper.

Description, Cuba: End of McCone intelligence briefing; discussion between McCloy and Kuznetsov; focus on Cuba in discussion with Russians; air surveillance; weather and U-2 flights; cancellation of press conference; resumption of quarantine; number of sorties, passes and targets; themes of radio broadcasts and emphasis on OAS; UN relations with Cuba; arrest of anti-Castro Cubans; **Space Cooperation Agreement**; air surveillance of Cuba; McCloy and Stevensen; International Red Cross and inspections.

Identified Participants (Congo): President John F. Kennedy, George McGhee, G. Mennen Williams, Wayne Fredericks, Harlan Cleveland, Fowler Hamilton, Edmond Hutchinson, Frank Sloan, G. McMurtrie Godley.

Identified Participants (Cuba): President John F. Kennedy, Lyndon B. Johnson, Dean Rusk, Robert S. McNamara, C. Douglas Dillon, Robert F. Kennedy, John McCone, George W. Ball, U. Alexis Johnson, Roswell L. Gilpatric, Gen. Maxwell D. Taylor, Llewellyn Thompson, McGeorge Bundy, Theodore C. Sorensen, Donald Wilson.

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TAPE 46: Cuba Released 8/99

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80 minutes**

Status: Declassified in Part: Six excisions totaling 32 minutes and 39 seconds of sound recording have been removed in accordance with Section 3.4 (b) (1), (3) of Executive Order 12958. One excision: 35 seconds of sound recording have been removed in accordance with the donor's deed of gift.

Description: Cuba, University of Mississippi (short conversation) and then **Cuba** again.

Description: Colombia (short conversation). **Cuba:** lack of acceptance of intelligence. **America's Cup Race** (short conversation). **Cuba:** failure to interpret intelligence; Russians agree to inspection; postponement of press conference; guidance to Ambassador. Stevenson in New York regarding inspection procedures and what the Russians should remove; suggestions for discussion with Kuznetsov; U Thant in Havana and reconnaissance missions; quarantine and the Red Cross; OAS Ministers; Soviet and US press reporting on the Crisis.

Identified Participants (Cuba, U of Mississippi): President John F. Kennedy, General Earl Wheeler, Lt. Gen. Theodore W. Parker, Lt. Gen. Hamilton H. Howze

Identified Participants (Cuba): President John F. Kennedy, Lyndon B. Johnson, Dean Rusk, Robert S. McNamara, C. Douglas Dillon, Robert F. Kennedy, John McCone, George W. Ball, U. Alexis Johnson, Roswell L. Gilpatric, Gen. Maxwell D. Taylor, Llewellyn Thompson, McGeorge Bundy, Theodore C. Sorensen, P. Kenneth O'Donnell, Don Wilson, Pierre Salinger, Bromley Smith.

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TAPE 47: Cuba Released 11/99

**11/1/62 and 11/2/62
92 minutes**

Status: Declassified in Part: 10 excisions totaling 12 minutes and 10 seconds of sound recording have been removed in accordance with Section 3.4 (b) (1), (3) of Executive Order 12958.

Description, Cuba: (11/1/62) low-level flights over Cuba; IL-28 bombers; instructions to New York; OAS support. **Berlin:** (short conversation) discussion with the Chancellor regarding a ten year standstill on Berlin. Cuba: Dean Rusk telephone conversation with George Ball regarding Cuba.

Identified Participants (Cuba 11/2/62): President John F. Kennedy, Lyndon B. Johnson, C. Douglas Dillon, Robert F. Kennedy, General Maxwell Taylor, Dean Rusk, Robert S. McNamara, John McCone, McGeorge Bundy, George W. Ball, Roswell L. Gilpatric, Llewellyn Thompson, Theodore Sorensen, Don Wilson, U. Alexis Johnson, Paul Nitze, Pierre Salinger, Bromley Smith.

Identified Participants (Cuba and Berlin 11/1/62): President John F. Kennedy, Dean Rusk, Robert S. McNamara, C. Douglas Dillon, Robert F. Kennedy, John McCone, Gen. Maxwell D. Taylor, Llewellyn Thompson, Paul H. Nitze, McGeorge Bundy, Bromley Smith.

Description, Cuba: (11/2/62): Denial of Khrushchev's instability; McCone intelligence briefing; Ball Report on Mikoyan, Zorin and Kuznetsov dinner meeting with Stevenson and McCloy in New York; UN presence; SAM sites; press conference; Ball reads 6 points statement; inspection of outgoing and incoming ships; limited daily overflights; release of photos to the press; current status of quarantine and inspection; **Atomic Testing:** announcement.

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**TAPE 48: Cuba And Nuclear Testing
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11/3/62

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Status: Declassified in Part: 9 excisions totaling 8 minutes and 50 seconds of sound recording have been removed in accordance with Section 3.4 (b) (1), (3) of Executive Order 12958.

Description, Cuba: (11/3/62): Refugee camps; McCone intelligence summary; McNamara reports on U2 flight; discussion of number of flights; Red Cross and inspection arrangements including inspection of outgoing ships; US interpretation of the agreement; UN inspection on the ground; instructions for McCloy; request for the New York mission to come to Washington; SAM sites.

At this point, the following identified participants also joined the meeting: Dr. Glenn T. Seaborg; Leland J. Haworth; Dr. Jerome B. Wiesner; and Carl Kaysen.

Description, Nuclear Testing (11/3/62): Tests in 1963, underground and atmospheric testing; test ban treaty; UN resolution; draft press release; continuation of underground testing.

Identified Participants: President John F. Kennedy, Lyndon B. Johnson, C. Douglas Dillon, Robert F. Kennedy, General Maxwell Taylor, Dean Rusk, Robert S. McNamara, John McCone, McGeorge Bundy, Roswell L. Gilpatric, Llewellyn Thompson, Theodore Sorensen, Don Wilson, U. Alexis Johnson, Paul Nitze, Pierre Salinger, Bromley Smith, then for second part of meeting, Dr. Glenn T. Seaborg; Leland J. Haworth; Dr. Jerome B. Wiesner; and Carl Kaysen.

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TAPE 49: Cuba Released 11/99

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97 minutes

Status: Declassified in Part: 9 excisions totaling 8 minutes and 46 seconds of sound recording have been removed in accordance with Section 3.4 (b) (1), (3) of Executive Order 12958.

Description, Cuba: (11/3/62): McCone intelligence summary; discussion of giving non-sensitive portions of briefing to Kuznetsov; President Kennedy reads draft instructions to Stevenson and McCloy; discussion of instructions; Stevenson reports on questions arising during negotiations in New York; Yost reports on negotiations regarding inspections; verification on the ground; McCloy reports on negotiations with Kuznetsov and Mikoyan regarding satisfactory method of verification; on-site inspections; examination at sea; ship manifests and lists; insistence on UN inspection on the ground; quarantine; inspection at sea or off-loading point; assurances against future introduction of weapons; over-flights; control of SAM sites; nuclear free Latin America; IL-28's; proposed Mikoyan meeting with the President; exchange of letters; security council meetings; non-invasion commitment; public position on IL-28s.

Identified Participants: President John F. Kennedy, Lyndon B. Johnson, C. Douglas Dillon, Robert F. Kennedy, General Maxwell Taylor, Dean Rusk, Robert S. McNamara, John McCone, McGeorge Bundy, Roswell L. Gilpatric, Llewellyn Thompson, Theodore Sorensen, Don Wilson, U. Alexis Johnson, Paul Nitze, Pierre Salinger, Bromley Smith, Adlai E. Stevenson, John McCloy; Charles Yost.

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**TAPE 50: Cuba
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**11/3/62
97 minutes**

Status: Declassified

Description: (11/3/62): Nuclear Testing statement; Cuba: IL-28s; Soviet objection to the blockade; Red Cross vs. UN inspection.

Identified Participants: President John F. Kennedy, Lyndon B. Johnson, C. Douglas Dillon, Robert F. Kennedy, General Maxwell Taylor, Dean Rusk, Robert S. McNamara, John McCone, McGeorge Bundy, Roswell L. Gilpatric, Llewellyn Thompson, Theodore Sorensen, Don Wilson, U. Alexis Johnson, Paul Nitze, Pierre Salinger, Bromley Smith, Adlai E. Stevenson, John McCloy; Charles Yost.

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**TAPE 51: Cuba And Interdepartmental Coordination
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**11/5/62
97 minutes**

Status: Declassified in Part: 8 excisions totaling 10 minutes and 9 seconds of sound recording have been removed in accordance with Section 3.4 (b) (1), (3) of Executive Order 12958.

Track 1 Description, Cuba: (11/5/62): Soviet nuclear testing (end of conversation); U2 flights and the weather; Kuznetsov meeting with McCloy; counting of missiles and inspection; subversion; UN presence; inspection of US territory; future assurances.

Identified Participants: President John F. Kennedy, Dean Rusk, Robert S. McNamara, John McCone, McGeorge Bundy

Track 2 Description, Cuba: CIA and Cuba; SAM sites; Robert F. Kennedy meeting with Dobrynin.

Track 2 Description, Interdepartmental Coordination of Foreign Affairs (11/5/62): Coordination of committees; discussion of candidates for coordinator; organization of the State Department

Identified Participants: (Cuba): President John F. Kennedy, Robert F. Kennedy, McGeorge Bundy.

Identified Participants: (Foreign Affairs): President Kennedy, Robert F. Kennedy, McGeorge Bundy; Maxwell Taylor.

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TAPE 52: Cuba Released 11/99

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81 minutes**

Status: Declassified in Part: 10 excisions totaling 3 minutes and 20 seconds of sound recording have been removed in accordance with Section 3.4 (b) (1), (3) of Executive Order 12958.

Description, Cuba: (11/5/62): Unconfirmed reports of plane being shot down.

Description, Cuba:(11/6/62): Discussion of *Washington Evening Star* article; world balance of power; wording of draft reply to Khrushchev including deletion of Finland paragraph; public posture on IL-28 bombers; verification of missiles leaving on Soviet ships; radio stations broadcasting to Cuba; television; air reconnaissance; low-level missions over Havana harbor; US reaction if a reconnaissance plane was shot down.

Identified Participants: (Cuba 11/5/62): President John F. Kennedy, McGeorge Bundy.

Identified Participants: (Cuba 11/6/62): President John F. Kennedy, Lyndon B. Johnson; Dean Rusk, Robert S. McNamara, John McCone, McGeorge Bundy; George W. Ball, Paul Nitze, Llewellyn Thompson, General Maxwell Taylor, Don Wilson; Newton Minow (joined the meeting in progress).

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TAPE 53: Foreign Aid; Congo Released 9/2000

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Status: Declassified in Part: One excision of 3 minutes and 4 seconds of sound recording has been removed in accordance with Section 3.4 (b) (1), (3) of Executive Order 12958. One excision: 7 seconds of recording have been removed in accordance with the donor's deed of gift.

Description, Foreign Aid: Alliance for Progress, Theodoro Moscoso, OAS, discussion of separate aid programs, loan terms with Europe, foreign aid committee programs. As meeting ends there is a discussion on Michael DiSalle and election results in southern states.

Description, Congo: Political situation updates; surrender of Kongolo to the ANC; Adoula-Tshombe and possible US responses, release of Gizenga and Gbenye, Senator Dodd and Tshombe, U Thant and UN involvement including the request of Greece and Philippines for fighters, Belgium negotiations re Congo, Senator Keating's trip, Struelens.

Identified Participants (Foreign Aid): President John F. Kennedy, Fowler Hamilton

Identified Participants (Congo): President John F. Kennedy, Dean Rusk, George Ball, George McGee, G. Mennen Williams, Harlan Cleveland, Wayne Fredericks.

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**TAPE 53A: Congo; Cuba
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93 minutes

Status: Declassified in Part: 3 excisions totaling 2 minutes and 6 seconds of sound recording have been removed in accordance with Section 3.4 (b) (1), (3) of Executive Order 12958. 1 excision: 59 seconds of recording have been removed in accordance with the donor's deed of gift.

Description, Congo: Meeting is a continuation from the previous tape.

Description, Cuba: NSC EXCOMM meeting of 5 p.m. In this meeting the participants discussed the recent summary of intelligence information, methods of inspection, compliance with on-site inspection; U Thant's inspection suggestions and UN inspections, commitment on non-invasion, IL 28's, public statements.

Identified Participants (Congo): President John F. Kennedy, Dean Rusk, George Ball, George McGee, G. Mennen Williams, Harlan Cleveland, Wayne Fredericks.

Identified Participants (Cuba): President John F. Kennedy, Pierre Salinger, Marshall Carter, Robert McNamara, Dean Rusk, Douglas Dillon, McGeorge Bundy, Paul Nitze, Maxwell Taylor.

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TAPE 54: Laos; Cuba Released 9/2000

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97 minutes

Status: Declassified in Part: 11 excisions totaling 11 minutes and 1 second of sound recording have been removed in accordance with Section 3.4 (b) (1), (3) of Executive Order 12958. 1 excision: 26 seconds of recording have been removed in accordance with the donor's deed of gift.

Laos: Participants reported to the President on the current situation in Laos and Thailand. Subjects included the political situation and relations between the factions, the status of the economy and economic aid, Phoumi's intentions, relations with Kong Le, aid to Thailand.

Description, National Security Council Meeting on Cuba: 4:30 meeting participants discussed the Department of Defense press release, the problems of long term surveillance, the lifting of the quarantine and removal of the IL 28's, U-2 flight authorizations.

Identified Participants (Laos): President John F. Kennedy, Robert McNamara, William Bundy, Averell Harriman, Henry Koren, William H. Sullivan, Seymour Janow, Henry Fowler, Lucius Clay, Ray Cline, Admiral Luther Heinz, General Maxwell Taylor, Mr. Hepworth.

Identified Participants (Cuba): President Kennedy, Dean Rusk, Robert McNamara, McGeorge Bundy, Llewellyn Thompson, Maxwell Taylor...

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**TAPE 55: Adenauer, Cuba
Released 9/2000**

11/9/62

45 minutes

Status: Declassified in Part: 3 excisions totaling 2 minutes and 22 seconds of sound recording have been removed in accordance with Section 3.4 (b) (1), (3) of Executive Order 12958.

Description: Adenauer Meeting: Participants discuss the upcoming meeting with Konrad Adenauer. Meeting then shifts to **Cuba** discussions, which include commitment on non-invasion, right of inspection, the OAS, U-2 flights, the shift of pressure from Khrushchev to Castro, Kuznetsov. As meeting breaks up there is a very brief comment on the Congo. Post meeting staff discussions include Skybolt and again Cuba.

Identified Participants: President John F. Kennedy, Dean Rusk, William Tyler, Martin Hillenbrand, McGeorge Bundy, Robert McNamara, Paul Nitze, Robert E. L. Eaton, Admiral Lee.

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11/9/62

45 minutes on 1 cassette.....\$6.00

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**TAPE 56: Cuba
Released 9/2000**

**11/12/62
39 minutes**

Status: Declassified in Part: 1 excision totaling 7 seconds of sound recording has been removed in accordance with Section 3.4 (b) (1), (3) of Executive Order 12958.

Description: 5 p.m. National Security Council Meeting on Cuba: discussions include Khrushchev's recent letter, the assurances needed before lifting the quarantine and the IL 28's, debate on any non-invasion assurances, questions of surveillance

Identified Participants: President John F. Kennedy, McGeorge Bundy, Dean Rusk, Adlai Stevenson, Robert McNamara, Llewellyn Thompson

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TAPE 57: Cuba
Released 9/2000

11/12/62
21 minutes

Status: Declassified in Full

Description: Provenance is unclear. Tape could possibly be a continuation of tape #56—National Security Council Meeting on Cuba.

Identified Participants: President Kennedy appears only briefly on this tape, as the participants are leaving the room. Other participants could be those who lingered after 5:00 p.m. EXCOMM meeting , from Tape 56.

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TAPE 58: Cuba; Economy/Tax Cut Released 9/2000

11//62, 11/16/62
98 minutes

Status: Declassified in Part: 8 excisions: 5 minutes and 3 seconds of sound recording have been removed in accordance with Section 3.4 (b) (1), (3) of Executive Order 12958.

Description: there are two **Cuba** meetings on the tape. The provenance of the first is unclear, however. According to the transcripts (see finding aid on page 57), the first is an 11/14/62 meeting at 6:30 p.m. which discusses the lifting of the quarantine, Dobrynin negotiations, the commitment on non-invasion. An 11/14/62 meeting at 6:30 p.m, however, conflicts with the President's Appointment Book for that date. It is possible that it is 6:30 on the 15th of November since several of the meeting participants were at The White House that day. Again this is not a confirmation; the **Economy/Tax Cut** meeting is next and was previously released as part of the Tax Cut Proposals 1962-63 Presidential Recording package, but is included here in order to maintain the complete order of the tape; the second **Cuba** meeting begins after the Economy/Tax Cut section and is the 11:00 am NSC ExComm meeting on 11/16/62. The participants continue to discuss the status of negotiations with the USSR concerning the removal of the IL-28's, the inspection requirements and related policy issues.

Identified Participants (Cuba): President John F. Kennedy, Dean Rusk, McGeorge Bundy, Llewellyn Thompson

Identified Participants (Economy): President Kennedy, C. Douglas Dillon, Henry Fowler, David Bell, Willard Wirtz, Walter Heller, Kermit Gordon, Edward Gudeman, Charles Schultz, Paul Samuelson, Robert Solow, James Tobin, Gardner Ackley

Identified Participants (Cuba): President Kennedy, Robert Kennedy, McGeorge Bundy, John McCone, Dean Rusk, General Maxwell Taylor, John McCloy, Llewellyn Thompson, Douglas Dillon

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[11/62, 11/16/62](#)
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TAPE 59/XXXX: Cuba

Released 9/2000

11/16/62

98 minutes

Status: Declassified in Part. 4 excisions totaling 3 minutes and 15 seconds of sound recording have been removed in accordance with Section 3.4 (b) (1), (3) of Executive Order 12958. 1 excision: 7 minutes and 37 seconds of recording have been removed in accordance with the donor's deed of gift.

Description: This tape is a continuation of the 11/16/62, 11:00 a.m. NSC Ex-Comm meeting from tape #58. The participants continue their debate re the negotiations on Cuba.

Identified Participants: President John F. Kennedy, Robert Kennedy, McGeorge Bundy, John McCone, Dean Rusk, General Maxwell Taylor, John McCloy, Llewellyn Thompson, Douglas Dillon

Numbering information: *This tape, as noted in the Presidential Recordings Finding Aid on page 19, was received as tape "XXXX". It was later identified and inserted into the list in appropriate chronological sequence and assigned number 59 for which there was no tape received.*

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TAPE 60: Cuba (JCS); Space Budget, Trinidad, Press Access; Cuba Released 6/2001

11/16/62 and 11/19/62

94 minutes

Status: Declassified in Part: Nine excisions totaling 1 minute and 20 seconds of sound recording have been removed in accordance with Section 3.4 (b) (1), (3) of Executive Order 12958.

Description: Tape begins with the 11/16/62 Joint Chiefs Meeting where **Cuba** was the sole item of discussion, specifically regarding the blockade, troop buildup, the IL28 issue and inspection verification and surveillance. The following meeting, dated 11/19/62, concerns the **space program** budget and at the end of this discussion briefly switches to **Trinidad** and the issue of press access at the Department of Defense. The second **Cuba** meeting on this tape dates from 11/19/62. The President is not in attendance at this meeting, and the time of this meeting is not exact. Since however, on tape #61, which is a continuation of this meeting, there is discussion of a 4:00 meeting on India the time is somewhere between the end of the 10:00 am NSC meeting on 11/19 and the 4:00 India meeting on 11/19. This staff level Cuba discussion concentrates mainly on contingency plans, overflights and press conference preparation on Cuba.

Identified Participants, JCS meeting on Cuba: President John F. Kennedy, General Maxwell Taylor, General Clifton, General Shoup, Admiral Anderson, General LeMay, General Wheeler

Identified Participants, Space Budget meeting; Trinidad; Press Access: President John F. Kennedy, David Bell and others.

Identified Participants, Meeting #2 on Cuba: Dean Rusk, McGeorge Bundy, Robert McNamara, George Ball, Maxwell Taylor, Llewellyn Thompson and others.

[Tape No. 60](#)
[11/16/62 and 11/19/62](#)
[94 minutes on 1 cassette....\\$6.00](#)

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**TAPE 61: Cuba; India
Released 6/2001**

**11/19/62
94 minutes**

Status: Declassified in Full

Description: Continuation of the staff level Cuba discussion from Tape #60 for about 20 minutes. Then the tape jumps to a brief portion of the 4:00 meeting on India, specifically the Sino-Indian border clashes. The rest of the tape is simply empty office noises and distant, faint voices.

Identified Participants, Meeting on Cuba: McGeorge Bundy, Robert McNamara, George Ball, Maxwell Taylor, Llewellyn Thompson and others.

Identified Participants, Meeting on India: President John F. Kennedy, Dean Rusk, Robert McNamara, Phillips Talbot, W. Averell Harriman, James Grant, Roger Hilsman, William Sullivan, William Gaud, Paul Nitze, William Bundy, General Goodpaster, John McCone, Huntington Sheldon, D. Fitzgerald, Carl Kaysen, Robert Komer.

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[11/19/62](#)
[94 minutes on 1 cassette....\\$6.00](#)

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TAPE 62: Sino-Indian War (continued); Balance Of Payments/Economy; Cuba Released 8/2001

11/19/62

166 minutes

Status: Declassified in Part: 9 excisions: 1 minute and 20 seconds of sound recording have been removed in accordance with Section 3.4 (b) (1), (3) of Executive Order 12958.

Description: Tape begins with the continuation of Tape 61 meeting on the **Sino-Indian War** which includes detailed assessments and discussions of this escalating situation . After that meetings end, the recordings roll right into the President's meeting on the **balance of payments** and economy issues. Although many individuals were in the meeting, the main participant was Federal Reserve Chairman William Martin. Their discussions center on the balance of payments and plans for economic changes. The **Cuba** meeting, which ends this tape, takes place at the staff level---the President is not in attendance. This staff-level Cuba discussion concentrates mainly on contingency plans, the IL 28's and inspection verification.

Identified Participants, Meeting on Sino-Indian War: President John F. Kennedy, Dean Rusk, Robert McNamara, Phillips Talbot, W. Averell Harriman, James Grant, Roger Hilsman, William Sullivan, William Gaud, Paul Nitze, William Bundy, General Goodpaster, John McCone, Huntington Sheldon, D. Fitzgerald, Carl Kaysen, Robert Komer.

Identified Participants, Balance of Payments meeting: C. Douglas Dillon, William Martin, David Bell, Walter Heller, Gardner Ackley, Charles Schultz

Identified Participants. Meeting on Cuba: Dean Rusk, McGeorge Bundy, George Ball, U. Alexis Johnson, Robert Kennedy, John McCone and several others.

[Tape No. 62](#)

[11/19/62](#)

[166 minutes on 2 cassettes...\\$6.00 ea.](#)

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TAPE 63: Space Meeting Only Released 8/2001

11/21/62
73 minutes

Status: Declassified in Full

Description: This meeting took place in the Cabinet Room on November 21, 1962. This meeting was called to discuss the results of the budget review, which revealed that the costs of the MLL program would be greater than originally estimated, and to consider whether a budget supplement should be requested in order to advance the flight schedule leading to the initial MLL. There was disagreement among meeting participants with respect to the impact of a budget supplement on flight schedules. There followed a spirited discussion between Webb and the President on this issue, with the President stating strongly that the MLL program should be NASA's "top" priority, and that his interest was in making sure that the United States beat the Soviet Union to the first lunar landing. Webb argued that the program should be a priority, but not NASA's top priority. After the President's departure, there was a continuing discussion of policy, political, and budget issues.

Identified Participants: President John F. Kennedy, Vice President Lyndon B. Johnson, James Webb (Administrator, NASA), Hugh Dryden (Deputy Administrator, NASA), Robert C. Seamans (Associate Administrator, NASA), Brainard Holmes (Associate Administrator for Manned Space Flight), David E. Bell (Director, Bureau of the Budget), Elmer Staats (Deputy Director, Bureau of the Budget), Willis H. Shapley (Bureau of the Budget Staff), Jerome Wiesner (Assistant to the President for Science and Technology), Edward C. Welsh (Executive Secretary, National Aeronautics and Space Council)

[Tape No. 63](#)
[11/20/62](#)
[73 minutes on 1 cassette...\\$6.00](#)

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TAPE 63A: Cuba; President's Science Advisory Committee; Cuba-EXCOMM Released 9/2001

11/19/62, 11/20/62

114 minutes

Status: Declassified in Full

Description: Cuba (11/19/62): The exact provenance of the first meeting is unclear, but it could possibly be a continuation of Tape No. 62. There is a discussion of the President's press statement scheduled for the following day, as well as possible press conference questions and responses. The tape has long periods of silence as the meeting participants read and re-read the draft statement. The meeting lasts approximately 20 minutes. The President is not in attendance for this meeting.

Description: President's Science Advisory Committee Meeting (11/20/62): This meeting provides updates on the Rover Project, a nuclear powered propulsion system. The case is made that despite the lack of a specific mission for Rover, the resulting advance in technological capability would be necessary for future manned exploration of the near solar system. It would also provide an alternative system in case of failure of the Apollo Program, and that the scientific breakthrough would enhance national prestige. The NASA/DOD budget projections for space programs, civil defense and civil defense shelters are also discussed.

Description, Cuba EXCOMM (11/20/62): The President approved the statement he would make at a press conference later that evening, following further discussion with his staff of several points such as lifting the quarantine of Cuba, both high and low level reconnaissance flights, ship-side inspection of the IL-28's being removed from the island and a briefing of Latin American Ambassadors on current developments held at the State Department. During the meeting, several staff members, including Robert Kennedy, commented at length on a possible U.S. non-invasion assurance pledge.

Identified Participants, Cuba (11/19/62): Dean Rusk, McGeorge Bundy, George Ball, U. Alexis Johnson, John McCone, and others.

Identified Participants, Science Advisory Meeting: President John F. Kennedy, Dr. Jerome Weisner, David Z. Beckler, Dr. Edwin Wenk, Jr., Dr. John Bardeen, Dr. Detlav W. Bronk, Dr. Paul Doty, Dr. Richard I. Garwin, Dr. Donald F. Noring, Dr. George B. Kristiakowsky, Dr. Robert F. Loeb, Colin M. MacLeod, Dr. Wolfgang K.H. Panofsky, Dr. Frank Press, Dr. Edward M. Purcell, Dr. I.I. Rabi, Dr. John W. Tukey, Dr. Jerrod R. Zacharias, Dr. Edwin R. Gilliland, Dr. Frederick Seitz.

Identified Participants, Cuba (11/20/62): President John F. Kennedy, Robert Kennedy, Robert McNamara, McGeorge Bundy, U. Alexis Johnson, General Maxwell Taylor, George Ball,

Llewellyn Thompson, Theodore Sorensen.

