

**PAPERS OF JOHN F. KENNEDY  
PRESIDENT'S OFFICE FILES**

**PRESIDENTIAL RECORDINGS  
1962-1963**

Introductory Note to Researchers

The Presidential Recordings is the thirteenth series in the President's Office Files, one of seven subcollections in the Presidential Papers 1961-1963 of the Papers of John F. Kennedy. A separate finding aid has been created because of the complexity involved in processing, opening and describing the Presidential Recordings.

The Presidential Recordings were donated to the Kennedy Library in a 1976 addendum to the 1965 deed of gift from President Kennedy's estate. In 1976, the Presidential Recordings consisted of approximately 248 hours of meetings and 12 hours of telephone conversations. On March 9, 1998, the Kennedy Library received an additional 4 hours, 5 minutes of telephone recordings on 24 dictabelts which appear to have been separated from the series before it was donated in 1976. In order to maintain provenance and to speed the opening of the recordings, a Telephone Recordings Addendum sub-series has been created in the finding aid to describe the additional recordings.

Due to the time involved in processing recordings, the Library will continue to process and open remaining material incrementally as it is ready. Transcripts will not be created. Researchers who wish to be notified of future openings in this series should complete a Presidential Recordings Openings Notification Request form (also available in the Library's Research Rooms or from the Foreign Policy Unit).

**CURRENT STATUS OF MEETINGS RECORDINGS**

(November, 2009)

<u>NUMBER</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>SUBJECT</u>	<u>STATUS</u>
1	7/30/62	Brazil	Open
		Peru	Open
2	7/30/62	Economy	Open
		Nuclear testing and Test Ban Treaty	Open
3	7/30/62	Nuclear testing (above meeting continued)	Open
4	8/1/62	Disarmament and Test Ban Treaty	Open
5	8/1/62	Disarmament (above meeting continued)	Open

(5A/XXIA) <sup>1</sup>	8/ 1/62	Foreign Intelligence Advisory Board Meeting	Open
6	8/ 3/62	Berlin (Lyman Lemnitzer)	Open
7	8/ 6/62	Tax cut (Wilbur Mills)	Open
8	8/ 8/62	USSR (Llewellyn Thompson)	Open
	8/ 8/62	China	Open
	8/ 9/62	Dominican Republic	Open
		Berlin	Open
9	8/9/62	Berlin (above meeting continued)	Open
		Economy and tax cut	Open
10	8/ 9/62	Economy and tax cut (above meeting continued)	Open
	8/10/62	Economy	Open
11	8/10/62	International monetary situation	Open
(11A/ XX2A) <sup>2</sup>	8/15/62	Laos	Open
		British Guiana	Open
12	8/16/62	Various topics (Douglas MacArthur)	Open
13	8/20/62	International monetary situation	Open
14	8/20/62	International monetary situation	Open
15	8/21/62	17th UN General Assembly (Adlai Stevenson)	Open
		Farm subsidies	Open
(15A/ XX2B) <sup>3</sup>	8/22/62	Various topics (John McCone and Maxwell Taylor)	Open
16	.././..	(Tape is completely blank; no recording whatsoever)	
17	8/27/62	Middle East	Open

	8/29/62	Berlin	Open
		Congo	Open
18	9/4/62	USSR and Cuba	Open
19 <sup>4</sup>	9/4/62	Cuba (Bipartisan Leadership Meeting)	Open
20	9/5/62	Cuba and Nuclear testing	Open
21	9/10/62	Various topics (Dwight D. Eisenhower)	Open
22	9/10/62	Berlin	Open
23	9/29/62	Far East (Maxwell Taylor)	Open
24	9/29/62	University of Mississippi crisis	Open
		Espionage arrests	Open
25	9/25/62	Laos	Open
	9/29/62	Nuclear Testing	Open
		Berlin	Open
		Cuba	Open
		France	Open
26	9/30/62	University of Mississippi crisis	Open
26A	9/30/62	University of Mississippi crisis (above meeting continued)	Open
27	10/2/62	Economy and tax cut	Open
		University of Mississippi	Open
27A	10/8/62	Economy	Open
28	10/16/62	Cuba	Open
28A	10/16/62	Cuba (above meeting continued)	Open

