

## FOREWORD

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The following conventions are used throughout the transcripts:

- \* \* \*      To indicate a pause in the recording while the speaker listens to the person speaking at the other end of the telephone. Used when only one side of a telephone conversation is recorded.
- [ ? ]      When the transcriber is not certain of what is said on the recording.
- . . . .      To indicate a sentence which the speaker trails off without completing it.
- . . .        When a speaker is interrupted before a sentence is completed.
- \_\_\_\_\_    To indicate the speaker's emphasis.
- [ / ]        Used to enclose editorial comments of the transcriber such as */Meeting appears to be breaking up/* or */Several speakers speak at once and none of the words are intelligible./*

### **Names:**

The first time a name is mentioned, the full name is provided whenever it is known. "JFK" and "RFK" are used for President Kennedy and Robert Kennedy, respectively. When the identity of a speaker is unknown, "Speaker?" is used; when the identification of a speaker is uncertain, a question mark follows the name. The heading of each transcript gives the names of all participants listed in the President's Appointment Books as scheduled to attend the meeting.

### **Preparation:**

These electronic documents were created from transcripts available in the audiovisual research room in the John F. Kennedy Library. The transcripts were scanned using optical character recognition and the resulting text files were proofread against the original transcripts. Some formatting changes were made.

## Dictabelt 3A, Item 3A8

*[This is not a telephone conversation. It appears that the telephone was left off the hook. Much of this is unintelligible.]*

Voice 1: . . . have these guerrillas up in the mountains of Colombia. I was there. They killed thirty-two in the town I was in, the night I was there. And they flew down. They killed over three hundred thousand in the last fourteen years. And they claim now that Castro's got control of these guerrillas.

Voice 2: *[Words missing]* in Colombia?

Voice 1: In Colombia. And he says that the way to the United States is through the Colombian Andes.

Voice 2: *[I doubt that?]*

Voice 1: Well, these people are *[words missing?]* get organized. *[Words missing?]* and so is Cuba. Infiltration is tremendous. And the anti-communist *[word missing?]* are getting furious because they feel that we're not *[word missing?]* them like we ought to right along. And I'm much afraid that is a problem.

Voice 2: *[Words missing?]* twenty-five thousand, but, ah, it *[inaudible]*. The present regime, the *[word missing?]*, that is, the, uh, shooting them down, and therefore that America is wrong. America ought to give to *[word missing?]*, not to *[word missing?]*.

Voice 1: And how to get it to them.

*[A large unintelligible section followed by a few intelligible fragments.]*

Voice 1: Yes, they can do the same thing somehow in Brazil.

*[Unintelligible.]*

Voice ?: Awfully good to see you. *[Words missing?]* give my regards to *[words missing]*.

JFK?: Glad to hear that.

Voice 1: Thank you, sir.

JFK?: Nice to see you. We enjoyed seeing you.

Voice 1: Good to see you. I'll be in touch with [words missing?]. He's playing golf. In North Carolina right now. Good-bye. Thank you. [Words missing?]

[Section of farewells is repeated.]

Voice 3: Well, we wish you luck, Mr. President.

Voice 4: Mamie?

Voice 5: Sure, sure.

[Inaudible.]

Voice 6: He won't be here until about 1. Just stand by [words missing?].

[Unintelligible.]