Tape No. 63A
11/19/62 – 11/20/62
114 minutes on 1 cassette...\$6.00

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TAPE 64: Cuba

Released 2/2002

11/21/62

17 minutes (released with tape 65 part 1)

Status: Declassified in Full

Description: Cuba (11/21/62): This brief meeting discusses three draft instructions written by McCloy, Stevenson and the State Department regarding what information was to be passed on to Soviet First Deputy Minister Vasila Kuznetsov. The meeting lasts approximately 17 minutes.

Identified Participants: President John F. Kennedy, Robert McNamara, Secretary of Defense, McGeorge Bundy, Special Assistant to the President, George Ball, Under Secretary of State, and others.

This tape was received as unnumbered. It was later identified and inserted in as tape 64, for which no tape was received.

[Tape No. 64](#)

[11/21/62](#)

[17 minutes on 2 cassettes \(released with tape 65 part 1\)...\\$12.00](#)

JOHN F. KENNEDY LIBRARY PRESIDENTIAL RECORDING LOG

TAPE 65 (part 1): Europe (Paul Henri Spaak); Cuba (NSC) Released 2/2002

11/27/62, 11/29/62

110 minutes

Status: Declassified in Part: Three excisions totaling 40 seconds of sound recording have been removed in accordance with Section 3.4 (b) (1), (3) of Executive Order 12958.

Description: Europe (11/27/62): This meeting took place primarily between the President and the Belgian Foreign Minister. The two discussed the agriculture policy of the Common Market, particularly greater trade and tariff measures which concerned the President. Please note that Paul-Henri Spaak is speaking in French and the interpreter cannot be heard on the tape.

Description: Cuba (11/29/62): The NSC Meeting (near the meeting's end, the President calls for just the EXCOMM members to stay a bit longer) continued the discussions regarding Cuba: a detailed discussion of the Russian military presence by both John McCone and Robert McNamara, the upcoming meeting between the President and Anastas Mikoyan, USSR First Deputy Chairman, US overflights, the non-invasion assurance and the national security implications of Cuban refugee and published press reports that the Russians were hiding offensive missiles in Cuban caves.

The President takes a particular interest in the press and refugee reports which he believes is providing wrong information to the American public. President Kennedy expresses his concern that the American people are "bound to think it's true" if it appears in the press. The President asks CIA Director John McCone to take steps to verify the sources and disprove the information in these news accounts.

Participants, Europe meeting: President John F. Kennedy, Paul-Henri Spaak, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Belgium, Douglas MacArthur II, Ambassador to Belgium. Other attendees included Robert Rothschild, Viscount Etienne Davignon, Private Secretary to Minister Spaak, Count Jean d'Ursel, Counselor of the Belgian Embassy, George McGhee, Under Secretary of State for Political Affairs, Adlai Stevenson, U.S. Representative to the United Nations, Arthur Schlesinger, Jr., Special Assistant to the President, Ralph Dungan, Special Assistant to the President, G. Mennen Williams, Asst. Secretary for African Affairs, Harlan Cleveland, Asst. Secretary for International Organization Affairs, William Burdett, Deputy Asst. Secretary for European Affairs, Edmond Glenn, Interpreter, Alec Toumayan, Interpreter.

Identified Participants, Cuba Meeting: President John F. Kennedy, John McCone, Dean Rusk, Secretary of State, George Ball, Under Secretary for Economic Affairs, Robert McNamara, Secretary of Defense, McGeorge Bundy, Special Assistant to the President for

National Security Affairs, Maxwell Taylor, Robert Kennedy, Assistant Secretary Martin and others.

Please Note: *The first 17 minutes of this tape is tape #64. Tape #64 and the first part of #65 were combined for the convenience of the researcher. Also, tape #65 (part 1) begins after the meeting starts and ends before the meeting ends.*

[Tape No. 65 \(part 1\)](#)
[11/27/62 and 11/29/62](#)
[110 minutes on 2 cassettes... \\$12.00](#)

JOHN F. KENNEDY LIBRARY PRESIDENTIAL RECORDING LOG

**TAPE 65 (part 2) and TAPE 66 (part 1): Military Budget For FY 1964
Released 2/2002**

12/5/62

113 minutes

Status: Declassified in Part: Seven excisions totaling 70 seconds of sound recording have been removed in accordance with Section 3.4 (b) (1), (3) of Executive Order 12958.

Description: Primarily Defense Secretary McNamara's presentation to the President on the review of the Department of Defense's \$54.4 billion budget for FY 1964, although discussion and debate among all the attendees takes place during the program review. Recommendations on funding, programs and forces for each of the service branches are discussed in detail. Later in the meeting, Secretary McNamara discusses possible military complaints about some of the budget cuts.

Participants: President John F. Kennedy; Robert McNamara, Secretary of Defense; Gen. Maxwell Taylor, Military Representative of the President; McGeorge Bundy, Special Assistant to the President; George Ball, Under Secretary of State; Jerome Weisner, Special Assistant to the President, and others.

Please note: *The first 7 minutes of the tape is simply background noise. While the last 30 minutes of this tape is from the beginning of Tape #66.*

[Tape No. 65 \(part 2\) and Tape 66 \(part 1\)](#)

[12/5/62](#)

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JOHN F. KENNEDY LIBRARY PRESIDENTIAL RECORDING LOG

TAPE 66: Cuba (NSC); Economic Situation (Cabinet Meeting)

Released 1/2003

12/6/62 and 12/10/62

183 minutes

Status: Declassified in Part: Seven excisions totaling 3 minutes, 29 seconds of sound recording have been removed in accordance with Section 3.4 (b) (1), (3) of Executive Order 12958.

Description, Cuba NSC Meeting of 12/6/62: Director McCone summarized the latest intelligence reports, calling attention to the apparent build-up of the Soviet communications system in Cuba. All IL28 bombers had been located at port or on ships leaving Cuba. The New York team reported on the current status of negotiations with the Russians, recommending revisions in our draft declaration on Cuba and a procedure aimed at concluding the negotiations promptly. Following a discussion of all aspects of our negotiating position, the President approved revised instructions to the New York team for their guidance during the next few days.

Description, Cabinet Meeting of 12/10/62 on review of Economic Situation: The Cabinet meeting took place from 4:37 to 5:30 on the afternoon of Monday December 10th. Although a brief agenda for this meeting, cited in the Heller Papers Box 11, lists three subjects listed for discussion, only a portion of the economic situation discussion appears to be recorded. The quality is poor and thus the tape is difficult to hear at times. The President and several staff members discuss tax cuts vs. tax reforms, the usefulness of a tax cut for economic purposes, the importance of fiscal responsibility and the political focus of such economic discussions.

Participants, Cuba: President John F. Kennedy, Dean Rusk, Secretary of State; Adlai E. Stevenson, US Representative to the United Nations; John A. McCone, Director of Central Intelligence; John J. McCloy, Chairman, General Advisory Committee, Arms Control and Disarmament Agency; C. Douglas Dillon, Secretary of the Treasury; Robert S. McNamara, Secretary of Defense; Edward R. Murrow, Director, US Information Agency.

Participants, Cabinet meeting on Economic Situation: President John F. Kennedy; Walter W. Heller, Chairman, Council of Economic Advisors; Dean Rusk, Secretary of State; Adlai E. Stevenson, US Representative to the United Nations; Henry H. Fowler, Undersecretary of the Treasury; Robert S. McNamara, Secretary of Defense; Robert F. Kennedy, Attorney General; J. Edward Day, Postmaster General; Stewart L. Udall, Secretary of the Interior; Orville L. Freeman, Secretary of Agriculture; Luther H. Hodges, Secretary of Commerce; W. Willard Wirtz, Secretary of Labor; Anthony J. Celebrezze, Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare; David E. Bell, Director, Bureau of the Budget; Kermit Gordon, member, Council of Economic Advisors; Jerome B. Wiesner, Special Assistant to the President for Science and Technology; Theodore C. Sorensen, Special Counsel to the President; Timothy J. Reardon, Jr., Administrative Assistant to the President.

Please Note: *There are approximately 15 minutes of empty office noises at the tapes' half way mark.*

Tape No. 66
12/6/62, 12/10/62
183 minutes on 2 cassettes... \$12.00

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TAPE 67: Economy And Tax Reform; Agriculture Subsidies; Yugoslavia; Cuba; Congo Released 1/2003

12/12/62, 12/13/62 and 12/14/62

116 minutes

Status: Declassified in Part: One excision totaling 36 seconds of sound recording have been removed in accordance with Section 3.4 (b) (1), (3) of Executive Order 12958.

Description, Economy and Tax Reform Meeting of 12/12/62: Wilbur Mills met with the President, Lawrence O'Brien and Theodore Sorensen for 45 minutes to discuss tax reduction packages, tax reform, recession and the political arena.

Description, Agriculture Meeting of 12/13/62: Approximately 44 minutes that is extremely difficult to hear. The President is meeting with several staff members on agriculture subsidies.

Description, Yugoslavia Meeting of 12/13/62: The President and his staff discuss aid to Yugoslavia, the obligations by the US, Congressional discussions and the problems an aid package would entail. The aid package involved food stuffs and military assistance. Meeting lasts approximately 15 minutes.

Description, Cuba Meeting of 12/13/62: Very brief (3 minutes) meeting concerning John Scali of ABC News and a draft letter of commendation.

Description, Congo Meeting of 12/14/62: Ongoing discussion on the Congo situation and US policy. Also, the "New Policy on the Congo" paper is discussed by the President and his staff. Approximately 10 minutes of meeting is included on this tape. Please see FRUS XX #360 for further details.

Identified Participants:

Economy and Tax Reform Meeting of 12/12/62: President John F. Kennedy; Wilbur D. Mills, Chairman, House Ways and Means Committee; Lawrence F. O'Brien, Special Assistant to the President; Theodore C. Sorensen, Special Counsel to the President.

Agriculture Meeting of 12/13/62: President John F. Kennedy; Kermit Gordon, member, Council of Economic Advisors; Walter W. Heller, Chairman, Council of Economic Advisors; David E. Bell; Charles S. Murphy, Undersecretary of Agriculture; Theodore C. Sorensen, Special Counsel to the President; Myer Feldman, Special Counsel to the President.

Yugoslavia Meeting of 12/13/62: President John F. Kennedy; George C. McGhee, Undersecretary of State for Political Affairs; Richard H. Davis, Deputy Assistant Secretary for

European Affairs, Department of State; Roswell L. Gilpatric, Deputy Secretary of Defense; William P. Bundy, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for International Security Affairs; David E. Bell, Director, Bureau of the Budget; McGeorge Bundy, Special Assistant to the President; David Klein, National Security Council staff.

Cuba Meeting of 12/13/62: President John F. Kennedy; McGeorge Bundy, Special Assistant to the President.

Congo Meeting of 12/14/62: President John F. Kennedy; George W. Ball, Undersecretary of State; Chester B. Bowles, President's Special Representative; Roger Hilsman, Director Bureau of Intelligence and Research, Department of State; G. Mennen Williams, Assistant Secretary of State for African Affairs; J. Harlan Cleveland, Assistant Secretary of State for International Organization Affairs; Richard H. Davis, Deputy Assistant Secretary for European Affairs, Department of State; George C. McGhee, Undersecretary of State for Political Affairs; Roswell L. Gilpatric, Deputy Secretary of Defense; McGeorge Bundy, Special Assistant to the President.

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[12/12/62, 12/13/62, 12/14/62](#)

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**TAPE 68: Cuba; Congo; United Kingdom; National Academy Of Foreign Affairs; Congo
Released 1/2003**

12/17/62

193 minutes

Status: Declassified in Part: 10 excisions totaling 3 minutes, 47 seconds of sound recording have been removed in accordance with Section 3.4 (b) (1), (3) of Executive Order 12958.

Description, NSC Meeting of 12/17/62, morning meeting: Begins with a brief discussion of Cuba. Majority of meeting centers on the ongoing Congo situation. President Kennedy and his advisors discuss the United States' response to the Congo Crisis, in particular whether the US should send a military team into the Congo and if so should they be part of a UN contingent. The pros and cons of US troops under UN control are also discussed in detail.

Immediately after this meeting, several staff members (identified in the Appointment Book as the Vice President, Dean Rusk, George Ball and McGeorge Bundy) stay with the President to discuss the upcoming **Nassau** meeting with MacMillan. The President was leaving the following day for that meeting. Immediately after this meeting on the United Kingdom, the President meets with several members of the **President' Panel on a National Academy of Foreign Affairs**. The members are presenting a paper to the President.

Description, NSC Meeting of 12/17/62, afternoon meeting: Continuation of the NSC morning meeting on the ongoing Congo situation.

Identified Participants

NSC Morning Meeting: President John F. Kennedy; Vice President Lyndon B. Johnson; Dean Rusk, Secretary of State; Adlai E. Stevenson, US Representative to the United Nations; John A. McCone, Director of Central Intelligence; General Maxwell D. Taylor, Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff; George W. Ball, Under Secretary of State; Phillips Talbot, Assistant Secretary of State for Near Eastern and South Asian Affairs; Under Secretary of State for Political Affairs George McGhee; McGeorge Bundy, Special Assistant to the President; Carl Kaysen, Deputy Special Assistant to the President; Bromley K. Smith, Executive Secretary, National Security Council.

Nassau Discussion: President John F. Kennedy; Vice President Lyndon B. Johnson; Dean Rusk, Secretary of State; George W. Ball, Under Secretary of State; McGeorge Bundy, Special Assistant.

President's Panel on a National Academy of Foreign Affairs presentation: President John F. Kennedy; James A. Perkins; Colonel George A. Lincoln; John Masland; Don K. Price; Max Millikan.

NSC Afternoon Meeting: President John F. Kennedy; Dean Rusk; Adlai E. Stevenson, US Representative to the United Nations; George McGhee, Under Secretary of State for Political Affairs; George W. Ball, Under Secretary of State; McGeorge Bundy, Special Assistant to the President; Carl Kaysen, Deputy Special Assistant to the President.

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TAPE 69: Congo; Cuba; Latin America; Vietnam; State Of The Union Address; Joint Chiefs Of Staff Released 1/2003

12/17/62, 1/8/63, 1/15/63
188 minutes

Status: Declassified in Part: 13 excisions totaling 4 minutes 10 seconds have been removed in accordance with Section 3.4 (b) (1), (3) of Executive Order 12958.

NSC Meeting of 12/17/62, afternoon meeting

Continuation of Tape 68's afternoon meeting on the Congo; separate discussion on Cuba. After the Congo meeting draws to a close, several staff members stay on in the Oval Office to discuss **Cuba**. The President is not in attendance; he left after the meeting to attend and speak at the Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony at the Ellipse. After the Ellipse ceremony had begun, a member of the White House staff, most likely Evelyn Lincoln, turns on either a radio or a television that is carrying the Ellipse ceremony. The end of the President's remarks are heard, and a portion of the entertainment is also heard, including several songs (Hallelujah Chorus and O Tannenbaum). The system runs for approximately 20 minutes, with dead air, before the 1/8/63 meeting begins.

Bipartisan Legislative Leaders Meeting, 1/8/63

Briefing by CIA Director John McCone on Cuba and Latin America, briefing by Defense Secretary Robert McNamara on Vietnam and a briefing by Secretary of State Dean Rusk on Cuba and the Congo for the eight Senators and eight Congressmen present. President Kennedy also comments and questions during this meeting; near the meeting's end he comments that China and Latin America are the areas of most concern even more than Cuba, Berlin and SE Asia.

Please note: *After this meeting there is a session of the President practicing his State of the Union address to be given on January 14, 1963. He and several staff members time certain speech sections (with a stopwatch) and make cuts and excisions on the speech. The date of this practice session is uncertain.*

Meeting with the Joint Chiefs of Staff, 1/15/63

According to a memo from C.V. Clifton, President Kennedy directed that the Joint Chiefs meet with him before General Wheeler left on his Far East trip on January 16th. This meeting, scheduled for January 15th, also involved a picture of the President with the Joint Chiefs for the cover of Parade magazine. The meeting's of discussions centered around the situation in Vietnam, with pointed assessments by members of the Joint Chiefs on the success of the fighting thus far and what improvements need to be made, and then the negotiations in Europe in regards to the Multilateral Force.

Identified Participants:

NSC Meeting re Congo: President John F. Kennedy; Dean Rusk, Secretary of State; McGeorge Bundy, Special Assistant for National Security Affairs; Adlai E. Stevenson, US Representative to the United Nations; George McGhee, Under Secretary of State for Political Affairs; George W. Ball, Under Secretary of State; Roswell L. Gilpatric, Deputy Secretary of Defense; Carl Kaysen, Deputy Special Assistant to the President; Bromley K. Smith, Executive Secretary, National Security Council.

Post NSC Meeting Cuba discussion: McGeorge Bundy, Special Assistant for National Security Affairs; Adlai E. Stevenson, US Representative to the United Nations; George W. Ball, Under Secretary of State; Roswell L. Gilpatric, Deputy Secretary of Defense.

Bipartisan Legislative Leaders Meeting, 1/8/63: President John F. Kennedy; Vice President Lyndon B. Johnson; Dean Rusk, Secretary of State; Robert S. McNamara, Secretary of Defense; John A. McCone, Director of Central Intelligence; Speaker John McCormack; Mike Mansfield; Hubert H. Humphrey; George Smathers; Richard Russell; Everett Dirksen; Thomas Kuchel; Leverett Saltonstall; Bourke Hickenlooper; Carl Albert; Hale Boggs; Carl Vinson; Thomas Morgan; Charles Halleck; Leslie Arends; Frances Bolton.

Meeting with the Joint Chiefs of Staff, 1/15/63: President John F. Kennedy; General Maxwell D. Taylor; General Earle G. Wheeler; General Curtis LeMay; Admiral George W. Anderson; General David Shoup.

[Tape No. 69](#)
[12/17/62, 1/8/63, 1/15/63](#)
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TAPE 70: Yugoslavia; Haiti, Guatemala; France, NATO Released 1/2003

1/16/63, 1/21/63, 1/22/63, 1/25/63, 1/31/63
194 minutes

Status: Declassified in Part: Nineteen excisions totaling 5 minutes 8 seconds have been removed in accordance with Section 3.4 (b) (1), (3) of Executive Order 12958.

Description, Meeting with Ambassador George Kennan on 1/16/63: President John F. Kennedy met with the US Ambassador to Yugoslavia George Kennan on the subject of relations with Yugoslavia, particularly the question of the denial of most-favored-nation treatment. Other matters discussed include: Senate Foreign Relations Committee Hearings, the President's Yugoslavia statement during a press conference and Tito's relations with the Bloc. This recording begins after the meeting has started and ends before the meeting comes to a close.

Description, President's Foreign Intelligence Advisory Board Meeting on 1/21/63: *Please Note: This meeting between PFIAB and President John F. Kennedy is closed to research use. It has been submitted to the appropriate agencies for review. This meeting is not included in the total minutes for this tape opening.*

Description, Meeting on Haiti and Guatemala on 1/22/63: President Kennedy, Edwin M. Martin and several other staff members discuss the changing Guatemala political situation, the deteriorating Haitian situation and the United States plans and responses.

Description, Meeting with the National Security Council on NATO, 1/25/63: This recording begins near the end of the meeting and only includes about 5 minutes of the meeting. There is an additional 13 minutes of post-meeting conversations. This meeting's topic of NATO, specifically the obligations the European allies have to NATO, is continued during the 1/31/63 meeting. France and General DeGaulle are discussed in great detail.

Description, Meeting with the National Security Council on NATO, 1/31/63: The meeting begins with an on-going discussion of General DeGaulle's recent press conference (on January 14th) which was interpreted by President Kennedy as a tirade against the United States. Discussions continue on what the strengths and weaknesses are of the NATO alliance and the feeling of waning support of the United States. After the meeting's end, the President and several staff member stay to discuss the release of several Cuba reconnaissance photos to the press in response the Senator Keating's statement of 1/30/63 in which he claimed that the Soviets were maintaining missile sites in Cuba.

Identified Participants:

Meeting with George Kennan on 1/16/63: President John F. Kennedy; George F. Kennen, Ambassador to Yugoslavia.

Foreign Intelligence Advisory Board on 1/21/63: Closed

Meeting on Haiti and Guatemala on 1/22/63: President John F. Kennedy; Edwin M. Martin, Assistant Secretary of State for Inter-American Affairs; John H. Crimmins, Deputy Director, Office of Caribbean and Mexican Affairs; V. Lansing Collins, Director, Office of Central American and Panamanian Affairs; Ralph A. Dungan, Special Assistant to the President.

Meeting with the National Security Council, 1/25/63: President John F. Kennedy; Vice President Lyndon B. Johnson; Dean Rusk, Secretary of State; C. Douglas Dillon, Secretary of the Treasury; Robert S. McNamara, Secretary of Defense; Robert F. Kennedy, Attorney General; John A. McCone, Director of Central Intelligence; General Maxwell D. Taylor, Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff; George W. Ball, Under Secretary of State; Llewellyn E. Thompson, U.S. Ambassador-at-Large; Donald M. Wilson, Deputy Director, U.S. Information Agency; Robert J. Manning, Assistant Secretary of State for Public Affairs; Roswell L. Gilpatric, Deputy Secretary of Defense; Paul H. Nitze, Assistant Secretary of Defense for International Security Affairs; Sterling J. Cottrell, Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Inter-American Affairs; McGeorge Bundy, Special Assistant to the President; Theodore C. Sorensen, Special Counsel to the President; Bromley K. Smith, Executive Secretary, National Security Council.

Meeting with the National Security Council, 1/31/63: President John F. Kennedy; Dean Rusk, Secretary of State; C. Douglas Dillon, Secretary of the Treasury; George W. Ball, Under Secretary of State; William R. Tyler, Assistant Secretary of State for European Affairs; John A. McCone, Director of Central Intelligence; Paul H. Nitze, Assistant Secretary of Defense for International Security Affairs; McGeorge Bundy, Special Assistant to the President; Bromley K. Smith, Executive Secretary, National Security Council.

[Tape No. 70](#)

[1/16/63, 1/21/63, 1/22/63, 1/25/63, 1/31/63](#)

[153 minutes on 3 cassettes...\\$18.00](#)

JOHN F. KENNEDY LIBRARY PRESIDENTIAL RECORDING LOG

TAPE 71: USSR and Europe; Vietnam; European Relations/NATO Released 1/2003

2/1/63, 2/2/63
134 minutes

Status: Declassified in Part: Sixteen excisions totaling 4 minutes 3 seconds have been removed in accordance with Section 3.4 (b) (1), (3) of Executive Order 12958.

Description, USSR and Europe, 2/1/63: President Kennedy, Ambassadors Kohler and Thompson and Dean Rusk discuss is the pipe embargo against the Soviet Union and what steps will be taken if certain allies decide to act against the US embargo stance. Also discussed is the possibility of a Franco-German Treaty and the opening of new relations between France and the USSR, how the US should respond to both countries.

Description, Meeting with General Wheeler on Vietnam, 2/1/63: President Kennedy, General Earle Wheeler and several other staff members met to discuss General Wheeler's recent visit and assessment of the Vietnam military situation, the US involvement and the future of the conflict. Wheeler presented the President with a 29-page written report, much of which is re-hashed during this meeting.

Description, European relations/NATO Meeting, 2/2/63: President Kennedy, Ambassador Bruce, Dean Rusk, McGeorge Bundy and George Ball continue the ongoing debate on the United States and NATO relations with Germany in the context of the possible Franco-German Treaty, how the US should respond to both countries and what steps can and should be taken to insure the allies uphold the NATO responsibilities. This meeting is similar to the discussions from Tape 70 and the Berlin meeting on 2/1/63 on this tape.

Researchers should be aware that at about the half way point of this meeting the tape is blank for about 18 minutes, and at the 3/4 point of the meeting the tape is blank for approximately 5 minutes.

Identified Participants:

USSR and Europe, 2/1/63: President John F. Kennedy; Dean Rusk, Secretary of State; Foy D. Kohler, Ambassador to the USSR; Llewellyn E. Thompson, Ambassador at Large; William R. Tyler, Assistant Secretary of State for European and Canadian Affairs.

Meeting with General Wheeler on Vietnam, 2/1/63: President John F. Kennedy; Dean Rusk, Secretary of State; General Earle G. Wheeler; General Maxwell D. Taylor, Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff; Averell Harriman, Under Secretary of State for Political Affairs; John A.

McCone, Director of Central Intelligence; Roswell L. Gilpatric, Deputy Secretary of Defense; David E. Bell, Administrator, Agency for International Development; William P. Bundy, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for International Security Affairs; Michael V. Forrestal, National Security Council Staff.

Germany/NATO Meeting, 2/2/63: President John F. Kennedy; Dean Rusk, Secretary of State; David K. E. Bruce, Ambassador to the United Kingdom; George W. Ball, Under Secretary of State; McGeorge Bundy, Special Assistant to the President.

[Tape No. 71](#)

[2/1/63, 2/2/63](#)

[134 minutes on 2 cassettes...\\$12.00](#)

JOHN F. KENNEDY LIBRARY PRESIDENTIAL RECORDING LOG

TAPE 72A AND 72: Cuba; Europe

Released 5/2003

2/5/63

Tape 72a: 31 minutes

Tape 72: 89 minutes

Status: Declassified in Part: 6 excisions totaling 1 minute 31 seconds have been removed in accordance with Section 3.4 (b) (1), (3) of Executive Order 12958.

Please note that originally there was no tape numbered 72A. Two tapes were originally received by the Kennedy Library marked as "XX." Each reel contained two separate tape segments. Each has been identified and inserted into the list in appropriate chronological sequence, and each has been assigned identification numbers by the Kennedy Library. 72A should come before Tape 72 since the meeting from 72A continues onto 72.

In addition on tape 72A there is an intelligence meeting (date unclear). This meeting is currently closed to research use. It has been submitted to the appropriate agencies for review. This meeting is not included in the total minutes for this tape opening.

Description, Cuba, 2/5/63: This EXCOMM meeting on Cuba begins with discussions on the upcoming public statements by the US Intelligence Board on Cuba and specifically how this will play out in Congress. Then follow discussions on Cuban reconnaissance: incoming Soviet ships, military action on Cape Francis and what type of photography is needed. (The Cuba meeting begins on tape 72a and continues onto tape 72).

Description, Europe, 2/5/63: Meeting centers around the draft instructions that had been written for Ambassador Bruce, who had been asked to make a review of our leading policies toward Europe and make recommendations for action. The meeting covered all six questions being given to Ambassador Bruce, which led to in-depth policy discussions on the United States relationship with Europe, most especially Germany, France and the United Kingdom, the tripartite MLF concept, and economic trade policy, especially the Common Market association.

Identified Participants:

Cuba Meeting: President John F. Kennedy; Robert F. Kennedy, Attorney General; General Maxwell D. Taylor; John A. McCone, Director of Central Intelligence; Robert S. McNamara, Secretary of Defense; Arthur Sylvester, Assistant Secretary of Defense for Public Affairs; Dean Rusk, Secretary of State; McGeorge Bundy, Special Assistant to the President; U. Alexis Johnson, Deputy Undersecretary of State for Political Affairs; Sterling J. Cottrell, Coordinator for Cuban Affairs, Department of State; Pierre E. G. Salinger, Press Secretary to President

Kennedy.