29	10/17/62	Berlin (Gerhard Schroeder)	Open
30	10/18/62	Budget	Open
		Cuba	Open
30A	10/18/62	Cuba (above meeting continued)	Open
31	10/18/62	Cuba (above meeting continued)	Open
31A	(empty office noises only; no conversations on tape)		
32	10/22/62	Cuba	Open
32A	(empty office noises only; no conversations on tape)		
33	10/22/62	Cuba	Open
33A	10/22/62	Cuba (Congressional leadership)	Open
34	10/23/62	Cuba (NSC ExComm)	Open
35	10/23/62	Cuba	Open
36	10/24/62	Cuba (NSC ExComm)	Open
37	10/24/62	Cuba (NSC ExComm)	Open
	10../62	Cuba (Congressional leadership)	Open
	10/25/62	Cuba (NSC ExComm)	Open
38	10/25/62	Cuba (NSC ExComm, above meeting continued)	Open
39	10/26/62	Cuba (NSC ExComm)	Open
40	10/26/62	Cuba	Open
	10/27/62	Sino-Indian border clash	Open
		Cuba	Open
41	10/27/62	Cuba (NSC ExComm)	Open
41A	10/27/62	Cuba (NSC ExComm, above meeting continued)	Open

42	10/29/62	Cuba (NSC)	Open
43	10/29/62	Cuba (NSC, above meeting continued)	Open
44	10/29/62	Cuba (NSC ExComm)	Open
	10/30/62	Cuba (NSC ExComm)	Open
45	10/31/62	Congo	Open
	10/31/62	Cuba (NSC ExComm)	Open
46	10/31/62	Cuba and USSR nuclear tests (NSC)	Open
47	11/1/62	Cuba (NSC ExComm)	Open
	11/2/62	Cuba (NSC ExComm)	Open
48	11/3/62	Cuba (NSC ExComm)	Open
		Nuclear Testing and Test Ban Negotiations	Open
49	11/3/62	Cuba (NSC ExComm)	Open
50	11/3/62	Nuclear Testing and Cuba (NSC ExComm, above meeting continued; most of tape is empty office noises)	Open
51	11/5/62	Cuba (NSC ExComm)	Open
		Cuba (RFK and McGeorge Bundy)	Open
		Interdepartmental coordination of foreign affairs (RFK, McGeorge Bundy, Maxwell Taylor)	Open
52	11/5/62	Cuba	Open
	11/6/62	Cuba (NSC ExComm)	Open
53	11/7/62	Foreign aid (Fowler Hamilton)	Open
		Congo	Open
53A	11/7/62	Congo (above meeting continued)	Open

		Cuba	Open
54	11/8/62	Laos	Open
		Cuba (NSC)	Open
55	11/9/62	Adenauer Meeting	Open
		Cuba	Open
		Congo	Open
56	11/12/62	Cuba (NSC)	Open
57	11/12/62	Cuba (possibly #56 tape continued?)	Open
58	11/xx/62	Cuba (Rusk, Bundy, and Llewellyn Thompson)	Open
	11/16/62	Economy and tax cut proposals	Open
		Cuba (NSC ExComm)	Open
(59/XXXX) <sup>5</sup>	11/16/62	Cuba (above meeting continued)	Open
60	11/16/62	Cuba (NSC)	Open
		NASA space program budget	Open
	11/./62	Trinidad; Press Access	Open
	11/19/62	Cuba (post NSC ExComm meeting discussion)	Open
61	11/19/62	Cuba (above meeting continued)	Open
		India and Sino-Indian border clash	Open
62	11/19/62	Sino-Indian border clash (above meeting cont'd)	Open
		Budget	Open
63	11/19/62	Cuba (above meeting continued)	Open
	11/20/62	Space research and development (President's Science Advisory Committee)	Open

		Cuba (NSC ExComm)	Open
	11/21/62	Space program budget, plans and priorities	Open
64 <sup>6</sup>	11/21/62	Cuba (NSC ExComm)	Open
65	11/27/62	Europe and Common Market (Paul Henri Spaak)	Open
	11/29/62	Cuba (NSC ExComm)	Open
	12/5/62	Military budget for fiscal year 1964	Open
66	12/5/62	Military budget for fiscal year 1964, continued.	Open
	12/6/62	Cuba (NSC)	Open
	12/10/62	Economic outlook and forecasts (Cabinet)	Open
67/XXX <sup>7</sup>	12/12/62	Economy and tax reform proposals	Open
	12/13/62	Agricultural subsidies	Open
		Yugoslavia	Open
		Cuba/Scali	Open
	12/14/62	Congo	Open
68	12/17/62	Congo and Cuba (NSC) (morning and afternoon meetings)	Open
		Discussions on Nassau meeting	Open
		National Academy of Foreign Affairs	Open
69	12/17/62	Congo and Cuba (afternoon meeting), continued from tape 68	Open
	1/8/63	Congo and Cuba (Congressional leadership)	Open
	1/15/63	Vietnam (JCS)	Open
		Multilateral Force in Europe (JCS)	Open