Europe Meeting: President John F. Kennedy; General Maxwell D. Taylor; Dean Acheson; Christian A. Herter, Special Representative for Trade Negotiations; William R. Tyler, Assistant Secretary of State for European and Canadian Affairs; Walter C. Dowling, Ambassador to Germany; C. Douglas Dillon, Secretary of the Treasury; David K. Bruce, Ambassador to the United Kingdom.

Tape No. 72A & 72

2/5/63

72A: 31 minutes on 1 cassettes...\$6.00

72: 89 minutes on 2 cassettes....\$ 12.00

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TAPE 73: Test Ban Negotiations; Ambassador Bruce; Admiral Rickover, MLF Released 5/2003

2/8/63, 2/11/63, 2/12/63
192 minutes**

Status: Declassified in Part: 22 excisions totaling 9 minutes, 30 seconds have been removed in accordance with Section 3.4 (b) (1), (3) of Executive Order 12958.

Description, Test Ban, 2/8/63: President Kennedy presided over this meeting, which took place just prior to William Foster's departure for the test ban negotiation discussions in Geneva. The specific number of on-site inspections, as well as the size and space requirements for these inspections, were discussed in detail. Comments about the USSR, China and JCAE are also brought into the discussions.

***Please note: After the Test Ban meeting there is approximately 18 minutes of office noises before the next meeting begins. Researchers should also be aware that the first seven minutes of the Bruce meeting are simply the President reading the Bruce report.*

Description, Ambassador Bruce, 2/11/63: Personal meeting between the President and Ambassador Bruce to discuss Bruce's written report on Europe (note that McGeorge Bundy does enter during the latter part of the meeting). At this meeting the two discuss the nature of the United States relationship with the different European nations. Although much of the meeting centers around the MLF concept and ongoing negotiations, the commentary and discussion does often branch into how these discussions affect the broader foreign policy issues of the US and Europe.

Description, Admiral Rickover, 2/11/63: Personal meeting between the President and Admiral Rickover. Rickover was asked to discuss the possibility of using submarines as well as surface ships in the MLF. Rickover is blunt with the President on his grave reservations for this idea. For the first 9½ minutes of the meeting, the two men discuss a Baltimore Sun article on high school dropouts, which leads them into a further conversation on their upbringing and the importance of education for all Americans.

Description, EXCOMM Meeting on the MLF, 2/12/63: EXCOMM meeting on the MLF program and the foreign policy issues the United States is facing in Europe, specifically on how the MLF is an alternative to de Gaulle's ideas. The United Kingdom, Italy and Germany are discussed in detail. The President also makes a decision on the use of surface ships and the use of submarines in the MLF discussions.

***Please note: The first 33 minutes of this meeting were recorded on Tape 73; the remainder of*

this meeting was recorded on Tape #74.

Identified Participants Test Ban meeting: President John F. Kennedy; Vice President Lyndon B. Johnson; Dean Rusk, Secretary of State; Robert S. McNamara, Secretary of Defense; Glenn T. Seaborg, Chairman, Atomic Energy Commission; Roswell L. Gilpatric, Deputy Secretary of Defense; Paul H. Nitze, Assistant Secretary of Defense for International Security Affairs; William C. Foster, Director, Arms Control and Disarmament Agency; Adrian S. Fisher, Deputy Director, Arms Control and Disarmament Agency; John A. McCone, Director of Central Intelligence; Jerome B. Wiesner, President's Special Assistant for Science and Technology; McGeorge Bundy, Special Assistant to the President.

Identified Participants, EXCOMM Meeting: President John F. Kennedy; Livingston T. Merchant, head of the MLF negotiating team; Dean Acheson; McGeorge Bundy, Special Assistant to the President; David K. Bruce, Ambassador to the United Kingdom; Robert S. McNamara, Secretary of Defense; Dean Rusk, Secretary of State; George W. Ball, Under Secretary of State; General Maxwell D. Taylor; Walter C. Dowling, Ambassador to Germany; Edward R. Murrow, Director, U.S. Information Agency; and others.

[Tape No. 73](#)
[2/8/63, 2/11/63, 2/12/63](#)
[192 minutes** on 3 cassettes....\\$18.00](#)

***Please note: After the Test Ban meeting there is approximately 18 minutes of office noises before the next meeting begins. Researchers should also be aware that the first seven minutes of the Bruce meeting are simply the President reading the Bruce report.*

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TAPE 74: EXCOMM-MLF Released 5/2003

2/12/63

194 minutes

Status: Declassified in Part: 6 excisions totaling 41 seconds have been removed in accordance with Section 3.4 (b) (1), (3) of Executive Order 12958.

EXCOMM on the MLF, 2/12/63: EXCOMM meeting on the MLF program and the foreign policy issues the United States is facing in Europe, specifically on how the idea of an MLF can be better explained to the Europeans. The United Kingdom, Italy and Germany are discussed in detail. The President also makes a decision on the use of surface ships and the use of submarines in the MLF discussions, citing his meeting with Admiral Rickover on several occasions. In addition to the MLF context, the recent debates with members of Congress on White House policy are also discussed.

Identified Participants, EXCOMM Meeting: President John F. Kennedy; Livingston T. Merchant, head of the MLF negotiating team; Dean Acheson; McGeorge Bundy, Special Assistant to the President; David K. Bruce, Ambassador to the United Kingdom; Robert S. McNamara, Secretary of Defense; Dean Rusk, Secretary of State; George W. Ball, Under Secretary of State; General Maxwell D. Taylor; Walter C. Dowling, Ambassador to Germany; Edward R. Murrow, Director, U.S. Information Agency.

Tape No. 74

2/12/63

194 minutes**

2 cassettes.....\$12.00 (please see note below on combined tape)

3 cassettes....\$18.00

*** Please note: The first 33 minutes of the EXCOMM-MLF meeting were recorded on Tape 73. The remainder of the meeting (62 minutes) is recorded on this tape (#74). In addition to the EXCOMM meeting on the MLF, it seems as if several staff members, including the President stay and continue to discuss more informally the MLF, the present state of relations with Congress, partisan politics even in the context of 1964 election. This conversation lasts for approximately 20 more minutes after the EXCOMM meeting officially ends. Then after a short break in the recording, there is another meeting, without the President, for approximately 20 minutes in which the MLF is discussed further. The exact date of this last meeting is unknown although it seems as if it is a continuation of the 2/12/63 discussions. The remainder of the tape (approximately 100 minutes) is simply a recording of office noises and distant hallway conversations.*

In order to facilitate our researchers we are offering a combined Tape 74 and Tape 75 recording which eliminates the office noises and hallway conversations, and includes only the three actual meetings from these two tapes. These three meetings total 114 minutes and are on 2 cassettes.

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TAPE 75: MLF

Released 5/2003

2/21/63

197 minutes**

Status: Declassified in Part: 4 excisions totaling 1 minute 37 seconds have been removed in accordance with Section 3.4 (b) (1), (3) of Executive Order 12958

Description, MLF, 2/21/63: The 17 minute excerpt of this meeting centers around the instructions being given to Ambassador Merchant on his upcoming discussions on the MLF. There is brief talk on the need for a change in the law if the MLF is to become a reality and also the importance of congressional discussions, as well as the ongoing debate on France, Britain and Germany.

Identified Participants, MLF Meeting: President John F. Kennedy; Livingston T. Merchant, head of the MLF negotiating team; McGeorge Bundy, Special Assistant to the President; Gerard C. Smith, member of the MLF negotiating team; Rear Admiral John M. Lee, member of the MLF negotiating team; John T. McNaughton, General Counsel, Department of Defense.

[Tape No. 75 197 minutes**](#)

[2 cassettes.....\\$12.00 \(please see note below on combined tape\)](#)

[3 cassettes.....\\$18.00](#)

*** Please note: The majority of this tape is similar to the end of Tape 74 in that the recording includes a good amount of office noises and distant hallway conversations. The first 66 minutes of this tape are office noises and hallway conversations, then there is a brief (2 minute) meeting excerpt on Europe (date unknown). Following the Europe excerpt the tape is simply blank for 36 minutes. Then the office noises and hallway conversations return for 34 minutes before the 17 minute meeting on the MLF (the tape begins mid-meeting). After that meeting comes to a close, there is an additional 41 minutes of office noises and hallway conversations many of which are impossible to decipher.*

In order to facilitate our researchers we are offering a combined Tape 74 and Tape 75 recording which eliminates the office noises and hallway conversations, and includes only the three actual meetings from these two tapes. These three meetings total 114 minutes and are on 2 cassettes.

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TAPE 76: Yemen; Common Market; Balance Of Payments Released 12/2003

2/25/63; 2/27/63, 3/1/63
156 minutes

Status: Declassified in Part: Three excisions totaling 2 minutes 10 seconds have been removed in accordance with Section 3.4 (b) (1), (3) of Executive Order 12958.

Description, Yemen, 2/25/63: Brief (5 minute excerpt) discussion on the conflict in situation and relations with Saudi Arabia.

Description, Common Market, 2/27/63: Discussions between Dean Rusk, George Ball, McGeorge Bundy, Carl Kaysen and the President on the Common Market issues with Europe, as well as economy, trade and tariff issues affecting the United States and our negotiations with Europe.

Description, Balance of Payments, 3/1/63: In-depth discussion on Dean Acheson's recommendations relating to the United States International payments problems, which were highlighted in a memorandum to President Kennedy. The President, Acheson, Dillon and the others confer about the four recommendations in the memorandum including gold sales, IMF drawings, increase in private working balances abroad and 5-year government from government borrowings abroad.

Participants Listing:

Yemen Meeting: President John F. Kennedy; George C. McGhee, Ambassador to the Federal Republic of Germany; Phillips Talbot, Assistant Secretary of State for Near Eastern and South Asian Affairs; Paul H. Nitze, Assistant Secretary of Defense for International Security Affairs; General Maxwell D. Taylor; Frank K. Sloan, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for International Security Affairs; General Earle G. Wheeler; Rear Admiral Weldemere F. A. Wendt; Robert W. Komer, Senior Staff, National Security Council.

Common Market: President John F. Kennedy; Dean Rusk, Secretary of State; George W. Ball, Under Secretary of State; McGeorge Bundy, Special Assistant to the President; Carl Kaysen, Deputy Special Assistant to the President.

Balance of Payments: President John F. Kennedy; Dean Acheson; Dean Rusk, Secretary of State; C. Douglas Dillon, Secretary of the Treasury; Robert S. McNamara, Secretary of Defense; George W. Ball, Under Secretary of State; David E. Bell, Administrator, Agency for International Development; Kermit Gordon, Director, Bureau of the Budget; Carl Kaysen, Deputy Special Assistant to the President; Theodore C. Sorensen, Special Counsel to the

President; McGeorge Bundy, Special Assistant to the President.

[Tape No. 76 156 minutes on 3 cassettes \\$18.00](#)

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TAPE 77: Latin America-Brazil, MLF Released 12/2003

3/8/63, 3/9/63
101 minutes

Status: Declassified in Part:: Eleven excisions totaling 9 minutes 9 seconds have been removed in accordance with Section 3.4 (b) (1), (3) of Executive Order 12958

Description, Latin America - Brazil: The political situation in Brazil and the upcoming meeting with Brazilian Foreign Minister San Tiago Dantas are the main subjects of this 3/8/63 meeting. The US relationship with President Goulart and Foreign Minister Dantas, as well as economic aid proposals, are discussed in detail. In addition, the meeting also touches upon the Chamizal incident with Mexico and how this is playing out in Texas politics and the status of Jamaican - Cuban relations.

Description, President's Foreign Intelligence Advisory Board Meeting on 3/9/63:

***** Please Note: This meeting between PFIAB and President John F. Kennedy is closed to research use. This meeting totals approximately 79 minutes (including the pre-meeting discussions and the meeting itself). It has been submitted to the appropriate agencies for review. This meeting is not included in the total minutes for this tape opening.*****

Description, MLF: This 50-minute meeting between the President and Rusk, McNamara and Bundy once again discuss the ongoing MLF negotiations with Europe, the submarines vs surface ships debate and the influence of Congress on the White House plans. The use of Paragraph 6 forces are also discussed in detail. Dean Acheson's upcoming speech of 3/13/63, in which he was very critical of Charles de Gaulle, is referred to as well.

Participants Listing:

Brazil: President John F. Kennedy; Robert F. Kennedy, Attorney General; Dean Rusk, Secretary of State; Richard Helms, Deputy Director for Plans, Central Intelligence Agency; George W. Ball, Under Secretary of State; Graham Martin, Deputy Coordinator, Alliance for Progress; Edwin M. Martin, Assistant Secretary of State for Inter-American Affairs; Teodoro Moscoso, Coordinator, Alliance for Progress; Herbert K. May, Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Inter-American Affairs; David E. Bell, Administrator, Agency for International Development; Lincoln Gordon, Ambassador to Brazil.

MLF: President John F. Kennedy; Dean Rusk, Secretary of State; McGeorge Bundy, Special Assistant to the President; Robert S. McNamara, Secretary of Defense.

[Tape No. 77 3/8/63, 3/9/63 101 minutes on 2 cassettes \\$12.00](#)

JOHN F. KENNEDY LIBRARY PRESIDENTIAL RECORDING LOG

TAPE 78: Saudi Arabia And Yemen; Cuba And Latin America; MLF Released 12/2003

3/11/63, 3/13/63, 3/22/63
194 minutes

Status: Declassified in Part: Twelve excisions totaling 24 minutes 45 seconds have been removed in accordance with Section 3.4 (b) (1), (3) of Executive Order 12958

Description, Saudi Arabia and Yemen: This meeting on 3/11/63 begins with Ambassador Ellsworth Bunker's report to the President on his mission to Saudi Arabia. Present US relations with Saudia Arabian Prime Minister Faisal, Faisal's continued aid to the Yemeni royalists, the 8-point proposal and Faisal's response, Bunker's and UN Undersecretary Ralph Bunche's mediation steps and the UN involvement are all discussed in detail.

Description, Cuba and Latin America: This National Security Council meeting on 3/13/63 covers a variety of related topics. The meeting begins with John McCone reporting to the President on his recent Congressional testimony to the Stennis Committee on the "intelligence gap" during the Cuban crisis. The President next questions as to how the US can be sure that Khrushchev removes the Soviet troops from Cuba, which seems to have stalled, and also how better to isolate Cuba including the embargo, trade steps and embassy closings.

The meeting then turns to Haiti for a few moments. Next there is detailed discussions on the economic and AID aid programs for Latin American countries and what steps need to be taken to make the aid fair to all countries. At a lull, Edward R. Murrow swings the conversation back to Cuba at this point and there ensues an exchange on what is needed to give Cubans hope and a promise for the future.

Description, Multilateral Force: This 3/22/63 meeting was primarily Mr. Paul Nitze report to the President on the MLF negotiations with various European countries. Nitze recommends plans and schedules for the Preliminary Agreement on the MLF which are debated in detail. *Researchers should be aware that over 20 minutes of this meeting has been excised; the minutes to the meeting have been heavily sanitized and the recording reflects these closures. The minutes have been submitted for review and any openings will be reflected in the recordings at that time.*

Participants Listing:

Saudi Arabia and Yemen: President John F. Kennedy; Dean Rusk, Secretary of State; George C. McGhee, Ambassador to the Federal Republic of Germany; Phillips Talbot, Assistant Secretary of State for Near Eastern and South Asian Affairs; Ellsworth Bunker, Presidential Special Emissary to mediate the Yemen conflict; Harlan Cleveland, Assistant Secretary of State for International Organization Affairs; Paul H. Nitze, Assistant Secretary of Defense for International Security Affairs; Frank K. Sloan, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for

International Security Affairs; General Earle G. Wheeler; John A. McCone, Director of Central Intelligence; James H. Critchfield, Chief of the Near East and South Asia Division, Central Intelligence Agency; McGeorge Bundy, Special Assistant to the President; Carl Kaysen, Deputy Special Assistant to the President; Robert W. Komer, Senior Staff, National Security Council.

Cuba and Latin America: President John F. Kennedy; Vice President Lyndon B. Johnson; Dean Rusk, Secretary of State; Robert S. McNamara, Secretary of Defense; C. Douglas Dillon, Secretary of the Treasury; Robert F. Kennedy, Attorney General; General Maxwell D. Taylor; John A. McCone, Director of Central Intelligence; Cyrus R. Vance, Secretary of the Army; George W. Ball, Under Secretary of State; Adlai E. Stevenson, US Representative to the United Nations; David E. Bell, Administrator, Agency for International Development; Roswell L. Gilpatric, Deputy Secretary of Defense; Edward R. Murrow, Director US Information Agency; Edward A. McDermott, Director, Office of Emergency Planning; U. Alexis Johnson, Deputy Under Secretary of State for Political Affairs; Edwin M. Martin, Assistant Secretary of State for Inter-American Affairs; William R. Tyler, Assistant Secretary of State for European and Canadian Affairs; Paul H. Nitze, Assistant Secretary of Defense for International Security Affairs; McGeorge Bundy, Special Assistant to the President; Theodore C. Sorensen, Special Counsel to the President; Ralph A. Dungan, Special Assistant to the President; Carl Kaysen, Deputy Special Assistant to the President; General Chester V. Clifton, Military Aide to the President; Bromley K. Smith, Executive Secretary, National Security Council.

MLF: President John F. Kennedy; Dean Rusk, Secretary of State; Robert S. McNamara, Secretary of Defense; General Maxwell D. Taylor; George W. Ball, Under Secretary of State; Roswell L. Gilpatric, Deputy Secretary of Defense; Livingston T. Merchant, General Counsel, Department of Defense; William R. Tyler, Assistant Secretary of State for European and Canadian Affairs; Paul H. Nitze, Assistant Secretary of Defense for International Security Affairs; Gerard C. Smith, member of the MLF negotiating team; Jeffrey C. Kitchen, Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Politico-Military Affairs; Rear Admiral John M. Lee, member of the MLF negotiating team; John A. McCone, Director of Central Intelligence.

[Tape No. 78](#)
[3/11/63, 3/11/63, 3/22/63](#)
[194 minutes on 3 cassettes....\\$18.00](#)

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TAPE 79: Atlantic Alliance; International Trade; Steel Wages and Prices; USSR; India-Pakistan, MLF Released 12/2003

**4/2/63, 4/5/63, 4/8/63
176 minutes**

Status: Declassified in Part: Five excisions totaling 3 minutes 59 seconds have been removed in accordance with Section 3.4 (b) (1), (3) of Executive Order 12958

Description, NSC Meeting on Europe and Cuba: Most of this meeting is not included in the recording as only a brief portion of this NSC meeting on 4/2/63 is located on this tape. The recorded part of the meeting provides an overview of economic relations with Europe, specifically the Common Market issues and DeGaulle's actions, recent or upcoming political leadership changes in Germany and the UK changes. Near the meeting's end there is also a discussion of the recent arrest of Cuban raiders in the Bahamas by the UK and US and what steps were being taken at this point. The first 13 minutes of this tape are snippets of several meeting and hall conversations; the first extended discussion is from a 3/28/63 conversation on the President's meeting the following day with the King of Morocco. There are also additional conversations but the exact dates are unknown.

Description, International Trade: This 4/2/63 meeting with, mainly, Christian Herter, the President's Special Representative for Trade Negotiations, highlights issues of international trade negotiations and tariff issues in a multilateral context. Specifics commodities, such as wheat, feed grains, wool, cream and poultry issues are mentioned as well. The meeting centers on the difficulty in creating a common agricultural policy with Europe and Canada.

Description, Steel Wages and Prices: There is approximately a 9 minute meeting on this issue in which the President is discussing the possible steel increases and the overall issue of steel labor issues. The probable meeting date for this is 4/5/63 with Willard Wirtz.

USSR: This 4/5/63 off the record meeting with the President, Dean Rusk, Robert Kennedy, Llewellyn Thompson, McGeorge Bundy discusses recent relations with the USSR, most specifically the tone of recent messages from Khrushchev. Robert Kennedy provides an assessment on his recent meeting with Dobrynin and how this is reflective of a frustrated Khrushchev. The point of the discussion is to try and open up a channel of communication with Khrushchev. There is a long discussion on what meetings should be held with Russian authorities soon and what should be discussed.

India-Pakistan, MLF: This 4/8/63 meeting with Walt Rostow provides an overview of Rostow's recent trip to India and Pakistan, providing details on his different meetings. He also advises the President on how to proceed with diplomatic efforts in the future. At meetings end, the conversation changes to the MLF, with President Kennedy showing some annoyance at how

the submarine issue was mishandled by his staff.

Participants Listing:

NSC Meeting on Europe and Cuba: President John F. Kennedy; Vice President Lyndon B. Johnson; Robert F. Kennedy, Attorney General; Kermit Gordon, Director, Bureau of the Budget; Lt. General Marshall Carter; Roswell L. Gilpatric, Deputy Secretary of Defense; John McNaughton, General Counsel, Department of Defense; General Maxwell D. Taylor, Chairman, JCS; General Barksdale Hamlett, Acting Chief of Staff, US Army; George Anderson, Admiral, U.S. Navy; General Curtis LeMay, Chief of Staff, US Air Force; David Shoup, Commandant, U.S. Marine Corps; Edward A. McDermott, Director, Office of Emergency Planning; Dean Rusk, Secretary of State; George Ball, Under Secretary of State; Henry Fowler, Undersecretary of the Treasury; Edward Murrow, Director, U.S. Information Agency; Theodore Sorensen, Special Counsel to the President; McGeorge Bundy, Special Assistant to the President; Arthur M. Schlesinger, Special Assistance to President; Carl Kaysen, Deputy Special Assistant to the President; Bromley K. Smith, Executive Secretary, National Security Council.

International Trade: Christian A Herter, Special Representative for Trade Negotiations; George Ball, Under Secretary of State; William Gossett; W. Michael Blumenthal, Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Economic Affairs; Carl Kaysen, Deputy Special Assistant to the President.

Steel Wages and Prices: President John F. Kennedy and (probably) Willard Wirtz, Secretary of Labor.

USSR: President John F. Kennedy; Dean Rusk, Secretary of State; Robert Kennedy, Attorney General; Llewellyn Thomson, Ambassador to the U.S.S.R; McGeorge Bundy, Special Assistant to the President.

India-Pakistan, MLF: Walt Rostow, Counselor and Chairman of the Policy Planning Council of the Department of State

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TAPE 80: Balance Of Payments; Steel Wages and Prices; Laos Released 7/2004

4/9/63, 4/10/63
194 minutes

Status: Declassified in Part: Four excisions totaling 11 minutes 20 seconds have been removed in accordance with Section 3.4 (b) (1), (3) of Executive Order 12958

Description, Meeting of Balance of Payments issues, 4/9/63: The President and his staff met to discuss the US Balance of Payments outlook, including the recent Brookings Report on that subject. Subjects also included tax possibilities, flight of capital-movement of capital issues internally and in the foreign policy context.

Please note that the 4/10/63 Multilateral Force meeting with Admiral Ricketts (totaling 10:20) is not included in this tape release. The excision has been included in the total excision time for this opening. The meeting has been submitted to the appropriate agencies for review and will be made available when that review is returned.

Description, Steel Wages and Prices, 4/10/63, day meeting: The possibility of a general steel wage and price increase is discussed in detail. There is discussion as to whether the President should cancel his trip to Palm Beach to indicate the seriousness with which the White House is taking this issue, as well as the timing of this hike—one year after the President's call for steel to rescind its 1962 hike. This discussion was carried over to the evening meeting later that day.

Description, NSC Meeting on Laos, 4/10/63: The President and his staff discuss the ongoing political and military situation in Laos, specifically with the Kong Le forces in the Plaines des Jarres. John McCone presented a summary of current intelligence information and then Under Secretary Harriman presented the State Department recommendations which included continuing to supply the Kong Le and Meo tribesman, the possible use of Phoumi forces and the continued planning for the reintroduction of US military forces into Thailand.

Description, Steel Wages and Prices, 4/10/63, evening meeting: This was a continuation of the day's earlier discussions on the possibility of a general steel wage and price increase. It is unknown by the White House if there will be an increase, and if so if individual companies or the complete industry will approve an increase and what, if any, pre-emptive discussions with both steel and the unions should take place.

Participants Listing:

Meeting of Balance of Payments issues, 4/9/63: President John F. Kennedy; Douglas Dillon, Secretary of Treasury; Robert McNamara, Secretary of Defense; Luther Hodges, Secretary of Commerce; William Martin, Chairman Federal Reserve System Board of Governors; George

Ball, Under Secretary of State; David Bell Administrator, Agency for International Development; Kermit Gordon Director, Bureau of the Budget; Walter Heller, Council of Economic Advisers; Gardner Ackley, Council of Economic Advisers; John C. Bullitt, Assistant Secretary of the Treasury; Hollis B. Chenery, Assistant Administrator for Program Agency for International Development; William T. Gossett, Deputy Special Representative for the Office of the Special Representative for Trade Negotiation; Richard H. Holton Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Economic Affairs; Richard Shultz, Foreign Claims Settlement Commission of the United States

Steel Wages and Prices, 4/10/63, day meeting: President John F. Kennedy; John McCone, Central Intelligence Agency Director; Douglas Dillon, Secretary of Treasury; Clark Clifford, Special Counsel to the President; Walter Heller, Council of Economic Advisers; Gardner Ackley, Council of Economic Advisers; Luther Hodges, Secretary of Commerce; John B. Holden, Director of Agriculture Graduate School; Robert Kennedy, Attorney General; Roswell Gilpatric, Deputy Secretary of Defense; Kermit Gordon, Director, Bureau of the Budget; Willard Wirtz, Department of Labor; Stanley Ruttenberg, Special Assistant to the Secretary of Labor

NSC Meeting on Laos, 4/10/63: President John F. Kennedy; John McCone, Central Intelligence Agency Director; George Ball, Under Secretary of State; Averill Harriman, Under Secretary of State for Political Affairs; Maxwell Taylor, Special Military Assistant to the President; Admiral George Anderson, US Navy Chief of Naval Operations, Joint Chiefs of Staff, and others

Steel Wages and Prices, 4/10/63, evening meeting: President John F. Kennedy; John McCone, Central Intelligence Agency Director; Douglas Dillon, Secretary of Treasury; Walter Heller, Council of Economic Advisers; Gardner Ackley, Council of Economic Advisers; Luther Hodges, Secretary of Commerce; John B. Holden, Director of Agriculture Graduate School; Robert Kennedy, Attorney General; Roswell Gilpatric, Deputy Secretary of Defense; Kermit Gordon, Director, Bureau of the Budget; Willard Wirtz, Department of Labor; Stanley Ruttenberg, Special Assistant to the Secretary of Labor

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TAPE 81: Steel Wages and Prices; Balance Of Payments Released 7/2004

4/10/63, 4/11/63, 4/18/63
196 minutes

Status: Declassified in Full

Description, Steel Wages and Prices, 4/10/63, evening meeting continued: This is a continuation from Tape 80, which was a continuation of the day's earlier discussions on the possibility of a general steel wage and price increase since certain companies had announced an increase already.

Description, Steel Wages and Prices, 4/11/63: According to the President's Appointment Book, "during the morning, the President met with members of the Staff and others with whom he met on Wednesday re the Steel situation". Dillon and others relay the conversations that they have had with members of various steel corporations on what steps they are taking and what they hope the response of the President will be. A review of steel industry figures and prices is also done, as well as a continuation of the political and increase timing discussions. The President reads a draft of his proposed statement that he would like to issue "within the next hour" – changes are made before the final version is complete.

Description, Balance of Payments issues, 4/18/63: The President and his staff met to discuss the US Balance of Payments outlook and predictions by his economic advisors. Also George Ball's summarized and defended the State Department's paper on restricting capital, which is argued against by Dillon and Roosa. Additionally, the possibility of the US drawing on the IMF is also discussed in detail. (Tape does fade in and out at about the half way mark).

Participants Listing:

Steel Wages and Prices, 4/10/63, evening meeting: President John F. Kennedy; John McCone, Central Intelligence Agency Director; Douglas Dillon, Secretary of Treasury; Walter Heller, Council of Economic Advisers; Gardner Ackley, Council of Economic Advisers; Luther Hodges, Secretary of Commerce; John B. Holden, Director of Agriculture Graduate School; Robert Kennedy, Attorney General; Roswell Gilpatric, Deputy Secretary of Defense; Kermit Gordon, Director, Bureau of the Budget; Willard Wirtz, Secretary of Labor; Stanley Ruttenger, Special Assistant to the Secretary of Labor

A listing of participants for the 4/11/63 meeting is not available but from the description in the Appointment Book, it seems that many of the participants would be the same from the 4/10 meeting.

Balance of Payments issues, 4/18/63: President John F. Kennedy; Douglas Dillon, Secretary of Treasury; George Ball, Under Secretary of State; Robert V. Roosa, Under Secretary of the Treasury for Monetary Affairs, Housing and Home Finance Agency, Chairman; William Martin, Chairman, Federal Reserve System Board of Governors; Walter Heller, Council of Economic Advisers; James Tobin, Council of Economic Advisers; Robert McNamara, Secretary of Defense; Christian Herter, Chief United States Trade Negotiator; Luther Hodges, Secretary of Commerce; Henry H. Fowler, Under Secretary of Treasury, Department of Treasury; John C. Bullitt, Assistant Secretary of the Treasury; Franklin D. Roosevelt, Jr. Under Secretary of Commerce Department of Commerce; Richard H. Holton, Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Economic Affairs; Griffin Johnson, Assistant Secretary for Economic Affairs; David Bell, Director, Agency for International Development; Hollis B. Chenery, Agency for International Development; Kenneth Hansen, Assistant Director of Bureau of the Budget Economic Advisor; Richard Shultz, Foreign Claims Settlement Commission of the United States; Gardner Ackley, Council of Economic Advisers; William T. Gossett, Deputy Special Representative for the Office of the Special Representative for Trade Negotiation

Tape 81

4/10/63, 4/11/63, 4/18/63

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TAPE 82: Laos; Cuba; Cousins; Mcnamara; Stevenson Released 7/2004

4/19/63, 4/20/63, 4/22/63

188 minutes

Status: Declassified in Part: Fourteen excisions totaling 2 minutes 56 seconds have been removed in accordance with Section 3.4 (b) (1), (3) of Executive Order 12958

Description, Laos: 4/19/63 meeting

Description, Laos: (NSC) 4/20/63 meeting

Description, Laos (NSC) 4/22/63 meeting

These meetings discuss the present military situation in Laos and the diplomatic and military moves that the United States will make in response to this ever changing situation. Governor Harriman is undertaking a visit to Paris, London and possibly Moscow to discuss the situation further. The US military is moving forces into Thailand and a carrier and destroyers into the Gulf of Tonkin as a chess move to Hanoi and Moscow to indicate how serious the US is taking the situation in Laos.

***Description, Cuba:** at the end of the 4/22/63 Laos meeting, it seems from the tape, that Robert McNamara stayed and discussed Cuba. There are no other voices on the recording, so it is not possible to identify other participants. Please note that this discussion is closed and is being sent to appropriate agencies for review and will be opened as soon as the review is completed.*

Description, Cousins meeting: This 4/22/63 meeting between Norman Cousins and President Kennedy is Cousins' report on his most recent visit and interview with Premier Khrushchev. Although Cousins relays reports on Khrushchev's daily routines as well as his opinion on several subjects such as the space race to the moon, the main thrust of the President's interest, and of Cousins' report, is disarmament. At this point it seems as if the nuclear test ban treaty is, as President Kennedy said, "at a dead end" right now.

Description, Stevenson meeting: Adlai Stevenson, Ambassador to the UN, and the President have an informal meeting on 4/22/63 to discuss numerous UN and other foreign policy issues including relations with Europe, the MLF, UN financing, Congo, Cuba as the Republican's main 1964 campaign issue and Richard Nixon.

Participants Listing:

Laos 4/19/63: President John F. Kennedy; General Marshall S. Carter, Deputy Director, Central Intelligence Agency; Robert Kennedy, Attorney General; Averill Harriman, Under Secretary of State for Political Affairs; Roger Hilsman, Assistant Secretary for Far Eastern Affairs,

Department of State; Michael Forrestal, Senior Staff Member, National Security Council Southeast Asia, Far East; Mc George Bundy, Special Assistant for National Security Affairs; Robert McNamara, Secretary of Defense; Paul Nitze, Assistant Secretary of Defense for International Security Affairs; William Colby, Central Intelligence Agency

Laos (NSC): 4/20/63 meeting : President John F. Kennedy; Vice President Lyndon Johnson; Dean Rusk, Secretary of State; George Ball, Under Secretary of State; Averill Harriman, Under Secretary of State for Political Affairs; Kenneth Todd Young, Ambassador of Thailand; Roger Hilsman, Assistant Secretary for Far Eastern Affairs; Robert McNamara, Secretary of Defense; General Maxwell Taylor, Special Military Assistant to the President; Roswell Gilpatric, Deputy Secretary of Defense; Paul Nitze, Assistant Secretary of Defense for International Security Affairs; Robert Kennedy, Attorney General; John McCone, Central Intelligence Agency Director; Edward McDermott, National Security Council; Mc George Bundy, Special Assistant for National Security Affairs; General Chester V. Clifton, Military Aide to the President; Bromley K. Smith, Executive Secretary of the National Security Council; Llewellyn Thompson Ambassador at Large

Laos (NSC): 4/22/63 meeting: President John F. Kennedy; John McCone, Central Intelligence Agency Director; Dean Rusk Secretary of State; Roger Hilsman, Assistant Secretary for Far Eastern Affairs; Robert McNamara, Secretary of Defense; Don Wilson, Acting Director of USIA; General Curtis E. LeMay, Chief of Staff, Air Force

Cousins meeting: President John F. Kennedy and Norman Cousins

Stevenson meeting: President John F. Kennedy and Adlai Stevenson, US Ambassador to the United Nations

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TAPE 83: MLF; India And Pakistan; Germany; Middle East/Jordan; Haiti Released 7/2004

4/24/63, 4/25/63, 4/26/63, 4/27/63
199 minutes

Status: Declassified in Part: Twenty-nine excisions totaling 8 minutes 5 seconds have been removed in accordance with Section 3.4 (b) (1), (3) of Executive Order 12958

Description, MLF, 4/24/63 Meeting: This meeting begins after approximately 48 minutes of office noises and conversations. This 4/24/63 meeting was arranged for John McNaughton and Admiral Ricketts to report to the President on their talks with the Germans and with SHAPE military officials on the MLF. The ongoing issues which are discussed in detail are force size, the manning of the ships, the possibility of submarines being used, the control, security and custody of the weapons.

Description, India and Pakistan, 4/25/63 Meeting: This 4/25/63 meeting is an assessment of the present situation with India and Pakistan, including the sensitive issue of military aid, air squadrons to India and the reaction of the Pakistan officials. In addition the political issues with the US Congress, who are opposed to aid to India at this point, are also discussed. Near the meeting's end, the President takes a phone call from UK Ambassador David Ormsby Gore on the nuclear test ban and Averill Harriman's meeting.

Description, Germany, 4/26/63 (Ambassador Dowling): On 4/26/63, the President meets with outgoing US Ambassador to Germany, Walter C. Dowling, to discuss Germany. The President wants Dowling's opinion on the President's upcoming trip to Germany, the possibility of the comparison between DeGaulle's trip to Germany and the President's trip and even the political necessity of having Chancellor Adenauer accompany him. After Ambassador Dowling leaves, the President speaks briefly with Deputy Secretary of Defense Roswell Gilpatric by phone.

Description, Jordan, 4/27/63: This 4/27/63 meeting examines the fluid situation taking place in Jordan involving a possible coup. The President is very concerned with the ability of the situation in the Middle East to escalate quickly and he instructs the staff to contact all other parties involved in the region—although the concentration is on Israel and UAR. The meeting also involves a discussion on the courses of action by the United States including a possible security guarantee.

Description, Haiti: This meeting is undated, although from the discussion (the Haiti request of 4/26/63 to remove the US Naval Mission from Haiti) the date is most likely the 27th. There is no matching Haiti meeting in the President's Appointment Books.

Identified Participants Listing:

MLF 4/24/63: President John F. Kennedy; Dean Rusk, Secretary of State; George Ball, Under Secretary of State; William R. Tyler, Assistant Secretary for European Affairs; Abram Chayes, Legal Advisor Department of State; Jeffrey Kitchen, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Politico-Military Affairs; Gerard Smith, Multi-Lateral Force; Paul Nitze, Assistant Secretary of Defense for International Security Affairs; John T. McNaughton, General Counsel, Department of Defense; Admiral Claude V. Ricketts, Vice Chief of Naval Operations; Admiral George Anderson, Joint Chiefs of Staff, US Navy; Mc George Bundy, Special Assistant for National Security Affairs; Carl Kaysen, Deputy Special Assistant for National Security Affairs

India and Pakistan: President John F. Kennedy; Dean Rusk, Secretary of State; George Ball, Under Secretary of State; James Grant, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Near Eastern and South Asian Affairs; Chester Bowles, Ambassador to India; Robert McNamara, Secretary of Defense; Roswell Gilpatric, Deputy Secretary of Defense; Paul Nitze, Assistant Secretary of Defense for International Security Affairs; Admiral George Anderson, Joint Chiefs of Staff, US Navy; John McCone, Central Intelligence Agency Director; Frank Coffin, Deputy Administrator, Agency for International Development; William Gaud, Assistant Administrator, Bureau for the Near East and South Asia, Agency for International Development; Mc George Bundy, Special Assistant for National Security Affairs; Robert W. Komer, National Security Council

Germany: President John F. Kennedy and Ambassador Walter C. Dowling

Jordan: President John F. Kennedy; George Ball, Under Secretary of State; James P. Grant, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Near Eastern and South Asian Affairs; Robert C. Strong Director, Office of Near East Affairs, Department of State; Robert McNamara, Secretary of Defense; Myer Feldman, Deputy Special Counsel to the President; Mc George Bundy, Special Assistant for National Security Affairs; Robert W. Komer, National Security Council

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TAPE 85: NATO/MLF; Americans For Democratic Action; India/Pakistan; Vietnam/Defense; Admiral Anderson and the TFX Released 1/2005

5/3/63, 5/4/63, 5/6/63, 5/7/63, 5/8/63
152 minutes

Status: Declassified in Part: Nine excisions totaling 10 minutes 54 seconds have been removed in accordance with Section 3.4 (b) (1), (3) of Executive Order 12958

Description, 5/3/63, NATO, Multilateral Force and British Guiana: This meeting takes place between the President, UK Ambassador to the United States, David Ormsby Gore and McGeorge Bundy on the subject of the UK participation in the multilateral force with Ambassador Ormsby Gore relaying the opinions of the Prime Minister on the specifics of the program. The previous Nassau meeting and the President's upcoming trip to Europe are also mentioned. *Near meetings end, the subject of British Guiana is also discussed, although that portion of the meeting is close pending appropriate agency reviews.*

Description, 5/4/63 Americans for Democratic Action: Twenty members of the organization, Americans for Democratic Action met with the President on May 4, 1963 for a meet-and-greet/lobbying session. The President took the opportunity to pitch the successes of his administration's legislative agenda to a liberal action group who on occasion had been critical of some of the moves of his administration. Earlier that day the NY Times ran a front page, now infamous, Associated Press photograph by Bill Hudson of a police dog lunging at a civil rights protestor in Birmingham, Alabama, which is brought up at this meeting. The President refers to civil rights as "a national crisis."

Description, 5/6/63 Dean Rusk's trip to India and Pakistan (Rusk and Bundy): This meeting between the President, Dean Rusk and McGeorge Bundy is essentially Dean Rusk's oral report to the President on his recent trip to India and Pakistan.

Description, 5/7/63? Vietnam, defense budget, nomination of new Deputy Secretary of Defense: The President and Robert McNamara met to discuss various DOD issues, including the military situation in Vietnam, the Congressional budget fight on military spending in Vietnam and personnel issues in DOD, specifically the nomination of a new Deputy Secretary of Defense. The exact date of this is uncertain since the meeting does not appear on the President's Appointment Books. Robert McNamara does refer to his discussion of "yesterday" on this same issues, which could be the SECDEF Honolulu Conference which took place on May 6, 1963.

Description, 5/8/63 TFX and appointment of new Chief of Naval Operations: Admiral George Anderson met with the President to discuss his expiring term of Chief of Naval Operations. It is clear from the tone of the Admiral, that he believes that Robert McNamara has been extremely critical of Anderson's handling of the TFX issue. The President is quiet for most

of the meeting, although he does discuss the Admiral taking an Ambassadorship to Portugal.

Identified Participants Listing:

5/3/63, NATO, Multilateral Force, and British Guiana: President Kennedy, UK Ambassador to the United States, David Ormsby Gore and National Security Advisor McGeorge Bundy

5/4/63 Americans for Democratic Action reception: President Kennedy and twenty invited members from the ADA

5/6/63 Dean Rusk's trip to India and Pakistan: President Kennedy, Secretary of State Dean Rusk and National Security Advisor McGeorge Bundy

5/7/63 Vietnam, defense budget, nomination of new Deputy Secretary of Defense: President Kennedy and Defense Secretary Robert McNamara

5/8/63 TFX and appointment of new Chief of Naval Operations: President Kennedy and Admiral George Anderson

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**TAPE 86: India (NSC); Birmingham, Alabama; Haiti; NATO; International Trade;
William Orrick and The State Department
Released 08/2005**

**5/9/63, 5/12/63, 5/13/63, 5/14/63
165 minutes**

Status: Declassified in Part: Nineteen excisions totaling 23 minutes 46 seconds have been removed in accordance with Section 3.4 (b) (1), (3) of Executive Order 12958; 10 minutes 56 seconds have been removed in accordance with the deed of gift for the Papers of John F. Kennedy.

Description, India: 5/9/63 National Security Council Meeting on India. The President discusses with his staff the sale of mobile air defense units to India and how that will play out diplomatically. There is also extensive conversation on the possibility of providing a defense commitment to India in the case of a Chinese attack on the sub-continent and the use of nuclear weapons in the defense of countries in Asia instead of the introduction of large numbers of US soldiers.

Description, Cuba/Civil Rights: This 5/12/63 meeting on Birmingham, Alabama is opened here as part of the complete recording of tape 86, however researchers should be aware that this meeting was originally opened to public use in 1984. The President met with his staff to discuss the Birmingham situation before he addressed the nation later that evening. *Please note: The meeting begins with a short section on Cuba which was not included in the original 1984 release.*

Description, Haiti: a specific date of this meeting cannot be absolutely confirmed by the Appointment Books, but it seems most likely that this meeting is listed in the Appointment Books as the 5/13/63 meeting with Dean Rusk from 10:30-11:25. *Please note that most of the Haiti meeting has been excised for national security reasons and will be submitted to the appropriate agencies for review.*

Description, NATO: From the way the tape itself plays, it seems as if this NATO meeting took place immediately following the Haiti meeting. President Kennedy, Defense Secretary Robert McNamara and Secretary of State Dean Rusk discuss a House Foreign Affairs Committee report on NATO that was just partially released as well as commentary of NATO military force levels, financial budgets of each of the countries and the upcoming meeting in Ottawa. Cuba and the civil rights situation in Birmingham are also briefly mentioned.

Description, International Trade: According to the Appointment Books this meeting took place on May 13 from 4:20-4:50 between President Kennedy and several of his trade advisors. They met to review linear cuts and other specifics on international trade agreements.

Description, William Orrick: The President and William Orrick met on 5/14/63 to discuss Orrick's impending position as Assistant Attorney General which will lead to other domino effect personnel moves at the Department of State, including the position he is vacating.

Participants Listing:

India: President John F. Kennedy, Defense Secretary Robert McNamara, Secretary of State Dean Rusk, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff General Maxwell Taylor, Undersecretary of State George Ball, Undersecretary of State for Political Affairs Averell Harriman, Assistant Secretary of State Phillips Talbot, Deputy Secretary of Defense Roswell Gilpatric, Ambassador to India Chester Bowles, Acting AID Administrator Frank Coffin, Assistant Secretary of Defense William Bundy, Member of the National Security Council Robert Komer

Civil Rights: President Kennedy, Attorney General Robert Kennedy, Defense Secretary Robert McNamara, Assistant Attorney General Burke Marshall

Haiti: President Kennedy, Secretary of State Dean Rusk and others

NATO: President John F. Kennedy, Defense Secretary Robert McNamara, Secretary of State Dean Rusk

International Trade: President Kennedy, Undersecretary of State George Ball, Special Representative for Trade Negotiations Christian Herter, Deputy Special Assistant for National Security Affairs Carl Kaysen

William Orrick and the Department of State: President Kennedy and the soon to be Assistant Attorney General William Orrick

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TAPE 87: MLF and Europe; Cotton Textiles; India Released 11/2005

5/15/63, 5/17/63
198 minutes

Status: Declassified in Full.

Researchers should note that the first reel of Tape 87 was simply office noises and hallway conversations. The only discussions take place between the White House Signal Corps staff members as they set up the translator's equipment, likely for the May 15, 1963 meeting between President Kennedy and Heinrich Krone, German Minister, and Heinrich Knappstein, Ambassador of Germany.

Description, Jean Monnet: This 5/17/63 meeting between President Kennedy, his Special Assistant for National Security Affairs McGeorge Bundy and Jean Monnet, founder of the *Action Committee for the United States of Europe*. Their discussion provided the President with an informal view, from the European side, of the multilateral force negotiations with Europe and the overall relations between the US and her Western allies. The President's upcoming trip to Europe is also discussed.

(Please note that partway through the meeting the President takes a phone call about civil rights issues in Alabama. The tape is only of the President's side of the conversation.)

Description, Cotton textiles: This 5/17/63 meeting takes place between the President, several Congressmen and several members of the President's staff. They discuss domestic and trade issues affecting the cotton industry and provisions of a cotton bill soon to be debated in Congressional Committee.

Description, India: In this 5/17/63 meeting the President again discusses what steps the United States can take to aid India against Chinese aggression without inflaming Pakistan and the rest of the region. The US relations with the UK on this subject is also discussed as well as what should be said to TT Khrishnamachari, Indian Minister of Economic and Defense Coordination, during his upcoming meeting with the President. *Please note that the tape ends before the meeting is completed and the remaining section of the tape is blank.*

Participants Listing:

Jean Monnet: President John F. Kennedy; McGeorge Bundy, Special Assistant for National Security Affairs; Jean Monnet, founder of the *Action Committee for the United States of Europe*.

Cotton textiles: President John F. Kennedy; Harold D. Cooley, U.S. Representative from North

Carolina 4th Congressional District, 1934-67, W.R. (William Robert) Poage U.S. Representative from Texas 11th Congressional District, 1937-1978; Orville Freeman, Secretary of Agriculture; Charles Murphy, Undersecretary of Agriculture; Mr. Charles Schultz; Myer Feldman, Deputy Special Counsel to the President.

India: President John F. Kennedy; Dean Rusk, Secretary of State; George Ball, Undersecretary of State; Averell W. Harriman, Undersecretary of State for Political Affairs; Philips Talbot, Assistant of State for Near Eastern and South Asian Affairs; Frank Coffin, Deputy Administration for AID; Chester Bowles, Ambassador to India; William Bundy, Assistant Secretary of Defense; Roswell L. Gilpatric, Deputy Secretary of Defense; McGeorge Bundy, Special Assistant for National Security Affairs; Robert W. Komer, Member of the National Security Council.

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[5/15/63, 5/17/63](#)

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TAPE 88: Arms Limitation/Israel; NATO; GATT; Civil Rights; India; President's Commission On Equal Opportunity In Housing / Birmingham Released 11/2005

5/17/63, 5/20/63, 5/21/63
198 minutes

Status: Declassified in Part: Nineteen excisions totaling 10 minutes 47 seconds have been removed in accordance with Section 3.4 (b) (1), (3) of Executive Order 12958.

Description, Arms Limitation/Israel: The discussion is focused on the Middle East, specifically the hope that an arms limitation agreement can be coordinated for that area of the world.

Please note that the last meeting of tape 87 is on the same subject, but it does not seem to be a continuation of that meeting. From the paperwork, this meeting on tape 88 seems to be the 5:00 meeting from that same day, 5/17/63.

Description, NATO: This May 20, 1963 meeting centers on NATO force requirements, the Multilateral Force and NATO financing. The meeting begins with a brief Cuba discussion. In addition there is an interesting exchange later in the meeting concerning the Civil Aeronautics Board and a memo that President Kennedy had written on some recent issues of concern and some discussion on the President's upcoming trip to Europe.

Description, GATT: This May 20, 1963 meeting is a brief discussion on the issues and negotiations during the upcoming General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade Conference. There is some commentary on foreign countries and trade issues.

Description, Civil Rights Legislation: This May 20, 1963 meeting provides an overview on civil rights legislative proposals (accommodations, schools, federal jobs) and the political fights they will cause in Congress and with the States. An overview of recent civil rights demonstrations is also provided. *(Please note that the recording of this meeting was previously made available in the Civil Rights 1963 release in 1984.)*

Description, India/T.T. Khrishnamachari: The President and the Indian Defense Minister discuss in detail the steps that might be taken to aid India, including a defense commitment by the US. The India-Pakistan situation is discussed in great detail, providing an in-depth view from the Indian point of view regarding relations and the Kashmir dispute. Air defense of India and US aid are also discussed. The date of this meeting is 5/20/63.

Description, President's Commission on Equal Opportunity in Housing /Birmingham: This 5/21/63 meeting is between President Kennedy, Robert Kennedy, John Macy of the Civil Service Commission and members of the President's Committee on Equal Opportunity in Housing.

(Please note that the recording of this meeting was previously made available in the Civil Rights 1963 release in the 1984.)

Participants Listing:

Arms Limitation/Israel: President John F. Kennedy; Dean Rusk, Secretary of State; Philips Talbot, Assistant of State for Near Eastern and South Asian Affairs; James P. Grant, Deputy Assistant Secretary Near Eastern and South Asian Affairs; McGeorge Bundy, Special Assistant for National Security Affairs; Robert W. Komer, Member of the National Security Council.

NATO: President John F. Kennedy, Dean Rusk, Secretary of State; Robert S. McNamara, Defense Secretary; General Maxwell Taylor, Joint Chiefs of Staff Chief.

GATT: President John F. Kennedy, Dean Rusk, Secretary of State; George Ball, Undersecretary of State.

Civil Rights Legislation: President John F. Kennedy; Robert Kennedy, Attorney General; Burke Marshall, Assistant Attorney General, Civil Rights Division, Justice Department; Lee C. White, Assistant Special Counsel to the President; Theodore Sorensen, Special Counsel to the President.

India/T.T. Khrishnamachari: President John F. Kennedy; T.T. Khrishnamachari, Indian Defense Minister; Philips Talbot, Undersecretary of State for Near Eastern and South Asian Affairs; Robert W. Komer, Member of the National Security Council; M.J. Desai, Indian Foreign Secretary; B.K. Nehru, Indian Ambassador to the United States.

Birmingham: President John F. Kennedy; Robert Kennedy, Attorney General; John Macy, Chairman of the Civil Service Commission; Cyril F. Brickfield, Chief Benefits Director, Department of Veterans Benefits, Veterans Administration; Philip Borwnstein, Farmers Home Administration; Jack Conway, Industrial Union AFL-CIO; John Derwan, Veteran's Administration; C. Douglas Dillon, Secretary of the Treasury; William Driver, Deputy Administrator of Veterans Affairs, Veterans Administration; Orville Freeman, Secretary of Agriculture; John S. Gleason, Administrator of Veterans Affairs, Veterans Administration; Floyd Micree, Farmers Home Administration; Theodore Jones, Supreme Life Insurance Co; Ferdinand Kramer, Advisor; Joseph McMurray, Federal Home Loan Bank Board; Robert McNamara, Secretary of Defense; Cyril Magnin; Burke Marshall, Assistant Attorney General, Civil Rights Division, Justice Department; A.H. Monk, Associate Deputy Administrator of Veterans Affairs, Veterans Administration; John Nolan, Justice Department; John Reed, Department of Defense; Joseph Robertson, Department of Agriculture; Roland Sawyer, Advisor; William Seabron, Department of Agriculture; Milton Semer, Housing and Home Finance Agency; Simon Trevas, Federal Home Loan Bank Board; Robert Weaver, Housing and Home Finance Agency; Louis Weinstein, Advisor; Robert A. Wallace, Assistant to the Secretary of the Treasury, Department of Treasury; David L. Lawrence, Special Assistant to the President, The White House Office.

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TAPE 89: MLF/Israel; Balance Of Payments, Europe; Robert Kennedy Phone Call; NATO and MLF; Luns Meeting; Spaak Meeting Released 11/2005

**5/24/63, 5/25/63, 5/27/63, 5/28/63
167 minutes**

Status: Declassified in Part: Sixteen excisions totaling 10 minutes 10 seconds have been removed in accordance with Section 3.4 (b) (1), (3) of Executive Order 12958.

Description, Multilateral Force and Ottawa conference review/Israel: This May 24th meeting took place between President Kennedy, McGeorge Bundy and Dean Rusk. They initially discussed an overview of what discussions had taken place in Ottawa at NATO's North Atlantic Council Ministerial meeting, and more specifically on the MLF. The President next discussed the upcoming meeting with Couvre de Murville, the French Foreign Minister, Congress and the United Arab Republic's Abu Simbel temples and Israeli nuclear development.

Description, Balance of Payments/European Defense: Discussion takes place between President Kennedy and Defense Secretary McNamara on European Defense and Canadian /European balance of payments issues, but soon after the meeting began the President takes a 14 minute phone call with Robert Kennedy (see below). They then return to the discussions. The date of this meeting is May 25th.