70	1/16/63	Yugoslavia	Open
	1/21/63	Foreign Intelligence Advisory Board	Closed
	1/22/63	Haiti and Guatemala	Open
	1/25/63	NATO (NSC)	Open
	1/31/63	NATO (NSC)	Open
71	2/1/63	USSR & Europe	Open
		Wheeler report on Vietnam	Open
	2/2/63	European Relations/NATO	Open
72	2/5/63	Cuba and Europe (NSC)	Open
(72A/XX1B) <sup>8</sup>	2/5/63	Cuba	Open
	2/./63	Intelligence	Closed
73	2/8/63	Nuclear test ban	Open
	2/11/63	Various topics (David Bruce)	Open
		Various topics (Hyman Rickover)	Open
	2/12/63	Multilateral Force (NSC ExComm)	Open
74	2/12/63	Multilateral Force (NSC ExComm) continued	Open
75	2/21/63	Multilateral Force	Open
76	2/26/63	Yemen	Open
	2/27/63	Common Market	Open
	3/1/63	Balance of payments	Open
77	3/8/63	Latin America; Brazil	Open
	3/9/63	Foreign Intelligence Advisory Board	Closed
	3/9/63	Multilateral Force	Open

78	3/11/63	Saudi Arabia and Yemen	Open
	3/11/63	Cuba; Europe; Latin America (NSC)	Open
	3/22/63	Nitze report on Multilateral Force	Open
79	4/2/63	Atlantic alliance (NSC)	Open
	4/2/63	International trade (Herter)	Open
	4/5/63	Steel wages and prices (Wirtz)	Open
	4/5/63	USSR	Open
	4/8/63	India (Walt Rostow)	Open
80	4/9/63	Balance of payments	Open
	4/10/63	Multilateral Force (Admiral Ricketts)	Closed
	4/10/63	Steel wages and prices	Open
	4/10/63	Laos (NSC)	Open
	4/10/63	Steel wages and prices	Open
81	4/10/63	Steel wages and prices	Open
	4/11/63	Steel wages and prices	Open
	4/18/63	Balance of payments	Open
82	4/19/63	Laos	Open
	4/20/63	Laos (NSC)	Open
	4/22/63	Laos (NSC)	Open
	4/22/63	Cuba (McNamara)	Closed
	4/22/63	Various topics (Norman Cousins)	Open
	4/22/63	Various topics (Adlai Stevenson)	Open

83	4/24/63	Multilateral Force	Open
	4/25/63	India and Pakistan	Open
	4/26/63	Germany (Ambassador Dowling)	Open
	4/26/62	Gilpatric (phone call)	Open
	4/27/63	Jordan	Open
	4/27/63(?)	Haiti	Open
84	(NO TAPE WAS EVER RECEIVED WITH THIS NUMBER.)		
85	5/3/63	NATO, Multilateral Force, and British Guiana (Bundy and David Ormsby-Gore)	Open
	5/4/63	Americans for Democratic Action	Open
	5/6/63	Dean Rusk's trip to India and Pakistan (Rusk and Bundy)	Open
	5/7/63	Vietnam, Defense budget and Nomination of new Deputy Secretary of Defense (McNamara)	Open
	5/8/63	TFX and appointment of new Chief of Naval Operations (Admiral George Anderson)	Open
86	5/9/63	India (NSC)	Open
	5/12/63	Cuba/Civil Rights	Open
	5/13/63	Haiti	Open
	5/13/63	NATO	Open
	5/13/63	International trade	Open
	5/14/63	William Orrick-Department of State personnel	Open
87	5/17/63	Jean Monnet and Europe (also Birmingham, Alabama phone call)	Open

		Cotton textiles	Open
		India	Open
88	5/17/63	Middle East arms limitation/Israel	Open
	5/20/63	Cuba, NATO	Open
		GATT/Trade negotiations	Open
		Civil rights legislation	Open
		India/T.T. Krishnamachari	Open
	5/21/63	Birmingham, Alabama	Open
89	5/24/63	Multilateral Force/Ottawa meeting/Israel	Open
	5/25/63	European defense/Balance of Payments (includes phone call from RFK)	Open
	5/27/63	Clark Clifford/PFIAB	Closed
	5/28/63	NATO and Multilateral Force	Open
	5/28/63	Joseph Luns/Europe	Open
		Intelligence collection	Closed
		Paul Henri Spaak/Europe	Open
90	5/28/63	Spaak/Europe (above meeting continued)	Open
	5/31/63	British Guiana and Haiti	Portions Open
	6/1/63	Civil rights legislation	Open
91-95	NO TAPES WERE EVER RECEIVED WITH THESE NUMBERS		
96	7/3/63	Nuclear test ban treaty	Open
	7/4/63	Vietnam, Laos, Indonesia and Brazil, Nuclear test ban negotiations	Open