Description, Robert Kennedy Phone call: This May 25th call from Attorney General Robert Kennedy provides the President with a synopsis of the previous day's meeting in New York between Robert Kennedy, Lena Horne, Harry Belafonte, James Baldwin and other black leaders, who met to discuss the present civil rights situation in Alabama. Please note that only the President's side of the conversation can be heard.

Description, Clark Clifford, President's Foreign Intelligence Advisory Board: *Please Note: This 5/27 meeting between Clark Clifford and President John F. Kennedy is closed to research use. This meeting totals approximately 6:40. It has been submitted to the appropriate agencies for review.*

Description, NATO/Multilateral Force: This May 28th meeting takes place between the President and several high ranking members of his staff. The main subject of the meeting is Europe: specifically the current situation of the MLF. Near the meeting's end the test ban treaty and possible upcoming negotiations on the treaty are debated, with the President taking a pessimistic view of the prospects of success of the negotiations.

Description, Joseph Luns: Netherland's Foreign Minister, Joseph Luns, and President Kennedy meet for a long talk on May 28th to banter about issues such as the MLF, Europe and the future of European-US relations. The tone of this meeting is surprisingly informal.

Description, Intelligence Collection: *Please Note: This 5/28/63 meeting is currently closed to research use. It has been submitted to the appropriate agencies for review. This meeting is not included in the total minutes for this tape opening.*

Description, Spaak Meeting: During this 5/28/63 meeting between the President and Belgium Foreign Affairs Minister Paul-Henri Spaak, they discuss US-European relations, the MLF and the President's upcoming trip to Europe. *Please be aware that Mr. Spaak speaks in French and he is the main speaker at the meeting. Please note that the President's interpreter can only be heard in whispers too low to make out any content.*

Participants Listing:

MLF and upcoming Ottawa conference: President John F. Kennedy; Dean Rusk, Secretary of State; McGeorge Bundy, Special Assistant for National Security Affairs.

Balance of Payments/European Defense: President John F. Kennedy; Robert S. McNamara, Secretary of Defense.

Robert Kennedy Phone call

Multilateral Force: President Kennedy, President John F. Kennedy; Robert S. McNamara, Secretary of Defense; Dean Rusk, Secretary of State; McGeorge Bundy, Special Assistant for National Security Affairs; William Foster, Director, US Arms Control and Disarmament Agency; William R. Tyler, Assistant Secretary of State for European Affairs, Department of State.

Joseph Luns: President John F. Kennedy; Netherland's Foreign Minister Joseph Luns

Paul Henri Spaak: President John F. Kennedy; Paul-Henri Spaak, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Belgium.

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TAPE 90: Spaak Meeting, continued; British Guiana and Haiti; Civil Rights Released 11/2005

5/28/63, 5/31/63, 6/1/63
167 minutes

Status: Declassified in Part: Four excisions totaling 10 minutes 41 seconds have been removed in accordance with Section 3.4 (b) (1), (3) of Executive Order 12958.

Description, Spaak, Meeting 5/28/63: This 5/28/63 meeting is continued from the previous tape. The Belgium Foreign Affairs Minister Paul-Henri Spaak meets with the President to discuss US-European relations, the MLF and the President's upcoming trip to Europe. *Researchers should be aware that Spaak speaks in French and he is the main speaker at the meeting. Please note that the President's interpreter can only be heard in whispers too low to make out any content.*

The Spaak meeting on this tape lasts only 15 minutes and for the next 14 minutes there is mainly only office noises and hallway conversations.

Description, British Guiana and Haiti, 5/31/63: There is a small amount of the British Guiana meeting available, as well as a discussion on Haiti, specifically the possible return of US Ambassador Thurston to Haiti and discussions on President Francois Duvalier. *Please note that most of the British Guiana discussion remains closed; the closed portions have been submitted to the appropriate agencies for review.*

Description, Civil Rights, 6/1/63: This meeting had been previously opened in the "Civil Rights 1963" release in 1984. The discussion centers around the Interstate Commerce Commission, the Equal Accommodations Bill, the public school education bill, the timing of sending these bills to Congress, the legal steps of the Attorney General and what information to include in the President's message to the country.

Please note that after the Civil Rights meeting ends, the remainder of Reel 2 is blank. Please note that Reel 3 is also blank, except for a short 15 second discussion at about the 8:30 mark.

Participants Listing:

Paul-Henri Spaak: President John F. Kennedy; Paul-Henri Spaak, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Belgium.

British Guiana and Haiti: President John F. Kennedy; U. Alexis Johnson, Deputy Under Secretary for Political Affairs, Department of State; William C. Burdett Director, Office of British Commonwealth and Northern European Affairs, Department of State; Richard Helms, Advisor; McGeorge Bundy, Special Assistant for National Security Affairs.

Civil Rights: President John F. Kennedy; Vice President Lyndon B. Johnson; Robert Kennedy, Attorney General; Anthony J. Celebrezze, Secretary, HEW; Francis Keppel, Commissioner of Education, HEW; Alanson W. Wilcox, General Counsel, Department of Health, Education, and Welfare; Wilbur J. Cohen, Assistant Secretary, HEW, and Welfare; James Quigley, Assistant Secretary, HEW, Burke Marshall, Assistant Attorney General, Civil Rights Division, Justice Department; Louis Martin, Civil Rights and Political Advisor, Deputy Chairman, Democratic National Committee, 1961-1969; Willard W. Wirtz, Secretary of Labor; Lawrence F. O'Brien, Special Assistant to the President; Theodore Sorensen, Special Counsel to the President; Lee C. White, Assistant Special Counsel to the President.

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5/28/63, 5/31/63, 6/1/63

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**TAPE 96: Nuclear Test Ban Treaty; Vietnam, Laos, Indonesia, Test Ban; Railroad Work
Rules Dispute; Nuclear Test Ban Treaty; Civil Rights
Released 8/2007**

**7/3/63, 7/4/63, 7/8/63, 7/9/63
197 minutes**

Tape Quality: Average

Status: Declassified in Part: 11 excisions totaling 3 minutes 10 seconds have been removed in accordance with Section 3.4 (b) (1), (3) of Executive Order 12958. One excision totaling 35 seconds have been removed in accordance with the donor's deed of gift.

Nuclear Test Ban Treaty Negotiations: This 7/3/63 meeting takes place in the late afternoon (another meeting had taken place earlier in the day). The main topic of conversation is Averell Harriman's upcoming mission to Moscow on the test ban treaty and how these negotiations would or could affect relationships between the United States and Germany / Adenauer, France / DeGaulle and with the United Kingdom / Macmillan. Possible letters from President Kennedy to Adenauer are also discussed.

Vietnam, Laos, Indonesia and Brazil, Nuclear test ban negotiations: This 7/4/63 White House off-the-record meeting's main focal point is an extensive discussion on the situation in Vietnam. This meeting takes place not long after a Buddhist monk burned himself to death as a protest against the government of Vietnam's relationship with the Buddhists—and the recent Buddhist demonstrations. The discussion of the possibility of a coup in Vietnam and differing staff assessments of that prediction are also presented. As the meeting nears its end, the discussion includes other areas such as Laos, Indonesia, Brazil, and again Harriman's upcoming mission to Moscow on the test ban Treaty and specific aspects of the negotiations.

Railroad work rules dispute meeting with Congressional Leaders: This 7/8/63 meeting with member of Congress discuss the ongoing labor situation with railroad workers. Please note that this meeting was opened in November of 1985 as part of the Railroad Works Dispute tape release. *(At meeting's end, the tape cuts in and out several times and office noises-hallway conversations continue for about 5 minutes.)*

Railroad work rules dispute: This 7/9/63 meeting with Labor Leaders discuss the ongoing labor situation with railroad workers. The meeting begins with the President reading the statement released from the White House of that day, published in the Public Papers, urging railroad management and union leaders to arbitrate their dispute. Please note that this meeting was opened in November of 1985 as part of the Railroad Works Dispute tape release. *(At meeting's end, there are office noises and hallway conversations for about 10 minutes.)*

Nuclear test ban negotiations: There are two 7/9/63 meetings in this sequence on the test ban negotiations, specifically Averell Harriman's upcoming mission to Moscow. The first is the larger NSC meeting in the Cabinet Room, while the second meeting takes place in the Oval Office immediately following the NSC meeting. The second meeting discusses in detail the issues the Administration is having with Congress and the Joint Chiefs concerning the Test Ban. *(After the Oval Office meeting concludes, there is approximately 10 minutes of hallway conversations and drilling sounds.)*

Civil rights: This civil rights meeting on 7/9/63 takes place immediately after the previous meeting and discusses several civil rights situations taking place in several cities. Please note that this meeting was opened in July of 1984 as part of the Civil Rights 1963 tape release. Also note that the discussions are very difficult to hear. *(After the Civil Rights meeting ends, the remainder of Reel 3, about 30 minutes, is simply of office noises and drilling sounds.)*

Participants Listing:

Nuclear Test Ban Treaty Negotiations: President Kennedy; Secretary of State Dean Rusk; Under Secretary of State George Ball; Averell Harriman Undersecretary of State; Assistant Secretary of State William Tyler; Military Representative of the President ; Maxwell Taylor; Director of ACDA William Foster; Special Assistant to the President Jerome Weisner; Deputy Special Assistant to the President Carl Kaysen; Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense John McNaughton; Director of the CIA John McCone; Ambassador at Large Llewellyn Thompson; Defense Secretary Robert McNamara; Assistant Secretary of Defense Paul Nitze; Assistant Director of ACDA Adrian Fisher; Special Assistant to the President McGeorge Bundy.

Vietnam, Laos, Indonesia and Brazil, Nuclear test ban negotiations: President Kennedy; Under Secretary of State George Ball; Undersecretary of State for Political Affairs Averell Harriman; Special Assistant to the President McGeorge Bundy; Assistant Secretary of State Roger Hilsman; Member of the National Security Council Michael Forrestal.

Railroad work rules dispute meeting with Congressional Leaders: President Kennedy, Senator Hubert Humphrey, Senator Wayne Morse, Senator Lister Hill, Senator Pat McNamara, Senator Warren Magnuson, Congressman Carl Albert, Congressman Carl Perkins, Congressman Phil Landron, Congressman Oren Harris

Railroad work rules dispute: President Kennedy, Secretary of Labor Willard Wirtz; Labor leader: James Reynolds, Louis Wagner, H.E. Gilbert, Roy Davidson, Neil Speirs, J.E. Wolfe, E.L. Hallamn, David Swit, Louis Corsi, Robert Perkins, Richard Murway, Joseph Judge, Frances O'Neill, John Gaherin, C.A. MacRae

Nuclear test ban negotiations: President Kennedy; Vice President Lyndon Johnson; William Foster, Director, ACDA; Adrian Fisher, Assistant Director, ACDA; Glenn Seaborg, Chairman, Atomic Energy Commission; Attorney General Robert Kennedy; CIA Director John McCone; Defense Secretary Robert McNamara, Special Assistant to the President Jerome Weisner;

Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense John McNaughton; Military Representative of the President Maxwell Taylor; Member of the NSC Edward McDermott; Secretary of State Dean Rusk; Under Secretary of State George Ball; Undersecretary of State Averell Harriman, Ambassador at Large Llewellyn Thompson; Assistant Secretary of State William Tyler; Secretary of the Treasury Douglas Dillon; Deputy Director of the USIA Donald Wilson; Special Assistant to the President McGeorge Bundy; Assistant Secretary of Defense Paul Nitze; Deputy Special Assistant to the President Carl Kaysen; Executive Director of the NSC Bromley Smith.

Nuclear Test Ban negotiations (Oval Office): President Kennedy; Vice President Lyndon Johnson; Defense Secretary Robert McNamara; Military Representative of the President Maxwell Taylor

Civil rights: President Kennedy, Vice President Lyndon Johnson; Defense Secretary Robert McNamara

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**TAPE 97: Railroad Work Rules Dispute; Guatemala; Nuclear Test Ban Treaty; EEC-
Common Market
Released 3/2008**

**7/10/63, 7/11/63, 7/12/63
198 minutes**

Tape Quality: Below Average

Status: Declassified in Part: 1 excision totaling 1 minutes 29 seconds have been removed in accordance with Section 3.4 (b) (1), (3) of Executive Order 12958.

Railroad work rules dispute: These 7/10/63 meetings (which include meetings with White House staffers, Labor and Management officials and then Congressional Leadership) discuss the ongoing labor situation with railroad workers. *Please note that this meeting was opened in November of 1985 as part of the Railroad Works Dispute tape release.*

Guatemala: On 7/10/63 the new Ambassador from Guatemala to the United States, Dr. Carlos Garcia-Bauer, arrives at the White House for a brief greeting and an exchange of gifts with President Kennedy.

Railroad work rules dispute meeting with Union and Management Leaders: Similar to the earlier meeting in the day, the President meets with Labor and Management officials to discuss the ongoing labor situation with railroad workers. *Please note that this meeting was opened in November of 1985 as part of the Railroad Works Dispute tape release.*

Nuclear Test Ban Treaty Negotiations: This 7/11/63 meeting discusses a possible meeting with Khrushchev, DeGaulle and Macmillan, with the President describing Khrushchev's personality.

European Economic Community-Common Market: This 7/12/63 meeting concerns trade issues with Europe. Poultry and California wine are mentioned specifically. The quality of this meeting is poor.

Participants Listing:

Railroad work rules dispute: Three separate meetings:

White House: President Kennedy; Averell Harriman, Under Secretary of State for Political Affairs; McGeorge Bundy, Special Assistant for National Security Affairs; Carl Kaysen, Deputy Special Assistant for National Security Affairs

Labor and Management: President Kennedy; Willard Wirtz , Secretary of Labor; James Reynolds, Assistant Secretary for Labor-Management Relations and Labor and Management Officials: Joseph Judge, Charles Luna, Louis Corsi, Louis Wagner, Robert Perkins, H.E. Gilbert, Roy Davidson, Richard Murway, Neil Speirs, J.E. Wolfe, David Swit, John Gaherin, E.L. Hallman, C.A. MacRae, Francis O'Neill.

Congressional Leadership: Speaker of the House John McCormack; Senator Mike Mansfield; Senator Hubert Humphrey; Senator Lister Hill; Senator Wayne Morse; Senator Pat McNamara; Congressman Carl Albert; Congressman Adam C. Powell

Guatemala: President Kennedy; Dr. Carlos Garcia-Bauer, Ambassador to the US from Guatemala; Edwin Martin Assistant Secretary of State for Inter-American Affairs; Angier Biddle Duke, Chief of Protocol, Department of State

Nuclear Test Ban Treaty Negotiations: President Kennedy, McGeorge Bundy, Special Assistant for National Security Affairs, Walt Rostow, Deputy Special Assistant to the President

European Economic Community-Common Market: President Kennedy; Orville Freeman Secretary of Agriculture; Christian Herter, Special Representative for Trade Negotiations; George Ball Under Secretary of State; W. Michael Blumenthal Deputy Special Representative for Trade Negotiations; Roland Renne

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**TAPE 98: Balance Of Payments; Portuguese Africa; Nuclear Test Ban Treaty
Released 7/2008**

**7/15/63, 7/16/63, 7/18/63
199 minutes**

Tape Quality: Good

Status: Declassified in Part: 10 excisions totaling 10 minutes 23 seconds have been removed in accordance with Section 3.4 (b) (1), (3) of Executive Order 12958.

Balance of Payments: This meeting on the balance of payments took place on the morning of 7/15/63. Conversation centered on analysis of the balance of payments issues and its effect of the deficit. There are also discussions on an increase in the short term rate.

Balance of Payments: This meeting on the balance of payments took place on the morning of 7/16/63. The discussions are similar to the ones presented at yesterday's meeting, only in a larger group. Actions by the Federal Reserve as well as the President's Special Message to Congress on the Balance of Payments are also covered. In addition, military budget cuts in personnel and in aid, and export-trade difficulties are discussed in detail.

Portuguese Africa: This 7/18/63 meeting focuses on the steps to be taken in the United Nations on the issue of a resolution on self-determination for Portuguese Africa. The wording of the resolution, the set-up of any mediation, the level of US involvement, the possible effect upon the Azores base, an arms embargo and how all of these issues will effect the US foreign policy with African nations and with Portugal are discussed.

Nuclear Test Ban Treaty: This 7/18/63 meeting provides a forum in which the President and his staff review the "withdrawal clause" in the drafts of test ban treaty and how this would or would not play up on Capitol Hill. There is also discussion on how and when to approach the United Kingdom, France and Germany and related foreign policy issues with each of these countries. Near the meeting's end there is also discussion about keeping the test ban treaty and the non aggression pact negotiations as separate and distinct entities.

Participants Listing:

Balance of Payments: President Kennedy; Douglas Dillon, Treasury Secretary; Walter Heller, Council of Economic Advisers; Kermit Gordon, Director, Bureau of the Budget; William McChesney Martin, Chairman Federal Reserve System Board of Governors; Robert Roosa, Under Secretary of the Treasury for Monetary Affairs; Franklin Roosevelt, Jr., Under Secretary of Commerce, Department of Commerce

Balance of Payments: President Kennedy; Douglas Dillon, Treasury Secretary; Robert McNamara, Defense Secretary; George Ball, Under Secretary of State; Luther Hodges, Secretary of Commerce, Department of Commerce; Richard Holton, Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Economic Affairs; David Bell, Administrator, Agency for International Development; Christian Herter, Chief United States Trade Negotiator; Walter Heller, Council of Economic Advisers; Kermit Gordon, Director, Bureau of the Budget; McGeorge Bundy, Special Assistant for National Security Affairs; Theodore Sorensen, Special Counsel to the President; Franklin Roosevelt, Jr., Under Secretary of Commerce, Department of Commerce

Portuguese Africa: President Kennedy; Attorney General Robert Kennedy; Dean Rusk, Secretary of State; Adlai Stevenson, UN Ambassador; Charles W. Yost, UN Deputy Ambassador; Harlan Cleveland, Assistant Secretary of State for International Organization Affairs; G. Mennen Williams, Assistant Secretary for African Affairs; Frank Sloan, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for International Security Affairs; Abram Chayes, Legal Advisor Department of State; Robert McNamara, Defense Secretary; William Bundy, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for International Security Affairs

Nuclear Test Ban Treaty: President Kennedy; Dean Rusk, Secretary of State; George Ball, Under Secretary of State; Llewellyn Thompson, Ambassador at Large, Department of State; William Foster, Director United States Arms Control and Disarmament Agency; Ben Read, Special Assistant, Department of State

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**TAPE 99: Railroad Works Dispute; Nuclear Test Ban Treaty; Europe
Released 6/2008**

**7/19/63, 7/22/1963
199 minutes**

3 CD's....\$18.00

Tape Quality: Average to Poor

Status: Declassified in Part: 6 excisions totaling 53 minutes 42 seconds have been removed in accordance with Section 3.4 (b) (1), (3) of Executive Order 12958.

Railroad Works Dispute: This 7/19/63 meeting with White House staffers and Congressional Leadership discuss the ongoing labor situation with railroad workers. *Please note that this meeting was opened in November of 1985 as part of the Railroad Works Dispute tape release.*

Meeting with Curtis LeMay: *This 7/19/1963 between the President and General LeMay, Chief of Staff of the US Air Force discussed nuclear testing, the nuclear test ban treaty and Portuguese Africa. Please note that this entire meeting has been submitted to the appropriate agencies for review under NLK-08-210 and is presently unavailable for research use.*

Meeting with John McCone: *This 7/19/1963 meeting between the President, CIA Director John McCone, Dr. Donald Chamberlain, Dr. Albert Wheelon and Dr. Brockway McMillan discussed various intelligence subjects and the nuclear test ban treaty. Please note that this meeting has been exempted from declassification under NLK-05-005-7-1-5 and is not available for research use.*

Polaris submarines: This short conversation takes place after the McCone meeting ends. It seems to be an informal discussion with White House staffers and the President. It involves the upcoming production of Polaris submarines.

Railroad Works Dispute: This 7/22/63 meeting is similar to the other railroad works meeting on this tape. The President meets with Labor and Management officials to discuss the ongoing labor situation with railroad workers. *Please note that this meeting was opened in November of 1985 as part of the Railroad Works Dispute tape release.*

Europe discussion: This 7/22/63 short conversation takes place after the Railroad Works meeting ends and involves a discussion with White House staffers and the President on US relations with Europe concerning the nuclear test ban treaty.

Nuclear Test Ban Treaty: This 7/22/1963 meeting discusses the test ban negotiations going on in Moscow. Drafts of documents and letters to General DeGaulle and Averell Harriman are also reviewed. There is also mention of the upcoming debate on the treaty that will take place on Capitol Hill.

Please note that the last 17 minutes of this tape is blank.

Participants Listing:

Railroad Works Dispute: President Kennedy; Willard Wirtz, Secretary of Labor; James Reynolds, Assistant Secretary for Labor-Management Relations; Theodore Sorensen, Special Counsel to the President and Senator Wayne Morse of Oregon

Meeting with Curtis LeMay: President Kennedy and General LeMay, Chief of Staff of the Air Force

Polaris submarine and Europe discussion: President Kennedy and others

Railroad Works Dispute: For the Government: President Kennedy; Willard Wirtz, Secretary of Labor; James Reynolds, Assistant Labor Secretary for Labor-Management Relations; John Leslie, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Department of Labor; Francis O'Neal, National Mediation Board Member. For the Railroads: JE Wolfe, Curtis McRee, Ernest Hallman, John Gahern. For Labor: Samuel Phillips, Louis Wagner, Neil Spiers, Alton Zimmerman, Charles Luna

Europe discussion: President Kennedy and others

Nuclear Test Ban Treaty: President Kennedy; Dean Rusk, Secretary of State; George Ball, Under Secretary of State; Llewellyn Thompson, Ambassador at Large, Department of State; William Foster, Director United States Arms Control and Disarmament Agency; Bromley Smith, Executive Secretary of the National Security Council .

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**TAPE 100: Near East Arms Limitation and Security Guarantee For Israel; Nuclear Test
Ban Treaty and Instructions For Harriman
Released 10/2008**

**7/23/63, 7/24/63
187 minutes**

Tape Quality: Good

Status: Declassified in Part: 7 excisions totaling 26 minutes 18 seconds have been removed in accordance with Section 3.4 (b) (1), (3) of Executive Order 12958.

Near East and Israel: This 7/23/63 meeting with the President and several members of his staff concerning a possible near east arms limitation agreement, and specifically relations between the UAR and Israel.

Nuclear Test Ban Treaty: This 7/23/63 meeting concerns the nuclear test ban treaty and instructions to Harriman. The staff group reworked the instructions to Harriman and to Bohlen in France. There is also a long discussion on Article 1 and how the nuclear test ban would not and could not limit a country from defending itself with nuclear weapons in a time of war. Also, there was discussion on the Congressional Delegation and the Test Ban Treaty. *(Please note that President Kennedy leaves the meeting after 15 minutes and does not return for the remainder of the meeting. According to the Appointment Books he left to attend the Congressional Social Hour.)*

After this meeting there is a short break in the tape, then there is a brief (6 minute) discussion between President Kennedy, Dean Rusk, McGeorge Bundy and others regarding the Test Ban Treaty.

Nuclear Test Ban Treaty: This seems to be a 7/24/63 meeting and the discussion is pretty much a continuation of the previous day's staff discussion on the language of the Harriman instructions, the language of the treaty and the note on the treaty, as well as the wording of the President's speech. *(Please note that shortly after the meeting begins the President leaves to call President Truman about the Test Ban Treaty and does not return for the remainder of the meeting).*

Participants Listing:

Near East and Israel: President Kennedy; George Ball; John McCloy; State Department Assistant Secretary Phillips Talbot; US Ambassador to the UAR, John Badeau; CIA Director John McCone; Paul Nitze; McGeorge Bundy; Robert Komer; Hermann Eilts

Nuclear Test Ban Treaty: President Kennedy; Secretary of State Dean Rusk; George Ball; Ambassador Thompson; William Foster; John McCloy; Theodore Sorensen; McGeorge Bundy; Bromley Smith

Nuclear Test Ban Treaty: President Kennedy; Secretary of State Dean Rusk; George Ball; Ambassador Thompson; William Foster; Alexis Johnson; USIA Director Edward R. Murrow; Benjamin Read; McGeorge Bundy; Bromley Smith

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**TAPE 101: Ethiopian Parliamentary Delegation; Economy and Tax Cut
Released 4/2009**

7/25/63, 7/29/63

168 minutes

Tape Quality: Good

Status: Declassified in Part: One excision totaling 2 minutes 7 seconds has been removed in accordance with Section 3.4 (b) (1), (3) of Executive Order 12958.

The first 37 minutes of this tape does not contain distinct conversations. Initially at the beginning of the recording there is a very short mention of James Landis, then there are hallway – distant conversations as well as typical office noises such as typing, telephones ringing and doors closing.

Ethiopian Parliamentary Delegation: On 7/25/63, President Kennedy met with a group of four Ethiopian leaders, including the President of the Senate of Ethiopia. They were in the United States on a country wide visit and met with the President to discuss a variety of topics including unlimited debate, the Peace Corps, Ethiopian relations with Somalia, South Africa, and prospects for the Ethiopian future. At times the Ethiopian leaders are difficult to hear and far away from the microphones. It is an interesting and informal 25 minute discussion.

The recording continues for about another 30 minutes though it contains only office noises.

Economy and Tax Cut: This meeting with Walter Heller is listed as a 7/25/63 meeting although Heller does not appear on the President's Appointment Books that day. Heller recaps for the President his testimony up on Capitol Hill earlier that day as well as other steps to take on the tax bill. *Please note that these meetings were opened in 1983 as part of the Tax Cut tape release package.*

After this first Tax Cut meeting there is a five minute period where the President is talking to various staff members about several subjects including a book of children's letters written to the President. Sections are quite difficult to hear.

Economy and Tax Cut: This hour-plus long meeting with Wilbur Mills takes place on 7/29/63 and discusses, in an informal and comfortable conversation, the tax bill and Congress. *Please note that this meeting was opened in 1983 as part of the Tax Cut tape release package.*

Post Office: Brief discussion between President Kennedy and Arkansas Congressman James Trimble concerning a Post Office position.

After this meeting with Congressman Trimble, there is a very brief discussion with Leonard Woodcock, Jack Conway and Walter Reuther. The President asks if its ok with them if he gets his hair trimmed while he speaks to them. The recording ends soon after.

Participants Listing:

Ethiopian Parliamentary Delegation: President John F. Kennedy; Assrate Kassa, President of the Ethiopian Senate; Lij Araya Abebe, Member of the Ethiopian Senate; Ato Tadele Yigizou, Chamber of Deputies; Tesfaye Roba, Charge de Affairs, Embassy of Ethiopia; William Jones, Department of State Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs

Economy and Tax Cut: President John F. Kennedy; Walter Heller

Economy and Tax Cut: President John F. Kennedy; Congressman Wilbur Mills; Lawrence O'Brien, Congressional Liaison Office; C. Douglas Dillon, Secretary of the Treasury

Post Office: President John F. Kennedy and the Congressman James Trimble

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**TAPE NO. 102/A38: Nuclear Test Ban Treaty Signing; Portuguese Africa; Europe,
Treasury Matters Before Congress, Korea; Ussr And Non-Aggression Pact; NSC Meeting
On Communist Chinese
Released 7/1997**

**7/29/63, 7/30/63, 7/31/63
188 minutes**

Tape Quality: Average

Status: Declassified in Part: 1 excision totaling 7 minutes and 4 seconds of sound recording have been removed in accordance with Section 3.4 (b) (1), (3) of Executive Order 12958.

Nuclear Test Ban Treaty Signing: This 7/29/63 meeting discusses plans for the signing of the Nuclear Test Ban Treaty, letters to congressmen supporting the treaty, and General DeGaulle's speech and position on treaty.

7/30/63, Portuguese Africa: This 7/30/63 meeting discusses the UN resolution on Portuguese Africa, position of and responses from various countries, language of the resolution, and the UN Security Council. Band music obscures some conversation.

Europe, Treasury Matters before Congress, Korea: This 7/30/63 meeting discusses American troop movements and exercises in Europe, personnel appointments, aircraft contract and Douglas Aircraft, NATO, German-French relations, and US weapons and equipment in Europe. Secretary Dillon's testimony before Congress on Treasury matters is discussed. Additional subjects include German military programs; recent fighting in Korean DMZ with casualties and possible US response; consultation with Allies regarding Laos, Geneva accords, nature of US aid, future plans, and Communist actions; discussion of US bases in Azores; and a briefing for Adlai Stevenson.

USSR and Non-aggression Pact: The 7/31/63 discussion on USSR and Chinese Communists, report on Harriman's mission to Moscow, Eastern Europe and USSR, non-aggression pact, stability on West Berlin, German unification, Cuba, Laos.

7/31/63, 4:30, p.m., NSC Meeting on Chinese Communists Intentions: This 4:30 meeting on 7/31/63 covered a variety of Communist China issues such as: the Sino-Soviet dispute, Nuclear Test Ban Treaty, Khrushchev's remarks to Harriman, India, Korea, Laos, Nehru, US relations with India, Chinese troop movements, and Korean fighting. There was also a discussion on Southeast Asia: Laos, Vietnam, India, measures against communists, draft statement regarding India and Korea, and Chinese Communists. There were further discussions on India: Present position and defense situation, Taiwan, USIA coverage of situation, and Buddhists throughout Southeast Asia.

Participants Listing:

Nuclear Test Ban Treaty Signing: President John F. Kennedy, Secretary of State Dean Rusk

Portuguese Africa: President John F. Kennedy, National Security Advisor McGeorge Bundy, Undersecretary of State George Ball

Europe, Treasury Matters before Congress, Korea: President John F. Kennedy, Defense Secretary Robert S. McNamara, National Security Advisor McGeorge Bundy, Special Assistant Lawrence O'Brien

USSR and Non-aggression Pact: President John F. Kennedy, Undersecretary of State Averell Harriman, National Security Advisor McGeorge Bundy, Special Assistant Carl Kaysen.

NSC Meeting on Chinese Communists Intentions: President John F. Kennedy, CIA Director John McCone, National Security Advisor McGeorge Bundy, Secretary of State Dean Rusk, Assistant Undersecretary of State Roger Hilsman, Undersecretary of State Averell Harriman, CIA Deputy Director for Intelligence Ray Cline, Deputy Defense Secretary William Bundy, USIA Director Edward R. Murrow, General Earle Wheeler.

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**TAPE 103: Nuclear Test Ban Treaty; Tariffs; Germany; CAB
Released 4/2009**

7/31/63, 8/2/63, 8/5/63
199 minutes

Tape Quality: Average

Status: Declassified in Part: 17 excisions totaling 33 minutes 55 seconds have been removed in accordance with Section 3.4 (b) (1), (3) of Executive Order 12958.

Nuclear Test Ban Treaty: At this July 31, 1963 meeting, President Kennedy meets with four scientists to discuss the functions of the Nuclear Test Ban Treaty. The President is also attempting to gauge their support or lack of support for the Treaty since they will likely be asked to testify in front on the US Senate as scientific nuclear experts. During the early part of the meeting, the President comments on the possibility of the Treaty bringing about a détente with the Soviet Union.

Nuclear Test Ban Treaty: This August 2, 1963 meeting took place with a large group of the President's advisors. Again, the Test Ban Treaty was the centerpiece subject of discussion, especially the issues that might come up with the Soviet Union during Rusk's upcoming trip to Moscow. In addition, they discuss Berlin, the multi-lateral force and the non-aggression pact.

Tariffs: During this August 2, 1963 meeting, the President and Christian Herter discuss tariff issues with the EEC, with poultry and canned fruit mentioned specifically. There is also mention of the Presidential Proclamation in September which would withdraw concessions on imports.

Germany and Nuclear Test Ban Treaty: This long August 5, 1963 meeting with McNamara, Ball and later Bundy covers a variety of issues concerning the Federal Republic of Germany. McNamara had just returned from a meeting with Chancellor Adenauer and he is relaying the specifics to the President. The German reservations about the Test Ban Treaty, criticisms of the State Department by Adenauer, the effect of German abstention on the US Senate debate on the Treaty and the German political climate are discussed in detail.

In addition, during the latter half of the meeting, the President discusses the upcoming US Senate Foreign Relations Committee hearings on the Treaty, who should testify in front of the Committee, who the White House would like to testify to offset negative testimony from such witnesses as Teller and General LeMay. There is also a brief, difficult to hear discussion on a Northeast Airline issue and the Civil Aeronautics Board.

Participants Listing:

Nuclear Test Ban Treaty, 7/31/63: President John F. Kennedy; Dr. John Foster, Director, Livermore Laboratories; Dr. Norris Bradbury, Director, Los Alamos; Dr. Glenn Seaborg; John Palfrey, Commissioner, Atomic Energy Commission

Nuclear Test Ban Treaty 8/2/63: President John F. Kennedy; Secretary of State Dean Rusk; Undersecretary of State for Political Affairs Averell Harriman; Ambassador at Large Llewellyn Thompson; Director, ACDA William Foster; Under Secretary of State George Ball; Richard Davis

Tariffs: President John F. Kennedy and Christian Herter, Special Representative for Trade Negotiations

Germany and Nuclear Test Ban Treaty: President John F. Kennedy; Defense Secretary Robert McNamara; Under Secretary of State George Ball; National Security Advisor McGeorge Bundy

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[7/31/63, 8/2/63, 8/5/63](#)

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**TAPE 104: Nuclear Test Ban Treaty; Pakistan; Economy; Vietnam; Orville Freeman
Released 11/2009**

**8/7/63, 8/12/63, 8/13/63, 8/15/63
171 minutes**

Tape Quality: Average to Below Average

Status: 8 excisions totaling 33 minutes 55 seconds have been removed in accordance with Section 3.4 (b) (1), (3) of Executive Order 12958. One excision totaling 20 minutes 11 seconds has been removed in accordance with the donor's deed of gift.

Please note that the first 11 ½ minutes of this tape are office noises, hallway discussions and static.

Nuclear Test Ban Treaty: At this August 7, 1963 meeting, President Kennedy met with the Citizens Committee on the Test Ban Treaty. The President thanks the Committee for their efforts to help sway public opinion in favor of the Treaty. Committee members mention the steps they have taken and review an upcoming advertising campaign. Unfortunately there is a jack hammer somewhere close to the Cabinet Room and it drowns out much of this meeting. The President does ask that the drilling stop, so the end section is a bit more intelligible.

Please note that after the Test Ban Treaty meeting with the Citizen's Committee, there is a 20 minute excision of a personal situation with unidentified male which has been closed in accordance with the donor's deed of gift. This excision is not included in the total minutes for this tape opening.

Pakistan: This August 12, 1963 meeting took place with a large group of the President's advisors. George Ball is leaving shortly for a mission to Pakistan, and this meeting reviews what discussions should take place between Mr. Ball and The President of Pakistan Ayub Khan.

Please note that at this point, there is a recording of a choral group, most likely a group of visiting Irish teachers, singing for the President. The quality is poor and the performance lasts for two minutes.

Economy: During this August 13, 1963 meeting, the President meets with Treasury Secretary Douglas Dillon and other economic advisors to discuss economic spending, military pay and the prospects of a recession. Please note that these meetings were opened in 1983 as part of the Tax Cut tape release package.

Lodge – President Kennedy meeting on Vietnam: On August 15, 1963, shortly before newly appointed Ambassador to Vietnam Henry Cabot Lodge departed for Vietnam, he met with

President Kennedy to discuss plans he would like to implement as Ambassador as well as his opinions on the political situation in Vietnam with President Diem and the Nhus. After photos are taken with the President and Ambassador Lodge, the recording keeps running and there is a difficult to hear conversation between the President and Lodge on Republican Party politics and New Hampshire. After Lodge departs, there is a brief telephone discussion conversation with Theodore Sorensen on education legislation; only the President's side of this conversation can be heard.

British Guiana: *** Please Note: This August 15, 1963 meeting between President Kennedy and several military and intelligence advisors regarding British Guiana is closed to research use. This meeting totals approximately 18:06. It has been submitted to the appropriate agencies for declassification review. This meeting is not included in the total minutes for this tape opening.***

Orville Freeman: The President meets with Orville Freeman, the Secretary of Agriculture, on August 15, 1963 after Mr. Freeman's recent return from a trip to learn more about Eastern European agriculture. This meeting continues on the next tape, Tape 106; due to a mis-numbering on the original tapes, there is no Tape 105.

Participants Listing:

Nuclear Test Ban Treaty: President Kennedy and members of the Citizens Committee on the Test Ban Treaty

Pakistan: President Kennedy; Under Secretary of State George Ball; Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for International Security Affairs William Bundy; Secretary of State Dean Rusk; Under Secretary of State for Political Affairs Averell Harriman; Director of the Central Intelligence Agency John McCone; CIA official James Critchfield; Special Assistant for National Security Affairs McGeorge Bundy; Member of the National Security Council Robert Komer; Assistant Secretary for Near East and South Asian Affairs Phillips Talbot; Administrator for the Agency for International Development David Bell; Department of State Official Turner Cameron

Economy: President Kennedy; Treasury Secretary Douglas Dillon; Director, Bureau of the Budget Kermit Gordon; Council of Economic Advisor Gardner Ackley; Council of Economic Advisors Charles Shultz; Council of Economic Advisors John Lewis; Assistant Director of Bureau of the Budget Economic Advisor Kenneth Hansen

Lodge – President Kennedy meeting on Vietnam: President Kennedy and Ambassador to Vietnam Henry Cabot Lodge.

British Guiana: President Kennedy; Central Intelligence Agency Director John McCone; Deputy Director of the Central Intelligence Agency Richard Helms; Deputy Under Secretary of State for Political Affairs U Alexis Johnson; Office of British Commonwealth and Northern

European Affairs, State Department, William Burdett; Deputy Secretary of Defense Roswell Gilpatric; Central Intelligence Agency Far Eastern Division Desmond Fitzgerald; Office of Special Activities Deputy Defense Director James Cunningham; Director CIA Far Eastern Division William Colby; Central Intelligence Agency official Bruce Cheever; Special Assistant for National Security Affairs McGeorge Bundy; Special Assistant to the President Latin America Ralph Dungan; Dr. Albert Whelan; General Lewis Walsh; Director of special projects, U.S. Air Force Colonel Jack Ledford

Orville Freeman: President Kennedy and Orville Freeman, the Secretary of Agriculture

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**TAPE 106/A41: Orville Freeman; Soviet Union; Europe; Japan; Laos; Vietnam; Romania
Released 7/1997 and 11/2009**

**8/15/63, 8/15/63, 8/16/63, 8/19/63, 8/21/63
195 minutes**

Tape Quality: Average

Status: 1 excision totaling 6 seconds of sound recording have been removed in accordance with Section 3.4 (b) (1), (3) of Executive Order 12958.

Please note that the majority of this tape was released in 7/97. Two deed excisions from that original review have now been opened for research use.

Conversation with Orville Freeman: This 8/15/63 meeting continued from Tape 104 in which Freeman reports on his trip to the Soviet Union and Eastern Europe. They discuss agriculture in the USSR and Eastern Europe, George McGovern's subsidy plan for wheat, an agriculture tour, successes and failures of agricultural program, the election of 1964, Republican voting and possible JFK speeches.

Telephone Call with Senator Edward M. Kennedy: This 8/15/63 brief phone call with Senator Edward Kennedy is recorded. Please note that only the President's side of the conversation can be heard.

Llewellyn Thompson's Conversations with Nikita Khrushchev: This 8/15/63 meeting with Llewellyn Thompson reviews Thompson's recent conversations with Khrushchev and other Soviet leaders regarding the non-aggression pact, Laos, Cuba, China, trade, balance of payments, commercial credits, gold stocks, Nuclear Test Ban Treaty, Berlin, German leadership, Brazil, Japan, Hungary and the defense budget.

Foreign Policy Matters: This 8/16/63 meeting with President John F. Kennedy, Dean Rusk and George Ball includes discussions regarding German leadership, France, nuclear testing, foreign aid and Cuba.

Japanese Judicial System: On 8/16/63, President Kennedy meets with visitors from Japan regarding the Japanese judicial system.

Foreign Aid: On 8/19/63 President Kennedy met with several members of his staff regarding a variety of aid issues: Greek shipping, aid to Laos, IMF, capital flight, aid to other countries, commodity credit program, US foreign policy, budget controls, India, Latin America and the Bokara Steel Mill.

Vietnam: On 8/21/63, President Kennedy met with Victor Krulak, George Ball and Averell Harriman to review the situation in Vietnam. They discuss cables and press conferences, Vietnamese leadership and religious freedom issues.

Romania: On 8/21/63 the President met with McGeorge Bundy and William Crawford to discuss the Romanian economy, their relationship with USSR and Chinese Communists, and the Romanian standard of living.

Please note that President Kennedy also takes brief phone calls with Robert Kennedy on family matters and with Franklin D. Roosevelt, Jr. Only the President's side of the conversation can be heard.

Participants:

Meeting with Orville Freeman: President Kennedy and Secretary of Agriculture Orville Freeman

Meeting with Llewellyn Thompson: President John F. Kennedy; Ambassador at Large Llewellyn Thompson

Foreign Policy Matters Meeting: President John F. Kennedy; Secretary of State Dean Rusk; Undersecretary of State George Ball

Japanese Judicial System Meeting: President John F. Kennedy, Kisaburo Yokota, Ryuji Takauchi

Meeting on Foreign Aid: President John F. Kennedy; Special Assistant for National Security Affairs McGeorge Bundy; Undersecretary of State George Ball; Undersecretary of State for Political Affairs Averell Harriman

Vietnam Meeting: President John F. Kennedy; Specialist on Counterinsurgency for the JCS Victor Krulak; Undersecretary of State George Ball; Undersecretary of State for Political Affairs Averell Harriman

Romania Meeting: President John F. Kennedy; Special Assistant for National Security Affairs McGeorge Bundy; Minister of the United States Bucharest legation William Crawford.

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**TAPE 107: Thomas Finletter and NATO; Carl Hayden and the 1964 Election; Anatoli
Dobrynin; Vietnam; Portuguese Africa; Vietnam
Released 11/2009**

**8/23/63, 8/26/63, 8/27/63, 8/28/63
213 minutes**

Tape Quality: Average

Status: 4 excisions totaling 88 seconds of sound recording have been removed in accordance with Section 3.4 (b) (1), (3) of Executive Order 12958.

Meeting with Thomas Finletter: The President meets with the US Ambassador to NATO on 8/23/63 to discuss issues that both men have been having with the press; and they discuss ways to help solve these problems.

Meeting with Senator Carl Hayden: The President meets with the esteemed Senator from Arizona on 8/23/63. Initially they discuss the 1964 Campaign, specifically Barry Goldwater, and then they discuss water issues in Arizona. After this meeting ends, there is a brief discussion between the President and a staff member about getting something into a newspaper. Curtis LeMay is also mentioned.

Conversation with Anatoli Dobrynin: On 8/26/63, the President met with the USSR Ambassador to the United States. They touch on a variety of topics including China, nuclear testing, Germany, Laos, Cuba, trade, civil aviation agreements and space.

Meeting on Vietnam: This 8/26/63 meeting on Vietnam takes place the Monday following the sending of Cable 243 on Saturday, concerning a possible coup in Vietnam. This meeting is contentious at times between the State Department and the Defense Department/White House staff on what steps should be taken in Vietnam. Near the meeting's end, the President switches the discussions to the foreign aid cuts requested by Congress and what can be done to move opinions in the opposite direction.

Meeting on Vietnam: This 8/27/63 meeting on Vietnam is a follow-up to the meeting from the day before. The President has asked Frederick Nolting, the recently replaced Ambassador to Vietnam, to attend this meeting in order to discuss his views on the Vietnam situation.

Portuguese Africa: This 8/27/63 meeting took place prior to George Ball's trip to Pakistan and Portugal. The meeting included President Kennedy, George Ball and other staffers and discussed Portugal, Portuguese Africa, the Azores as well as Israel and also the Test Ban Treaty discussions with members of Congress.

Meeting on Vietnam: This 8/28/63 is the continued discussion between the President and a wide range of State Department, Defense Department, CIA and White House advisors on the volatile situation in South Vietnam.

Participants:

Finletter: President Kennedy and US Ambassador to NATO Thomas Finletter

Hayden: President Kennedy and Arizona Senator Carl Hayden

Dobrynin: President Kennedy and Anatoli Dobrynin, USSR Ambassador to the United States

8/26/63 Meeting on Vietnam: President Kennedy; Secretary of State Dean Rusk; Secretary of Defense Robert McNamara; Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff General Maxwell Taylor; Undersecretary of State George Ball; Undersecretary of State for Political Affairs Averell Harriman; Deputy Secretary of Defense Roswell Gilpatric; CIA Deputy Director General Marshall Carter, CIA Director of Plans Richard Helms; Assistant Undersecretary of State Roger Hilsman; Special Assistant for National Security Affairs McGeorge Bundy; National Security Council member Michael Forrestal; Specialist on Counterinsurgency for the JCS General Victor Krulak

8/27/63 Meeting on Vietnam: President Kennedy; former US Ambassador to Vietnam Frederick Nolting; Secretary of State Dean Rusk; Secretary of Defense Robert McNamara; Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff General Maxwell Taylor; Undersecretary of State George Ball; Undersecretary of State for Political Affairs Averell Harriman; Deputy Secretary of Defense Roswell Gilpatric; CIA Deputy Director General Marshall Carter; Attorney General Robert Kennedy; USIA Director Edward R. Murrow; Deputy CIA Director for Plans Richard Helms; Director CIA Far Eastern Division William Colby; Assistant Secretary of State Roger Hilsman; Special Assistant for National Security Affairs McGeorge Bundy; National Security Council member Michael Forrestal; Specialist on Counterinsurgency for the JCS General Victor Krulak; Executive Secretary of the National Security Council Bromley Smith

Portuguese Africa: President Kennedy; Undersecretary of State George Ball; National Security Council member Robert Komer; Secretary of State Dean Rusk; Undersecretary of State George Ball; Secretary of Defense Robert McNamara; Director of South Asian Affairs, Department of State Turner Cameron; Deputy Assistant Secretary, Department of State James Grant

8/28/63 Meeting on Vietnam: President Kennedy; former US Ambassador to Vietnam Frederick Nolting; Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff General Maxwell Taylor; Undersecretary of State George Ball; Undersecretary of State for Political Affairs Averell Harriman; Deputy Secretary of Defense Roswell Gilpatric; Director CIA Far Eastern Division William Colby; CIA Deputy Director General Marshall Carter; USIA Director Edward R. Murrow; Deputy CIA Director for Plans Richard Helms; Assistant Secretary of State Roger Hilsman; Special Assistant for National Security Affairs McGeorge Bundy; National Security Council member Michael Forrestal; Specialist on Counterinsurgency for the JCS General Victor

Krulak; Secretary of the Treasury Dillon; Executive Secretary of the National Security Council
Bromley Smith; later Vice President Lyndon Johnson

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**TAPE 108: Vietnam; Civil Rights; Vietnam
Released 11/2009**

**8/28/63, 8/29/63,9/3/63
212 minutes**

Tape Quality: Average

Status: 7 excisions totaling 2 minutes, 39 seconds of sound recording have been removed in accordance with Section 3.4 (b) (1), (3) of Executive Order 12958.

Vietnam: This 8/28/63 is continued from Tape 107. The meeting is a discussion between the President and a wide range of State Department, Defense Department, CIA and White House advisors on the volatile situation in South Vietnam.

Civil Rights: *Please note that this 8/28/63 Civil Rights Meeting recording was opened to research use in July of 1984.* Roy Wilkins, A. Philip Randolph and the other Civil Rights Leaders initially report to the President on the March on Washington, but then turn the conversation to the pending civil rights legislation in Congress and the need for action to ensure equality. JFK reviews a head count of votes in Congress on the administration bill and legislative strategy; Martin Luther King speaks briefly. Randolph calls for a crusade with JFK as its leader. LBJ explains the realities of political power vis-à-vis Congress -- how to craft a coalition of support, pressure on business leaders, approaches to Eisenhower, etc. There is also a discussion of right of Negroes in military to demonstrate. At the meeting's end, there is a coordination of statements on completion of meeting and the President reads statement he intends to release.

Vietnam: This 8/29/63 is a discussion between the President and a wide range of State Department, Defense Department, CIA and White House advisors on the volatile situation in South Vietnam. At this point in the recording, there is also a brief talk between President Kennedy and Vice President Lyndon Johnson on the Vice President's gall bladder problems. In addition there is a phone call from Ray Scherer of NBC News.

Vietnam: This 9/3/63 is the continued discussion between the President and a wide range of State Department, Defense Department, CIA and White House advisors on the volatile situation in South Vietnam.

Participants:

8/28/63 Meeting on Vietnam: President Kennedy; former US Ambassador to Vietnam Frederick Nolting; Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff General Maxwell Taylor; Undersecretary of State George Ball; Undersecretary of State for Political Affairs Averell

Harriman; Deputy Secretary of Defense Roswell Gilpatric; Director CIA Far Eastern Division William Colby; CIA Deputy Director General Marshall Carter; USIA Director Edward R. Murrow; Deputy CIA Director for Plans Richard Helms; Assistant Secretary of State Roger Hilsman; Special Assistant for National Security Affairs McGeorge Bundy; National Security Council member Michael Forrestal; Specialist on Counterinsurgency for the JCS General Victor Krulak; Secretary of Treasury Douglas Dillon; Executive Secretary of the National Security Council Bromley Smith; later Vice President Lyndon Johnson

Civil Rights: President John F. Kennedy and Civil Rights Leaders: Roy Wilkins, A. Philip Randolph, Walter Reuther, Whitney Young, Floyd McKissick, Eugene Carson Blake, LBJ, Reverend Martin Luther King, Jr., John Lewis, and other unidentified voices

8/29/63 Meeting on Vietnam: President Kennedy; former US Ambassador to Vietnam Frederick Nolting; Secretary of State Dean Rusk; Secretary of Defense Robert McNamara; Secretary of Treasury Douglas Dillon; CIA Deputy Director General Marshall Carter; USIA Director Edward R. Murrow; Undersecretary of State for Political Affairs Averell Harriman; Deputy Secretary of Defense Roswell Gilpatric; Specialist on Counterinsurgency for the JCS General Victor Krulak; Assistant Secretary of State Roger Hilsman; Deputy CIA Director for Plans Richard Helms; Special Assistant for National Security Affairs McGeorge Bundy; Military Aide to the President Chester Clifton; National Security Council member Michael Forrestal; Executive Secretary of the National Security Council Bromley Smith

9/3/63 Meeting on Vietnam: President Kennedy; former US Ambassador to Vietnam Frederick Nolting; Secretary of State Dean Rusk; Secretary of Defense Robert McNamara; Secretary of Treasury Douglas Dillon; Attorney General Robert Kennedy; CIA Deputy Director General Carter; CIA Director John McCone; Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff General Maxwell Taylor; Undersecretary of State for Political Affairs Averell Harriman; Deputy Secretary of Defense Roswell Gilpatric; Specialist on Counterinsurgency for the JCS General Victor Krulak; Hilsman; Director CIA Far Eastern Division William Colby; Special Assistant for National Security Affairs McGeorge Bundy; Military Aide to the President Chester Clifton; National Security Council member Michael Forrestal; Executive Secretary of the National Security Council Bromley Smith

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TAPE NO. 114/A49

10/1/63 - 10/3/63

185 minutes

Status: Declassified in part, 7/97. Four segments (totaling 38 seconds) closed due to national security classification. Three segments (totaling 4 minutes and 15 seconds) closed in accordance with restrictions in the donor's deed of gift. The remaining meetings on this tape are currently under review.

Description:

10/1/63, Wheat Sale to USSR: LBJ conversation on wheat sales to USSR, congressional support, amount of sale, need to gain public support.

10/1/63, 4:30 p.m., Emperor Haile Selassie: President Kennedy meeting with Ethiopian Emperor Haile Selassie regarding arms sales (Emperor's side of conversation is inaudible).

10/2/63, 10:00 a.m., Malaysia: US/ANZUS trade obligations, Australian actions, interpretation of ANZUS treaty.

10/2/63, 11:00 a.m., Vietnam: News reporters' types of news coverage of Viet Cong and American casualties. Possible troop reduction. North Vietnamese supply difficulties, discussion of possible public statement, Madame Nhu, news coverage of Lodge/CIA dispute. Relationship between Lodge and Richardson, Richardson reporting, Lodge position regarding Diem, Congressional briefing. President Kennedy phone conversations about subjects including labor contract talks, Time magazine article, upcoming trip.

10/2/63, 6:05 p.m., NSC Meeting on McNamara-Taylor Report on Vietnam: NSC meeting on McNamara-Taylor mission to Vietnam. Approval of press release, draft policy statement, political actions, effect on military.

10/3/63, 9:37 a.m., Meeting with Dean Rusk: Rusk's meeting with Dobrynin regarding Berlin, possibility of agreement. President Kennedy's meeting with Gromyko, New York Times article regarding race to the moon and the possibility of sharing space information. Caribbean and Latin America, Dominican Republic, progress towards constitutional government, possible US action, Ecuador. Congressional action, civil rights action. Rusk's talks with Gromyko regarding Laos.