	7/8/63	Railroad work rules dispute with Congressional Leaders	Open
	7/9/63	Railroad work rules dispute	Open
		Nuclear test ban negotiations (NSC)	Open
		Civil rights	Open
97/A33 <sup>9</sup>	7/10/63	Railroad work rules dispute	Open
		Railroad work rules dispute (with Hubert Humphrey and Wayne Morse)	Open
		Various topics (Dr. Carlos Garcia-Bauer, Ambassador from Guatemala)	Open
		Railroad work rules dispute	Open
	7/11/63	Nuclear test ban negotiations	Open
	7/12/63	Common market	Open
98/A34	7/15/63	Balance of payments	Open
	7/16/63	Balance of payments	Open
	7/18/63	Portuguese Africa	Open
	7/18/63	Nuclear test ban negotiations	Open
99/A35	7/19/63	Nuclear test ban negotiations	Open
		Railroad work rules dispute	Open
		Nuclear testing and Azores (Curtis LeMay)	Closed
	7/19/63	Naval construction program	Closed
	7/22/63	Railroad work rules dispute	Open
		Nuclear test ban negotiations	Open
100/A36	7/23/63	Near East and Israel	Open

		Nuclear test ban negotiations	Open
	7/24/63	Nuclear test ban negotiations	Open
101/A37	7/./63	(Topic uncertain; recording is largely unintelligible)	Open
	7/25/63	Ethiopian Parliamentary Delegation	Open
		Economy and tax cut (Walter Heller)	Open
	7/29/63	Economy and tax cut	Open
	7/29/63	US Postmaster-ship (James Trimble)	Open
		Fragmentary conversation (Walter Reuther, Leonard Woodcock, and Jack Conway; only pleasantries; very brief recording)	Open
102/A38	7/29/63	U.S. delegation to test ban treaty signing (Rusk and Dutton)	Open
	7/30/63	Portuguese Africa	Open
		U.S. troops in Europe (McNamara and Bundy)	Open
		Korea (Maxwell Taylor)	Open
		Laos	Open
	7/31/63	Khrushchev proposal for a non-aggression pact (Harriman, Kaysen, and Bundy)	Open
		Far East review (NSC)	Open
103/A39	7/31/63	Nuclear Test Ban Treaty (scientists)	Open
	8/2/63	Nuclear Test Ban Treaty, USSR and MLF	Open
		Tariffs (Herter)	Open
	8/5/63	Germany and Nuclear Test Ban Treaty (Report on McNamara visit with Adenauer and Nuclear Test Ban testimony)	Open

104/A40	8/7/63	Citizens Committee on the Nuclear Test Ban Treaty	Open
	8/12/63	Pakistan	Open
	8/13/63	Choral serenade from Irish teachers (brief and barely intelligible)	Open
		Economy	Open
	8/15/63	Vietnam (Henry Cabot Lodge)	Open
		British Guiana	Closed
		Trip to Eastern Europe (Orville Freeman)	Open
105	NO TAPE WAS EVER RECEIVED WITH THIS NUMBER		
106/A41	8/15/63	Trip to Eastern Europe (Orville Freeman, above meeting continued)	Open
	8/16/63	Phone call from Edward M. Kennedy	Open
	8/15/63	USSR and Eastern Europe (Llewellyn Thompson)	Open
	8/16/63	Foreign Policy Matters	Open
	8/16/63	Japanese Judicial System	Open
	8/19/63	Foreign aid and policy issues	Open
	8/21/63	Vietnam	Open
	8/21/63	Romania (William Crawford)	Open
107/A42	8/23/63	NATO (Thomas K. Finletter)	Open
		Arizona water and politics (Carl Hayden)	Open
	8/26/63	Relations with USSR (Anatoly Dobrynin)	Open
	8/26/63	Vietnam	Open