Participants Listings:, Tape No. 114/A49

Wheat Sale to USSR (10/1/63): President John Kennedy, Vice President Lyndon B. Johnson, Orville Freeman, Charles Murphy, Robert Kennedy, General Marshall Carter, Luther Hodges, Roswell Gilpatric, Curtis LeMay, Edward McDermott, Dean Rusk, Henry Fowler, Donald

Wilson, McGeorge Bundy, Theodore Sorensen, Pierre Salinger, Lawrence O'Brien, Kenneth O'Donnell, Norbert Schlei, Jack Behrman, Paul Nitze, Christian Herter, Bromley Smith

Emperor Haile Selassie (10/1/63): President John Kennedy, His Imperial Majesty Haile Selassie I, His Highness Ras Imru Haile-Selassie, H.E. Tsahafi-Tezaz-Work Kindane Wolde, H.E. Yilma Deressa, H.E. Ketema Yifru, G. Mennen Williams, Edward M. Kurry, Edmund C. Hutchinson, Frank Sloan, William Brubeck

Malaysia (10/2/63): President John Kennedy, His Excellency Mr. Harold Holt, His Excellency Sir Howard Beale, Roger Hilsman

Vietnam (10/2/63): President John Kennedy, Robert McNamara, Maxwell Taylor, Averell Harriman, George Ball, John McCone, Vice President Lyndon B. Johnson, David Bell

NSC Meeting on McNamara-Taylor Report on Vietnam: President John Kennedy, Vice President Lyndon B. Johnson, David Bell, John McCone, Robert McNamara, Roswell Gilpatric, William Bundy, Arthur Sylvester, Maxwell Taylor, Edward McDermott, George Ball, Averell Harriman, Roger Hilsman, William Sullivan, Donald Wilson, James Greenfield

Meeting with Dean Rusk (10/3/63): President John Kennedy, Dean Rusk

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TAPE NO. 114/A50

10/4/63 - 10/8/63

172 minutes

Status: Declassified in full, 7/97.

Description:

10/4/63, 5:05 p.m., Dominican Republic: Conditions for recognition of Dominican Republic. Coup in Honduras, background, possibility of relations, opposition, warnings of coup. Possibility of US influence in Dominican Republic and Honduras. Timing of US recognition, possible news article, economic and military aid, Congressional support.

10/5/63, 9:30 a.m., Vietnam: Possible impact on Government of Vietnam if US cuts off commodities, Vietnamese oppression of Buddhists. Harkin meeting with Diem and Tung, Lodge's role, conditions needed for resumption of aid, Harkin's role regarding military, proposed testimony before Congressional committee. Beating of American journalists, Lodge's protest to Government of Vietnam. Timing of the reduction of troops and advisors.

10/7/63, 5:30 p.m., Brazil: Conditions in Brazil, new finance minister, Goulart's popularity, alternatives, economics, labor situation, possible Goulart removal, possible successors. Brazilian military position, US policy line, discussion of AID projects, contingencies. Brazilian military intervention, President Kennedy's possible trip to Brazil, Goulart's response to news story. Dominican Republic and Honduras topics for forthcoming meeting, Presidential statement regarding coups, AID appropriation. President Kennedy's meeting with congressmen.

10/8/63, 5:30 p.m., Vietnam: Aid to Tung forces, aid programs and costs, defense budget. Possible coup, press leaks, use of Conein, US position regarding coup, military display for Vietnamese Independence Day, Lodge location, McNamara/Taylor appearances before the Foreign Relations Committee. Congressional adjournment.

Participants Listings, Tape 114/A50:

Dominican Republic (10/4/63): President John Kennedy, George Ball, Averell Harriman, David Bell, Edwin Martin, Teodoro Moscoso, Colonel J.C. King, General Crawford, John Martin

Vietnam (10/5/63): President John Kennedy, Vice President Lyndon B. Johnson, Robert Kennedy, Dean Rusk, Averell Harriman, Robert McNamara, Maxwell Taylor, John McCone, McGeorge Bundy, Douglas Dillon, David Bell, Michael Forrestal

Brazil (10/7/63): President John Kennedy, Dean Rusk, Averell Harriman, Edwin Martin,

Lincoln Gordon, David Bell, Marshall Carter, Richard Helms, Robert McNamara, Ralph Dungan, John King

Vietnam (10/8/63): President John Kennedy, Dean Rusk, Robert McNamara, Maxwell Taylor, John McCone

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TAPE NO. 117/A53

10/23/63 - 10/25/63

193 minutes

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Description:

10/23/63, 6:10 p.m., Civil Rights Legislation: Compromises, predicting votes, parliamentary problems, timing, public accommodations, FEPC, voting question and the electoral college, planning upcoming meetings. Press statement, action in committee, strategy with LBJ.

10/24/63, 10:30 a.m., American Forces in Europe: Long range troop strength in Europe, Germany, NATO, speech draft, Soviet missiles, MLF.

10/24/63, 5:30 p.m., United Kingdom: Cuba, British Guiana, containment of communist threat, Europe, France, UK parties, elections and leaders. President Kennedy takes phone call from President Tito. Italy, economy, international credits, testing, US elections, civil rights, Profumo, Bobby Baker.

10/25/63, 11:05 a.m., Vietnam: Intelligence report on Vietnam, Embassy staffing, planning, instructions for Lodge.

Participants Listings, Tape No. 117/A53:

Civil Rights Legislation (10/23/63): President John Kennedy, Vice President Lyndon B. Johnson, Speaker John McCormack, Congressman Carl Albert, Congressman Emanuel Celler, Congressman Charles Halleck, Congressman William McCulloch, Congressman Leslie Arends

American Forces in Europe (10/24/63): President John Kennedy, Dean Rusk, Roswell Gilpatric, Paul Nitze, General Maxwell Talyor

United Kingdom (10/24/63): President John Kennedy, George Brown, Patricia Brown

Vietnam (10/25/63): President John Kennedy, Robert Kennedy, Robert McNamara, John McCone, McGeorge Bundy

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TAPE NO. 118/A54

10/28/63 - 11/1/63

192 minutes

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Description:

10/28/63, Yemen, Algeria and Morocco: Border war, movement of forces and material. Egypt, Saudi Arabia, Cuba, Yugoslavia, UN, economic and military aid, Ethiopia, food sales, Spain, U Thant, cables.

10/29/63, Civil Rights Legislation: Counting votes for Civil Rights Legislation, procedure, press statement, FEPC.

10/29/63, Vietnam: Intelligence report on Vietnam, orientation of various Vietnamese forces, 1960 coup attempt, messages to US staff in Vietnam, Lodge to return to US or not, chain of command. Berlin convoy procedures.

10/30/63, Vietnam: Drafting of message to Lodge, communications, chain of command, assessment of present situation, US staffing in Vietnam.

11/1/63, Vietnam: Report on military coup in Vietnam, constitutional government in Vietnam, press conference and statement, US troop movements, incoming cables, briefing Senator Russell. Morocco and Algeria, Cuba, administrative procedures, vote on UN relief in Caribbean, U-2. John McCone makes a phone call.

11/1/63, Dominican Republic. Election schedule for Dominican Republic, political parties, counter-coup of a few days before, instructions for US staff.

Participants Listings, Tape No. 118/A54:

Yemen, Algeria, and Morocco (10/28/63): President John Kennedy, George Ball, Phillips Talbot, G. Mennen Williams, Harlan Cleveland, David Newsom, William Bundy, Frank Sloan, Brig. General Lucius Clay Jr., James Gritchfield, McGeorge Bundy, Ray Cline, Robert Komer

Civil Rights Legislation (10/29/63): President John Kennedy, Vice President Lyndon B. Johnson, Speaker John McCormack, Congressman Carl Albert, Congressman Emanuel Celler, Congressman Charles Halleck, Congressman Leslie Arends, Congressman William McColloch, Nicholas Katzenbach, Burke Marshall

Vietnam (10/29/63): President John Kennedy, Vice President Lyndon B. Johnson, Dean Rusk, Robert McNamara, John McCone, Maxwell Taylor, Alexis Johnson, Roger Hilsman, William Bundy, William Colby, Michael Forrestal, McGeorge Bundy

Vietnam (10/30/63): President John Kennedy, Dean Rusk, Robert McNamara, Averell Harriman, John McCone, Maxwell Taylor, Michael Forrestal

Vietnam (11/1/63): President John Kennedy*, Dean Rusk, Robert McNamara, John McCone, Robert Kennedy, Maxwell Taylor, Averell Harriman, Roger Hilsman, McGeorge Bundy, Robert Manning, William Colby, Major General Victor Krulak, Michael Forrestal, Ray Cline

** President Kennedy left the meeting between 11 and 11:30 to attend an All Saint's Day Mass*

Dominican Republic (11/1/63): President John Kennedy, David Bell, Reuben Sternfeld, Dr. Mountain, Richard Helms, Col. J.C. King, Edwin M. Martin, McGeorge Bundy, Ralph Dungan

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11/2/63 - 11/7/63

191 minutes

Status: Declassified in part, 7/97. One segment (totaling 1 minute) closed due to national security classification. The remaining meetings on this tape are currently under review.

Description:

11/2/63, Vietnam: Assessment of coup in Vietnam, issue of recognition of the new regime, reports of deaths of Diem and Nhu, review of developments leading to coup.

11/2/63, Wheat Sale Deliveries, Vietnam, Berlin, France, USSR: Issue of delivery of wheat to USSR in American ships, alternatives and discussions with American unions. Review of coup situation in Vietnam. Berlin. Plans for DeGaulle visit, allocation of resources by the USSR. Ball talks to Willard Wirtz on the phone.

11/2/63, Vietnam: Hilsman briefing on Vietnam, whether or not Lodge should return to US for briefing, restoration of constitutional government in Vietnam, information on deaths of Diem and Nhu.

11/5/63, Dominican Republic: Prospects for constitutional elections in Dominican Republic, assessment of situation and prospects for the future.

11/5/63, Foreign Policy: Berlin convoys, Soviet action against French and British, French stance. DC police problems with ticketing Russian journalists. Berlin convoy access, William Attwood and Castro.

11/5/63, Berlin: Stopping of US convoy in Berlin, review of situation, speculations on significance, alternative courses of action, press guidance, Soviet's November celebration, diplomatic representation, use of small force, Soviet ship movements, possible Allied action. Ambassadorial Group, Soviet press coverage, possible conversation with Canadian foreign minister. Possible situation that may arise in Berlin and possible US response, contingency plans.

11/7/63, Wheat Sales to USSR: Discussions with USSR regarding terms and conditions of the delivery system of US wheat to USSR, discussion of effect on US shipping, basis for Soviet action.

Participants Listings, Tape No. .../A55:

Vietnam (11/2/63) 9:15am: President John Kennedy, Dean Rusk, John McCone, General Maxwell Taylor, Roger Hilsman, Henry Koren, Robert McNamara, Robert Kennedy, Averell

Harriman, Donald Wilson, John Gleason

Wheat Sale Deliveries, Vietnam, Berlin, France, USSR (11/2/63): President John Kennedy, Dean Rusk, Robert McNamara, John McCone, Robert Kennedy, General Maxwell Taylor, Averell Harriman, Roger Hilsman, Donald Wilson, Henry Koren, John Gleason, David Bell, Seymour Janow, James Greenfield

Vietnam (11/2/63) 4:30pm: President John Kennedy, Dean Rusk, Robert McNamara, John McCone, General Krulak, Administrator Bell, Acting Director Wilson, Assistant Secretary Bundy, Roger Hilsman, Mr. Janow, a CIA representative, Mr. Greenfield, Henry Koren, Mr. Salinger, McGeorge Bundy, Bromley Smith

Dominican Republic (11/5/63): President John Kennedy, Spencer King, John Martin, Edwin Martin, Ralph Dungan

Foreign Policy Meeting (11/5/63): President John Kennedy, Robert McNamara, Arthur Sylvester, General Lucius Clay, Llewellyn Thompson, Richard Davis, James Greenfield, Fred Janney, David Klein, Paul Nitze, General Curtis LeMay, Dean Rusk, George Ball, John Ausland, John McCone, McGeorge Bundy

Berlin (11/5/63): President John Kennedy, Robert McNamara, Arthur Sylvester, General Lucius Clay, Llewellyn Thompson, Richard Davis, James Greenfield, Fred Janney, David Klein, Paul Nitze, General Curtis LeMay, Dean Rusk, George Ball, John Ausland, John McCone, McGeorge Bundy

Wheat Sales to USSR (11/7/63): President John Kennedy, McGeorge Bundy, Ted Sorensen, Luther Hodges, Bob Giles, Orville Freeman, Franklin D. Roosevelt Jr., Charles Murphy, George Ball

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<u>Item</u>	<u>Transcript</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Participants</u>	<u>Topic of Conversation</u>
1 ¹ CASSETTE A (Side 1)				
2A.1	Yes	10/22/62	Evelyn Lincoln Operator	Gromyko public statement
2B.1 ²	Yes		Chester V. Clifton President Kennedy	Forthcoming Life article
3A.1	Yes	9/10/62	Evelyn Lincoln Phil Reagan	Calling David McDonald
3A.2	Yes	9/10/62	Evelyn Lincoln Robert Troutman	Auto accident in Los Angeles, 1960
3A.3	Yes	9/10/62	President Kennedy David McDonald	Appointment of W. Willard Wirtz as Secretary of Labor
3A.4	Yes	9/10/62	Operator Pierre Salinger	Placing call to J.C. Haggerty for President Kennedy
3A.5	Yes	9/10/62	Unidentified Unidentified	Brief and badly garbled item
3A.6	Yes	9/10/62	President Kennedy C. Douglas Dillon	Self employed Individuals Retirement Act of 1962
3A.7	Yes	9/10/62	Operator Operator	Extremely brief and fragmentary exchange
3A.8	Yes	9/10/62	President Kennedy Unidentified	Guerrillas in Colombia? ³ (very poor quality recording)
3B.1	Yes	9/13/62	President Kennedy John McCormack Thomas E. Morgan Carl Vinson	Congressional resolution on Cuba
4A.1	Yes	9/./62	President Kennedy Ross Barnett	University of Mississippi crisis (probably 9/28 or 9/29)
4A.2*	Yes	9/./62	President Kennedy Theodore Sorensen	Speech on Mississippi crisis
4B.1	Yes	9/./62	President Kennedy LeMoyne Billings	Missed plane connection and weekend plans

CASSETTE A (Side 2)

4C.1*	Yes	9/./62	President Kennedy Robert Kennedy Ross Barnett	University of Mississippi crisis (probably 9/28 or 9/29)
4D.1 ⁴				
4D.2	Yes	9/./62	President Kennedy Torbert MacDonald	Appointment for Monday morning
4E.1*	Yes	9/30/62	President Kennedy Ross Barnett	University of Mississippi crisis
4F.1*	Yes	9/30/62	President Kennedy Ross Barnett	University of Mississippi crisis (item 4E.1 continued)
4F.2*	Yes	9/30/62	Jack Rosenthal Evelyn Lincoln	Report of death of British newsman, Paul Guihard, in Mississippi
4F.3*	Yes	9/30/62	Robert Kennedy Cyrus Vance	Report on operations connected with University of Mississippi crisis
4F.4*	Yes	9/30/62	President Kennedy Ross Barnett	University of Mississippi Crisis
4F.5*	Yes	9/30/62	President Kennedy Ross Barnett	University of Mississippi crisis
4F.6*	Yes	9/30/62	Burke Marshall	University of Mississippi crisis
4F.7*	Yes	[10/1/62]	Creighton Abrams Robert Kennedy	University of Mississippi crisis

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4G.1 *	Yes	[10/1/62]	Creighton Abrams Robert Kennedy	University of Mississippi crisis (item 4F.7 continued)
4G.2*	Yes	[10/1/62]	President Kennedy Creighton Abrams	University of Mississippi crisis
4G.3*	Yes	10/1/62	President Kennedy	University of Mississippi crisis
4G.4*	Yes	10/1/62	President Kennedy Archibald Cox	University of Mississippi crisis
4G.5a*	Yes	10/1/62	Evelyn Lincoln unidentified person in usher's hall	Fragment; reports President has left with hat in hand
4G.5b*	Yes	10/1/62	Evelyn Lincoln Operator	Fragment; trying to contact President Kennedy

Robert S. McNamara

4H.1*	Yes	[10/1/62]	President Kennedy Cyrus Vance Robert S. McNamara	University of Mississippi crisis
4J.1*	Yes	10/2/62	President Kennedy Cyrus Vance	University of Mississippi crisis
4J.2*	Yes	10/2/62	President Kennedy Cyrus Vance	University of Mississippi crisis
4J.3 ⁵				
4J.4	Yes	10/2/62	Evelyn Lincoln William H. Brandt (White House Police)	Jimmy Deakins with a visitor from Germany (probably James A. Deakins, bill clerk of the House Committee on Armed Services)
4J.5	Yes	10/2/62	Evelyn Lincoln Operator	Placing a call to the Duchess of Devonshire
4J.6	Yes	10/ 2/62	Evelyn Lincoln Unidentified	Ordering envelopes from White House supply room
4K.1	Yes	10/2/62	Evelyn Lincoln Unidentified	Ordering envelopes from White House supply room (item 4J.6 continued)
4K.2	Yes	.././..	Evelyn Lincoln Operator	Incoming call from J. Robert Greenberg in Greenwich, Connecticut
4K.3	Yes	.././..	President Kennedy John McCormack	Foreign aid bill
4K.4	Yes	.././..	Evelyn Lincoln George [Burkley?]	Death of John P. Harrington of New York
4K.5	Yes	.././..	Evelyn Lincoln Madelyn [?]	Death of John P. Harrington of New York; relay of information to Lawrence O'Brien's office.
4K.6	Yes	.././..	President Kennedy Lawrence F. O'Brien	Informs him of talk with McCormack
4K.7	Yes	.././..	President Kennedy Mike Mansfield	Legislative matters; focus not clear from context
4K.8	Yes	.././..	President Kennedy Albert Raines	Self employed Individuals Retirement Act of 1962 (HR 10)

CASSETTE B (Side 2)

5A.1	Yes	.././..	President Kennedy John J. McCloy Dean Rusk	Meetings with Kuznetsov and surveillance of Cuba
5A.2	Yes	.././..	Chester V. Clifton Unidentified	Trying to arrange meeting with President Kennedy for Francis of General Foods and S. H. Egbert of Studebaker at behest of Eisenhower
5A.3	Yes	.././..	Dean Rusk	Negotiations on Cuba at the United Nations

unidentified

6A.1 ⁶	Yes	11/7/62	President Kennedy Edward M. Kennedy	Senatorial election in Massachusetts
6A.2	Yes	11/7/62	President Kennedy Edmund Gerald (Pat) Brown	Gubernatorial election in California
6A.3	Yes	11/7/82	President Kennedy William L. Guy	Elections in Midwest (Guy was Governor of North Dakota)
6A.4	Yes	11/7/62	President Kennedy John B. Connally	Gubernatorial election in Texas

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CASSETTE C (Side 1)

6B.1	Yes	11/7/62	President Kennedy John B. Connally	Gubernatorial election in Texas (item 6A.4 continued)
6B.2	Yes	11/7/62	President Kennedy John W. Reynolds	Gubernatorial election in Wisconsin
6B.3	Yes	.././..	President Kennedy Evelyn Lincoln	Inconsequential office chatter with phone off hook
6B.4	Yes	11/17/62	President Kennedy Unidentified	Cuban sabotage plot report [from Justice Department?]
6B.5	Yes	.././..	President Kennedy Unidentified	Topic unknown from brief fragment of conversation
6B.6	Yes	.././..	President Kennedy Evelyn Lincoln	Conversation completely unintelligible
6B.7	Yes	12/17/62	President Kennedy Dwight D. Eisenhower	Skybolt background
6C.1	Yes	12/17/62	President Kennedy Dwight D. Eisenhower	Skybolt background (item 6B.7 continued)
7A.1	Yes	.././..	President Kennedy W. Willard Wirtz	New York newspapers strike and Boeing aerospace problems
8A.1	Yes	2/28/63	President Kennedy George Meany	Setting a date for a White House reception for labor leaders
8A.2	Yes	2/28/63	President Kennedy Ed Edmondson	Airline merger proposal for American and Eastern Airlines
8A.3	Yes	3/2/63	President Kennedy Theodore W. Kheel	New York newspapers strike

8A.4	Yes	3/2/63	President Kennedy Robert S. McNamara	Surveillance of Cuba
CASSETTE C (Side 2)				
8B.1	Yes	3/2/63	President Kennedy Robert S. McNamara	Surveillance of Cuba (item 8A.4 continued)
8B.2	Yes	3/2/63	President Kennedy McGeorge Bundy	Surveillance of Cuba
8B.3	Yes	3/2/63	President Kennedy Robert S. McNamara	Surveillance of Cuba; surveillance of NATO fleet and of merchant ships
8B.4	Yes	3/2/63	President Kennedy Robert Kennedy	Stennis committee review of Bay of Pigs
8B.5	Yes	3/2/63	President Kennedy Robert Kennedy	Stennis committee review of Bay of Pigs; recent Gallup poll results (separate conversation from 8B.4)
9A.1	Yes	3/2/63	President Kennedy Robert Kennedy	Stennis committee review of Bay of Pigs; recent Gallup poll results (item 8B.5 continued)
9A.2	Yes	3/4/63	President Kennedy Carl Kaysen	Balance of trade
9A.3	Yes	3/4/63	President Kennedy	Not a phone conversation; apparently remarks to a group of foreign visitors
9A.4	Yes	.././..	Unidentified [President Kennedy?]	Very brief fragment; no topic discernable
9A.5	Yes	3/4/63	President Kennedy William C. Baggs	Proposed Inter American exposition in Miami
9A.6	Yes	3/4/63	President Kennedy Robert Kennedy	John McCone's testimony and press stories; TFX and missile crisis
9B.1	Yes	3/4/63	President Kennedy Robert Kennedy	John McCone's testimony and press stories; TFX and missile crisis (item 9A.6 continued)
9B.2	Yes	3/4/63	President Kennedy McGeorge Bundy	McCone testimony and press stories
9B.3	Yes	3/4/63	President Kennedy Arthur Sylvester	Review of prelude to Cuban missile crisis
9B.4	Yes	.././..	President Kennedy Al [?]	Movie version of P.T. 109 story
9B.5	Yes	3/6/63	President Kennedy W. Willard Wirtz	New York newspapers strike
9B.6	Yes	.././..	Evelyn Lincoln Unidentified	Fragment; package from William Haddad to be delivered
9B.7	Yes	.././..	President Kennedy George Burkley	President's medication

9B.8	Yes	3/6/63	Evelyn Lincoln Robert Kennedy	Robert Kennedy asks to talk with President
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CASSETTE D (Side 1)

10A.1	Yes	3/6/63	Evelyn Lincoln Robert Kennedy	Robert Kennedy asks to talk with President (item 9B.8 continued)
10A.2	Yes	3/6/63	President Kennedy McGeorge Bundy	Report that Arkansas National Guard people were involved in Bay of Pigs
10A.3	Yes	3/6/63	President Kennedy McGeorge Bundy	Report on Arkansas and Alabama National Guard personnel involved in Bay of Pigs
10A.4	Yes	3/6/63	President Kennedy Richard Helms	Report on Arkansas and Alabama National Guard personnel involved in Bay of Pigs
10A.5	Yes	3/6/63	President Kennedy Lawrence F. O'Brien	Congressional concern with subversion in Latin America; review of Bay of Pigs
10A.6	Yes	3/6/63	President Kennedy Clark Clifford	Impending article in Washington Post re: Communications Satellite Corporation
10A.7	Yes	3/6/63	President Kennedy Nicholas deB. Katzenbach	Communications Satellite Corporation
10B.1	Yes	3/6/63	President Kennedy Nicholas deB. Katzenbach	Communications Satellite Corporation (item 10A.7 continued)
10B.2	Yes	3/6/63	President Kennedy W. Willard Wirtz	Unemployment figures
10B.3	Yes	3/6/63	President Kennedy Lawrence F. O'Brien	Issue of participation of Arkansas National Guard fliers in Bay of Pigs
10B.4	Yes	3/6/63	President Kennedy Henry H. Fowler	Location of IRS facility
10B.5	Yes	3/6/63	Evelyn Lincoln Mary Wilder	Resignation of Philip L. Graham as an incorporator of the Communications Satellite Corporation
11A.1	Yes	3/6/63	President Kennedy George Ball	Cancellation of French official's visit
11A.2	Yes	3/7/63	President Kennedy Chester V. Clifton	Issue of participation of Arkansas National Guard fliers in Bay of Pigs
11A.3	Yes	3/7/63	President Kennedy Adrian Fisher	Response to statement by Senator Thomas Dodd
11A.4	Yes	3/7/63	President Kennedy George Ball	International trade; wool, oil, pipe embargo etc.