	8/27/63	Portuguese Africa	Open
	8/28/63	Vietnam	Open
108/A43	8/28/63	Vietnam (above meeting continued)	Open
	8/28/63	Civil rights (March on Washington leadership)	Open
	8/29/63	Vietnam	Open
	8/29/63	Brief discussion with Lyndon Johnson	Open
	8/29/63	Brief phone call with Ray Scherer, NBC News	Open
	9/3/63	Vietnam	Open
109/A44	9/3/63	Balance of payments	
	9/./63	Various foreign policy topics (McGeorge Bundy)	
	9/9/63	Test ban treaty (Mike Mansfield and Everett Dirksen)	
		Economy	Open
		Arms control (Henry M. Jackson)	
	9/10/63	Vietnam (Krulak and Mendenhall reports)	
110/A45	9/11/63	Balance of payments	
		Vietnam	
	9/12/63	Economy	Open
		Strategic balance of power (NSC)	
111/A46	9/12/63	Strategic balance of power (above meeting continued)	
	9/17/63	Nuclear test ban treaty vote (Foy Kohler)	
		Vietnam	
	9/18/63	Lunar program (James Webb)	

	9/19/63	Civil rights (Civil rights leadership)	Open
	9/19/63	Vietnam	
112/A47	9/19/63	Civil rights (Civil rights leadership)	Open
	9/23/63	Various topics (Maxwell Taylor, Dean Rusk, George Ball, Robert McNamara, McGeorge Bundy)	
		Various topics (Cabinet meeting)	
		Civil rights (RFK and Burke Marshall)	Open
		Civil rights (City officials from Birmingham, Alabama)	Open
113/A48	9/23/63	Civil rights (above meeting continued)	Open
	9/30/63	Civil rights bill (Dr. Eugene Carson Blake)	Open
		Various foreign policy topics (Bundy, briefly)	
		Assignments of ambassadors and other topics (Bundy and Ralph Dungan)	
		Tax bill	Open
	10/1/63	Proposed wheat sales to USSR (NSC)	
114/A49	10/1/63	Proposed wheat sales to USSR (above meeting continued)	Open
		Various topics (Haile Selassie)	Open
	10/2/63	Vietnam (McNamara-Taylor report)	Open
		Vietnam (NSC)	Open
	10/3/63	Various topics (Dean Rusk)	Open
114/A50	10/4/63	Dominican Republic and Honduras	Open
	10/5/63	Vietnam	Open
	10/7/63	Brazil	Open

115/A51	10/9/63	Indonesia and Far East	
	10/10/63	Various topics (Andrei Gromyko)	
116/A52	10/11/63	Berlin	
	10/16/63	Dominican Republic	
	10/21/63	Berlin	
	10/22/63	Various topics (Victor Paz Estensoro of Bolivia)	
	10/23/63	Visit to Adenauer (Dean Acheson)	
	10/24/63	Civil rights legislation	Open
117/A53	10/24/63	Civil rights legislation (above meeting continued)	Open
		U.S. troops in Europe	Open
		Various topics (George Brown of the U.K. House of Commons)	Open
	10/25/63	Vietnam	Open
118/A54	10/28/63	Yemen, Morocco and Algeria	Open
	10/29/63	Civil rights legislation	Open
	10/30/63	Vietnam	Open
	11/1/63	Vietnam	Open
		Dominican Republic	Open
... /A55 <sup>10</sup>	11/2/63	Vietnam (morning meeting)	Open
		Wheat sales and deliveries to USSR	Open
		Vietnam (afternoon meeting)	Open
	11/5/63	Dominican Republic	Open
		Various topics (McGeorge Bundy)	Open

		Berlin	Open
	11/7/63	Wheat sales to USSR	Open
... /A56 <sup>11</sup>	11/7/63	Wheat sales to USSR (above meeting continued)	
		Defense contracts	
		1964 Democratic Convention plans	
... /A57 <sup>12</sup>	11/7/63	1964 Democratic Convention plans (above meeting continued)	
		Various topics (Dean Rusk; including discussion of Otepka and Gullion cases)	
	11/8/63	Grain trade (Orville Freeman)	

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1. Two tapes were received 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. Also applies to tape 72A/XXIB.

2. See endnote # 1.

3. See endnote # 1.

4. Received from the Office of Presidential Libraries in 1992.

5. Received as "XXXX." Identified and inserted into the list in appropriate chronological sequence and assigned number 59 for which there was no received tape.

6. Received as unnumbered. Identified and inserted into the list in appropriate chronological sequence and assigned number 64 for which there was no received tape.

7. Received as "XXX." Identified and inserted into the list in appropriate chronological sequence and assigned number 67 for which there was no received tape.

8. See endnote # 1.

9. Beginning with tape number 97 a double numbering system was applied to the tapes as received. The "A##" series was apparently applied by the Secret Service as they removed the tapes from the machines.

10. No number in the regular series was found on these tapes as received, only the "A##" series. From chronological sequencing and the "A##" series sequence, the numbers 119, 120, and 121 might well have been assigned to these tapes, but were not as received.

11. See endnote # 9.

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12. See endnote # 9.