11A.5*	Yes	3/7/63	President Kennedy Nicholas deB. Katzenbach	Civil rights in Mississippi and Louisiana
11A.6	Yes	3/7/63	President Kennedy Unidentified	Notifying President Kennedy of death of Tom Shannahan in New York
CASSETTE D (Side 2)				
11B.1	Yes	3/7/63	Evelyn Lincoln Unidentified	Notifying President Kennedy of death of Tom Shannahan in New York (item 11A.6 continued)
11B.2	Yes	3/7/63	President Kennedy Myer Feldman	Topic uncertain; something re fish. Very brief.
11B.3	Yes	3/7/63	President Kennedy George H. Mahon	Speech in Congress by Mahon re intelligence briefings on Cuba
11B.4 ⁷	Yes	3/7/63	President Kennedy Edward M. Kennedy	EMK's speed reading course; prospective visit; President Kennedy speech at Boston College for 04/19/1963; . . .
11C.1	Yes	3/7/63	President Kennedy Edward M. Kennedy	(item 11B.4 continued) . . . meeting with wool industry representatives re: international trade
11C.2	Yes	3/7/63	Evelyn Lincoln Unidentified	Fragment of operator chatter
11C.3	Yes	3/7/63	President Kennedy Robert Lovett	Lucius Clay report on foreign aid
11C.4	Yes	./././.	Evelyn Lincoln Unidentified	Arrival of a car; fragmentary conversation
12A.1	Yes	3/8/63	President Kennedy Franklin D. Roosevelt, Jr.	Topic uncertain; prospective meeting of a group?
12A.2	Yes	3/8/63	President Kennedy Robert Weaver	Proposal of a separate FHA authority for multi-family dwellings
12A.3	Yes	3/8/63	President Kennedy Robert Kennedy	Proposed B&O C&O railroad merger
12A.4	Yes	3/8/63	President Kennedy Robert F. Wagner	New York newspapers strike
12B.1	Yes	3/8/63	President Kennedy Robert F. Wagner	New York newspapers strike (item 12A.4 continued)
12B.2	Yes	3/8/63	President Kennedy Averill Harriman	B&O C&O merger proposal

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CASSETTE E (Side 1)

13A.1	Yes	3/9/63	President Kennedy Robert Lovett	Lucius Clay report on foreign aid
13A.2	Yes	3/9/63	President Kennedy Harold Hughes	Pending execution in Iowa; clemency appeal
14A.1	Yes	3/9/63	President Kennedy Harold Hughes	Pending execution in Iowa; clemency appeal (item 13A.2 continued)
14A.2	Yes	../../	President Kennedy Robert Kennedy	Articles in Newsweek and Time magazines; school construction program on military bases in the South
14A.3	Yes	3/11/63	President Kennedy Edwin Martin	Presidential trip to Costa Rica
14A.4	Yes	3/11/63	President Kennedy Arthur Sylvester	Press interpretations of TFX hearings
14A.5	Yes	3/12/63	President Kennedy C. Douglas Dillon	IRS rules on expense accounts
14B.1	Yes	3/12/63	President Kennedy C. Douglas Dillon	IRS rules on expense accounts (item 14A.5 continued)
14B.2	Yes	3/12/63	President Kennedy Paul B. Fay	Naval base closings; San Francisco as 1964 Democratic National Convention site
14B.3	Yes	3/12/63	President Kennedy Richard Goodwin	Presidential trip to Costa Rica
14B.4	Yes	3/12/63	President Kennedy Roswell Gilpatric	TFX hearings
14B.5	Yes	3/12/63	President Kennedy Lawrence F. O'Brien	[Military?] construction bill
14B.6	Yes	3/12/63	President Kennedy Arthur Sylvester	TFX hearings
15A.1	Yes	3/13/63	President Kennedy Dean Rusk	Disbursement of local currency payments to Congressmen abroad
15A.2	Yes	3/13/63	President Kennedy David Hackett	U.S. hockey team loss to Sweden
15A.3	Yes	../../	President Kennedy Unidentified	Setting up a meeting prior to trip to Costa Rica; fragment of conversation
15B.1	Yes	3/22/63	President Kennedy Arthur M. Schlesinger, Jr.	Prospective posting to Latin America for Samuel H. Beer; Schlesinger trip to England; Profumo scandal

CASSETTE E (Side 2)

16A.1	Yes	../../	President Kennedy	Excerpt of President Kennedy remarks to a visiting group (possibly MIT Sloan Fellows); not
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				a telephone conversation
16A.2	Yes	3/26/63	President Kennedy Robert Kennedy	Fragmentary conversation about an unidentified Congressional hearing; possibly TFX
16A.3	Yes	3/26/63	President Kennedy Robert S. McNamara	TFX hearings
16A.4	Yes	../../	President Kennedy Robert Kennedy	TFX hearings; Cuban exile raid
16A.5	Yes	3/28/63	President Kennedy William Tyler	Diefenbaker and a Rostow paper
17A.1	Yes	4/2/63	President Kennedy Robert V. Roosa	International monetary liquidity
17A.2	Yes	4/2/63	President Kennedy David Ormsby-Gore	Prospective President Kennedy meeting with Harold Wilson
17A.3	Yes	4/2/63	President Kennedy Eugene Black	Lucius Clay report on foreign aid
17A.4*	Yes	4/2/63	President Kennedy Sargent Shriver	Keeping CIA out of the Peace Corps
17B.1*	Yes	4/2/63	President Kennedy Sargent Shriver	Keeping CIA out of the Peace Corps (item 17A.4 continued)
17B.2	Yes	4/3/63	President Kennedy Robert S. McNamara	Use of polygraphs in tracing Defense Department leaks
17B.3	Yes	../../	President Kennedy Louis Harris	Polling on various subjects
17B.4	Yes	../../	President Kennedy Unidentified	Request for presidential interest in application of student to Harvard

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CASSETTE F (Side 1)

18A.1	Yes	4/4/63	President Kennedy Walter Heller	Budget (conversation fragment only)
18A.2	Yes	4/4/63	President Kennedy Ralph Dungan	Letter from Lucius Clay (conversation fragment only)
18A.3	Yes	../../	President Kennedy Unidentified	Topic uncertain, possibly wage price matter
18A.3A	Yes	../../	Evelyn Lincoln Operator	Notifies of an incoming call from Robert Troutman (not recorded)

18A.4	Yes	4/10/63	President Kennedy Averill Harriman	Laos situation
18A.5	Yes	4/10/63	President Kennedy McGeorge Bundy	Laos (conversation fragment only)
18A.6	Yes	5/6/63	President Kennedy Dean Rusk	Rusk's trip to Europe
18A.7	Yes	5/7/63	President Kennedy Edith Green	Education bill
18B.1	Yes	5/7/63	President Kennedy Edith Green	Education bill (item 18A.7 continued)
18B.2	Yes	5/8/63	President Kennedy Dean Rusk	Voting line up in the UN on an unidentified issue
18B.3	Yes	../../	President Kennedy Robert Kennedy	Administering the State Department; staff changes at Justice and FCC: Eduardo Mondlane
19A.1	Yes	5/16/63	President Kennedy Dean Rusk	Appointment of William Crockett; William Orrick; Haiti; trip to Scandinavia for Vice President Johnson
19A.2	Yes	5/16/63	President Kennedy Dean Rusk	Probably test ban negotiations
19A.3	Yes	5/16/63	President Kennedy Gordon Cooper	Congratulations on orbital flight
19A.4	Yes	5/17/63	President Kennedy John McCormack	Congressional reception for Gordon Cooper
19A.5	Yes	5/22/63	President Kennedy Clinton Anderson	Agriculture; wheat legislation

CASSETTE F (Side 2)

19B.1	Yes	5/22/63	President Kennedy Clinton Anderson	Agriculture; wheat legislation (item 19A.5 continued)
19B.2	Yes	5/22/63	President Kennedy Orville Freeman	Wheat policy
19B.3	Yes	5/22/63	President Kennedy Orville Freeman	Agriculture legislation
19C.1	Yes	5/22/63	President Kennedy Orville Freeman	Agriculture legislation (item 19B.3 continued)
19C.2	Yes	5/22/63	President Kennedy George Aiken	Thanks for help on "the coffee thing"
19C.3	Yes	5/22/63	President Kennedy Roswell Gilpatric	Positions of Under Secretary and Congressional Liaison and Public Affairs at Defense
19C.4	Yes	5/22/63	President Kennedy George Meany	Thanks for help on "that Canadian thing"

20A.1	Yes	5/27/63	President Kennedy Dean Rusk	Illness of Pope John XXIII
20A.2*	Yes	5/28/63	President Kennedy George Smathers	Unidentified legislation and tax bill prospects
20A.3	Yes	5/28/63	President Kennedy Russell Long	Debt limit bill; 1964 election prospects; Louisiana politics and gubernatorial election
20B.1	Yes	5/28/63	President Kennedy Russell Long	Debt limit bill; 1964 election prospects; Louisiana politics and gubernatorial election (item 20A.3 continued very briefly; fragment only)
20B.2	Yes/..	President Kennedy Dean Rusk	Unidentified trip plans (conversation fragment only)
21A.1*	Yes	6/3/63	President Kennedy Jimmy Davis	Independent electors and 1964 election prospects
21A.2	Yes	6/4/63	President Kennedy Vice President Johnson	Decision of Juan Trippe to go ahead with supersonic transport plans
21A.3	Yes	6/4/63	President Kennedy Najeeb Halaby	Decision of Juan Trippe to go ahead with supersonic transport
21A.4	Yes	6/4/63	President Kennedy David Bell	Consortium aid to India
21A.5	Yes	6/4/63	President Kennedy C. Douglas Dillon	Pan American decision to take option on Concorde supersonic transports

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CASSETTE G (Side 1)

21B.1	Yes	6/4/63	President Kennedy C. Douglas Dillon	Pan American decision to take option on Concorde supersonic transports (item 21A.5 continued)
21B.2	Yes/..	Evelyn Lincoln Operator	Asks connection to John McCone for Robert Kennedy (conversation not recorded)
22A.1	Yes	6/12/63	Evelyn Lincoln Operator	Asks for connection
22A.2*	Yes	6/12/63	President Kennedy Carl Albert	Defeat of bill in House (probably public works bill) due to integration backlash
22A.3*	Yes	6/14/63	President Kennedy Jimmy Davis	Close vote in Louisiana
22A.4*	Yes	6/18/63	President Kennedy Allen C. Thompson	Civil rights situation in Mississippi (Thompson was Mayor of Jackson)
22B.1*	Yes	6/18/63	President Kennedy	Civil rights situation in Mississippi (Thompson was

			Allen C. Thompson	Mayor of Jackson) (item 22A.4 continued)
22B.2	Yes	6/18/63	President Kennedy Wayne Hayes	Foreign aid bill
22B.3*	Yes	6/18/63	President Kennedy Allen C. Thompson Evelyn Lincoln	Civil rights situation in Mississippi
22B.4*	Yes	6/18/63	Evelyn Lincoln Allen C. Thompson Operator	Trying to switch Thompson to an outside to the Attorney General
22C.1	Yes	.././..	Evelyn Lincoln Operator	Notifies that Myer Feldman is back in the office
22C.2	Yes	.././..	President Kennedy Unidentified	Unidentified legislative business; caller is in House Speaker's "board of education"
23A.1*	Yes	7/10/63	President Kennedy George Meany Unidentified	Issue of compulsory arbitration in labor dispute (possibly railroad work rules)
23A.2*	Yes	7/10/63	President Kennedy Oren Harris	Impending congressional action in labor dispute (possibly railroad work rules)
23A.3*	Yes	7/10/63	President Kennedy Warren Magnuson	Unidentified labor dispute (possibly railroad work rules); civil rights hearings
CASSETTE G (Side 2)				
23B.1*	Yes	7/./63	President Kennedy George Smathers	Response to unidentified right wing grievance; (possible second topic is railroad work rules dispute, although unclear); press criticism of President Kennedy
23B.2 ⁸				
23B.3		7/17/63	President Kennedy C. Douglas Dillon	Topic unclear; possibly regarding a development loan situation (conversation fragment only)
23B.4		7/19/63	President Kennedy George Smathers	Foreign aid bill
23B.5		7/19/63	President Kennedy Russell Long	Foreign aid bill
23B.6*	Yes	7/24/63	President Kennedy Dean Rusk	Nuclear test ban hearings
23C.1*	Yes	7/24/63	President Kennedy Dean Rusk	Nuclear test ban hearings (item 23B.6 continued)
23C.2*	Yes	7/24/63	President Kennedy Harry S. Truman	Nuclear test ban treaty
23C.3		7/25/63	President Kennedy Najeeb Halaby	Supersonic transport development

23D.1		7/25/63	President Kennedy Arthur Sylvester	Furniture at Otis Air Force Base
23D.2		7/25/63	President Kennedy Godfrey McHugh	Furniture at Otis Air Force Base
23D.3*	Yes	7/25/63	President Kennedy McGeorge Bundy	Timing of presidential speech on nuclear test ban treaty
23D.4		7/25/63	President Kennedy Dean Rusk	Nixon visit to de Gaulle; U.S. embassy property in Havana
23D.5		7/25/63	President Kennedy Nicholas deB. Katzenbach	James M. Landis and the IRS
23D.6		7/25/63	President Kennedy Clair Engle	Impending resignation of Edward Day as Postmaster General

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CASSETTE H (Side 1)

23E.1	Yes	7/25/63	President Kennedy Edward Day	Impending resignation and search for a successor
23E.2	Yes	7/25/63	President Kennedy Edward Day	Announcement of Day's resignation
23E.3*	Yes	7/25/63	President Kennedy David L. Cole	Appointment as director of a civil rights community relations service
24A.1*	Yes	7/26/63	President Kennedy Harry S. Truman	Nuclear test ban treaty
24A.1A		7/26/63	President Kennedy Operator	Making connection with Willard Wirtz (for item 24A.2)
24A.2		7/26/63	President Kennedy W. Willard Wirtz	Railroad work rules dispute legislation
24A.3		7/26/63	President Kennedy Robert S. McNamara	Effort to enlist businessmen in unidentified project
24A.4		.././..	President Kennedy Unidentified	Report of Cardinal Cushing's discussion of election of Pope Paul VI
24A.5*	Yes	7/30/63	President Kennedy Dean Rusk	Arrangements for signing of the nuclear test ban treaty
24A.6		7/30/63	President Kennedy John McCormack George H. Mahon	Defense budget cut
24B.1*	Yes	7/30/63	President Kennedy Fred [Dutton?]	Lining up congressional delegation; occasion not identified, but is probably test ban treaty signing

				(conversation fragment only)
24B.2*	Yes	7/30/63	President Kennedy Dean Rusk	Lining up congressional delegation to the signing of the nuclear test ban treaty
24B.3		7/30/63	President Kennedy Robert S. McNamara	Delays in Senate on defense appropriations; impact of defense contract cuts on 1964 elections
25A.1	Yes	7/31/63	President Kennedy C. Douglas Dillon	Unidentified situation with United Airlines; problems with aid to Peru
25A.2*	Yes	7/31/63	President Kennedy Russell Long	Louisiana compliance with highway project integration order
25A.3	Yes	../../	President Kennedy Operator	Miscued call from John McCormack, intended for Kenneth O'Donnell (conversation fragment)
25A.4	Yes	../../	Unidentified Operator	Asks for an outside line (conversation fragment)
25A.5*	Yes	8/6/63	President Kennedy Claude Desautels	Federal jobs and integration
25A.6*	Yes	8/7/63	President Kennedy Martha Griffiths	Tax bill
CASSETTE H (Side 2)				
25B.1*	Yes	8/7/63	President Kennedy Martha Griffiths	Tax bill (item 25A.6 continued)
25B.2*	Yes	8/12/63	President Kennedy Mike Mansfield	Nuclear test ban treaty
25C.1*	Yes	8/12/63	President Kennedy Mike Mansfield	Nuclear test ban treaty (item 25B.2 continued)
25C.2		8/13/63	President Kennedy Meyer Feldman	Federal Communications Commission and "Lifeline"
26A.1	Yes	8/16/63	President Kennedy Dean Rusk	Prospect of press conference question on France and nuclear test ban treaty
26A.1A	Yes	../../	Evelyn Lincoln Operator	Operator brings Mrs. Lincoln up to date on President's recent calls
26A.2	Yes	8/16/63	President Kennedy Vice President Johnson	Possible appointment for Raymond Telles and the relative advantages to Texas and to California in the record of appointments
26A.3	Yes	8/19/63	President Kennedy George Ball	European merchant shipping to Cuba; aid to India; nuclear test inspection negotiations; U. S. forces in Europe
26A.4	Yes	../../	President Kennedy Robert Kennedy	Topic unclear; Robert Kennedy requests chance to see President (fragment)
26A.5	Yes	../../	President Kennedy	(Fragment only; repeated in its entirety at beginning

			Unidentified	of item 26B.1)
26B.1		.././..	President Kennedy Herbert S. Walters Frank G. Clement Walter Clement	Appointment of Herbert S. Walters to serve unexpired portion of late Senator Estes Kefauver
26B.2*	Yes	8/./63	President Kennedy John McCormack	Tax bill
26B.2A		.././..	Evelyn Lincoln Tazewell Shepard	Asks for time to see President
26B.3		8/22/63	President Kennedy Archibald Cox	Tidelands issue with Louisiana
26B.3A		8/23/63	Evelyn Lincoln Arthur Goldberg	Inconsequential chatter before President Kennedy comes on line in item 26B.4
26B.4		8/23/63	President Kennedy Arthur Goldberg	Railroad work rules dispute
26B.5*	Yes	8/23/63	President Kennedy J. William Fulbright	Nuclear test ban treaty hearings

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CASSETTE I (Side 1)

26C.1*	Yes	8/23/63	President Kennedy J. William Fulbright	Nuclear test ban treaty hearings (item 26B.5 continued)
26C.2		8/23/63	President Kennedy Torbert MacDonald	[Foreign aid bill?]; railroad work rules legislation
26C.2A		8/23/63	President Kennedy Operator	Asks operator to get Frederick Dutton and then Willard Wirtz
26C.2B		8/23/63	President Kennedy	President Kennedy's voice is heard very briefly and unintelligibly away from the telephone immediately prior to following item 26C.3
26C.3		8/23/63	President Kennedy Louis Harris	Polling on various issues, including potential Republican opponents in 1964
26D.1		8/23/63	President Kennedy Louis Harris	Polling on various issues, including potential Republican opponents in 1964 (item 26C.3 continued)
26D.2*	Yes	8/23/63	President Kennedy Frederick Dutton	Nuclear test ban treaty hearings
26D.3		8/23/63	President Kennedy Lawrence O'Brien	Foreign aid bill; railroad work rules arbitration bill

26D.3A		8/23/63	President Kennedy Operator	Asks for Willard Wirtz
26D.3B		8/23/63	President Kennedy Operator	(Fragment of conversation only; probably miscues for item 26D.4 following)
26D.4		8/23/63	President Kennedy Willard Wirtz	Railroad work rules dispute and arbitration legislation
26D.5		../../	President Kennedy Unidentified	Unidentified memorandum of conversation (conversation fragment only)
26D.6		../../	President Kennedy Unidentified	Unidentified legislation (item is not only fragmentary but badly garbled)
27A.1	Yes	10/10/63	President Kennedy Robert S. McNamara	Berlin access situation
27A.2	Yes	10/10/63	President Kennedy Robert Kennedy	Notifies that Ed [Lahey?] is in the hospital (fragment of conversation only)
27A.3	Yes	10/10/63	President Kennedy Robert S. McNamara	Berlin access situation
27A.3A	Yes	10../63	Unidentified	(Topic unidentifiable; mere partial sentence fragment; possibly McNamara)
27A.4	Yes	10../63	President Kennedy Dean Rusk	Berlin access situation
27A.5	Yes	10../63	Evelyn Lincoln Gerald G. Wagner	Wagner asks that a letter be brought to President's attention
CASSETTE I (Side 2)				
27B.1	Yes	10/11/63	President Kennedy Wilbur Mills	Thanks for arrangements on President Kennedy trip to Arkansas
27B.2	Yes	10/12/63	President Kennedy Lester B. Pearson	
27C.1	Yes	10/12/63	President Kennedy Lester B. Pearson	U.S. Canadian labor issue (item 27B.2 continued)
27C.2	Yes	10/12/63	President Kennedy Unidentified Evelyn Lincoln	(Conversation appears to be entirely off the phone, extremely fragmentary, and mostly unintelligible, although there is at least one reference to the Canadian Embassy)
27D.1	Yes	10/12/63	William H. Tyler Operator	Placing call to Basil Roberts, for item 27D.1A following
27D.1A	Yes	10/12/63	William H. Tyler Basil Roberts	Great Lakes maritime union situation
27D.2	Yes	10/16/63	President Kennedy Robert S. McNamara	Fred Korth and TFX issue

27D.3	Yes	10/21/63	President Kennedy Lester B. Pearson	Great Lakes maritime union situation
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CASSETTE J (SIDE 1)

28A.1	Yes	10/24/63	President Kennedy Josip Broz Tito	Tito's New York trip
28A.2*	Yes	10/28/63	President Kennedy Richard J. Daley	Lining up votes on the civil rights bill
28A.3*	Yes	10/29/63	President Kennedy Charles Halleck	Vote on civil rights bill
28A.4*	Yes	.././..	President Kennedy Mike Mansfield	Economic assistance to Latin America; civil rights bill
28A.5*	Yes	10/30/63	President Kennedy Operator	Call to Speaker of the House
XXA.1 ⁹	Yes	.././..	Evelyn Lincoln Jerome Wiesner	Wiesner asks opportunity to speak to John McCone when he gets out of a meeting
XXA.2	Yes	.././..	Evelyn Lincoln Angela Novello Robert Kennedy	Trying to get briefing papers to Robert Kennedy before his meeting with Milton Obote ¹⁰
XXB.1	Yes	.././..	Evelyn Lincoln Operator Wiesner's Secretary	Notifies that unidentified person has arrived
XXB.2	Yes	.././..	Unidentified	(mere fragment; possibly operator chatter; badly garbled and unintelligible)
XXB.3	Yes	.././..	Unidentified Operator	Phone call for Priscilla Wear from Stanley Tretick
XXB.4	Yes	.././..	President Kennedy Roswell Gilpatric	Civil defense in Southeast U.S. ¹¹
XXB.5	Yes	.././..	President Kennedy Unidentified Evelyn Lincoln	(appears to be recording of office conversation; indistinct and often unintelligible; handling of unidentified crisis by press; reference to remarks by G. Mennen Williams)
XXX.A ¹²	Yes	11/28/62	President Kennedy	Dictating memoranda to various staff members: Bundy: Queries arguments and techniques used by Malraux in last French elections. McNamara: U.S. contribution to NATO Tom Walsh: Contributions to churches

Anne Lincoln: White House liquor control

Anne Lincoln: Make sure he sees all bills

Andy Hatcher: Republican campaign literature in the South

Myer Feldman: Polish grain purchases

Ralph Dungan: Successor to Tom Mann in Mexico

Jerome Wiesner: Report on Soviet cybernetics

Personal: Personal memorandum to file on reflections of last couple of weeks, etc.

TELEPHONE RECORDINGS ADDENDUM

The following Telephone Recordings, which were originally part of the Presidential Recordings Collection, were segregated out prior to the donation of the collection to the Kennedy Library. On March 9, 1998, these recordings were received by the Library and subsequently added to the collection. Dates are derived from documentary evidence within the collections of the Kennedy Library and cover notes received with the dictabelts. All of these Telephone Recordings are processed and available for research use. There are no transcripts for any of these recordings.

<u>Item</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Participants</u>	<u>Topic of Conversation</u>
CASSETTE J (Side 2)			
29	11/./63	President Kennedy	Memoir entries: Political news, Latin America
30.1	10/22/62 9:30 am	President Kennedy John McCloy	Request to return to US
30.2	10/22/62 10:45 am	President Kennedy Dwight D. Eisenhower	Cuban missile crisis update
31	10/./62	President Kennedy Adlai Stevenson	Soviet buildup on Cuba
32.1	10/23/62 5:30 pm	President Kennedy Gen. Lucius Clay	Impact of Cuban missile crisis on Berlin situation
32.2	././..	Evelyn Lincoln Dean Rusk	Request to see President Kennedy
32.3	10/23/62 (?)	President Kennedy Roswell Gilpatric	Possible naval action, blockade of Cuba

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CASSETTE K (Side 1)

33.1	9/./62	President Kennedy David MacDonald	Schedule for phone call
33.2	9/./62	President Kennedy Walter Reuther	Possible nominee for Secretary of Labor
33.3	9/./62	President Kennedy Willard Wirtz	Nomination for Secretary of Labor
33.4	9/./62	President Kennedy George Meany (?)	Arthur Goldberg resignation
33.5	9/./62	President Kennedy Walter Reuther	Announcement of Willard Wirtz as nominee for Secretary of Labor
34	././..	President Kennedy Unidentified	Cambodia
35.1	././..	President Kennedy Mike Mansfield	Tax legislation
35.2	././..	President Kennedy	Dictated memo to Eugene Zuckert
36	././..	Dean Rusk U. Alexis Johnson Mike Forrestal Adlai Stevenson	Aerial reconnaissance of Cuba

CASSETTE K (Side 2)

37.1	10/26/62 6:30 p.m	President Kennedy Lincoln White	Comments to the press concerning Cuban crisis
37.2	././..	President Kennedy Joe (?)	Announcement on Cuban crisis
38.1	10/./62	President Kennedy Dean Rusk	Requirements re missiles in Cuba
38.2	10/./62	President Kennedy Operator	Call to General Taylor
38.3	10/./62	President Kennedy Dean Rusk	Cuban requirements re removal of missiles
38.4	././..	President Kennedy	Dictated memo on AID program
38.5	././..	President Kennedy Adlai Stevenson	Cuban blockade
39	././..	President Kennedy	President Kennedy dictation concerning entrance into politics

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CASSETTE L (Side 1)

40	../..	President Kennedy	President Kennedy dictation concerning entrance into politics (continuation of item 39)
41.1	../..	Unidentified	Sale of plane to UN
41.2	10/28/62 12:08 pm	President Kennedy Dwight D. Eisenhower	End of Cuban missile crisis
41.3	10/28/62 12:16 pm	President Kennedy Harry S Truman	End of Cuban missile crisis
41.4	10/28/62 12:26 p.m	President Kennedy Herbert Hoover	End of Cuban missile crisis
42.1	../59 (Summer)	President Kennedy	Dictated letter to Joseph P. Kennedy on election and poll results
42.2	../..	President Kennedy	Dictated letter to Jacqueline Kennedy on weekend in Rhode Island
43	../..	President Kennedy	Dictated memo/memoir entry on French nuclear capability

CASSETTE L (Side 2)

44.1	../..	President Kennedy Theodore C. Sorensen Orville Freeman	Farm bill
44.2	../..	President Kennedy Dean Rusk	Berlin stoning incidents
44.3	../..	President Kennedy Robert S. McNamara	Defense appropriations
45	../..	President Kennedy	Dictated memos to: McGeorge Bundy, General Lyman Lemnitzer, Dean Rusk, and Arthur M. Schlesinger, Jr.
46	../..		(Tape is completely blank; no recording whatsoever.)
47.1	../..	President Kennedy Robert S. McNamara	Defense appropriations
47.2	../..	President Kennedy Eugene Zuckert	Air Force budget
47.3	../..	President Kennedy Vice President Johnson	Robert Troutman resignation and possible replacement
47.4	../..	President Kennedy Unidentified Senator	Congratulations on passage of legislation
47.5	../..	Unidentified Operator	Call from Sam Gallo to President Kennedy
47.6	../..	Gallenburg (?) Evelyn Lincoln	Gifts for foreign Heads of State

47.7	../..	Stanley Tretick Evelyn Lincoln	<i>Look</i> magazine article on President Kennedy
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CASSETTE M (Side 1)

48.1	../..	Stanley Tretick Evelyn Lincoln	<i>Look</i> magazine article on President Kennedy (continuation of item 47.7)
48.2	../..	Evelyn Lincoln George Thomas	President's schedule
48.3	../..	Gallenburg (?) Evelyn Lincoln	Gifts for foreign Heads of State
48.4	../..	Hershel Loveless Evelyn Lincoln	Information for President Kennedy
49.1	../..	President Kennedy Unidentified	Communications satellite
49.2	../..	President Kennedy Albert Raines (?)	Pending legislation
50.1	../..	President Kennedy Operator	Call to Charles Bartlett
50.2	../62	President Kennedy Unidentified	James Meredith, civil rights
50.3	../62	President Kennedy George Smathers	Signed bill; Southern Congressmen / Senators
50.4	../62	President Kennedy Unidentified	Congratulations
51	../..		(Tape is completely blank; no recording whatsoever.)

CASSETTE M (Side 2)

52.1	11../63	President Kennedy	Dictated memoir entry
52.2	../..	President Kennedy Dean Rusk	Berlin

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Telephone Recordings Notes:

¹ Conversation between the President and Mrs. Kennedy, recorded in error by Evelyn Lincoln. Removed from collection on the grounds of privacy before the recordings were turned over to the Kennedy Library.

² Only rough transcript exists; no corresponding Dictabelt included in material received.

³ Possibly Billy Graham. Not a phone call. Phone perhaps left off hook and office conversation recorded through phone.

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⁹ Dates not available. Sequence does not suggest dating.

¹⁰ Obote was in the United States in late October 1962 and in mid-June 1963

¹¹ Internal evidence suggests dating during Cuban missile crisis of October 1962.

¹² Item discovered among President's Office Files, dated as shown.

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