

FOREWORD

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- . . . When a speaker is interrupted before a sentence is completed.
- _____ To indicate the speaker's emphasis.
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Names:

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

Preparation:

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

Dictabelt 3B

Thursday, September 13, 1962

JFK: Mr. Speaker.

McCormack¹: Hello, Mr. President.

JFK: Hi.

McCormack: I have Carl Vinson with me and Tom Morgan was here a little while ago and coming back.

JFK: Right.

McCormack: Uh, this resolution on Cuba.

JFK: Right.

McCormack: Tom Morgan's gonna introduce it today and Carl Vinson's gonna introduce, both of 'em gonna introduce, uh, the same resolution.

JFK: Right, fine.

McCormack: Now you have seen it?

JFK: Yes, that's correct.

McCormack: That starts out, "Where, Whereas President James Monroe" and so forth.

JFK: Right.

McCormack: That right? Then down there, "now therefore be it resolved."

JFK: Right.

McCormack: Uh. We're trying to see if we can get it up to suspension on Monday. How would that hit you?

¹ John McCormack

JFK: That's fine. I think the quicker we dispose of it, probably the better.

McCormack: Yeah, because the Senate isn't going to, uh, they're going to refer it to the Joint Committee on Armed Services and Foreign Relations and report back next Thursday.

JFK: Right, right.

McCormack: Now if we can work it out. Ah. That is. . . . /Off phone to someone in room with him/ Will you get Chairman Morgan, will you? /Back to JFK/ Oh, here's Chairman Morgan. I'll have you talk with Tom Morgan, if I may, and also Carl Vinson.

JFK: Right, right.

McCormack: /To Tom Morgan in the room with him/ I've got the president, Tom, and the president said if we can get it up to suspension Monday that will be fine. /Back to JFK/ Now here's Tom Morgan, Mr. President.

Morgan²: Yes, Mr. President.

JFK: Yes, Doc, well, I think the quicker the better and I think the closer that language, we get to that language the better off we are. It's the only way to head off their giving us something much worse.

Morgan: Uh, you think this language okay then?

JFK: Yes, that's the language that, uh, we sent up, I think, to the Senate . . .

Morgan: Yeah.

JFK: . . . isn't it?

Morgan: Yeah.

JFK: Isn't that the same language that Mike had?

Morgan: It's the language that Chairman Vinson had.

JFK: Is that 1958? It mentions 1958?

² Thomas E. Morgan

Morgan: Pardon.

JFK: Does it mention the year 1958?

Morgan: Just a minute, Mr. President. [To someone in room with him/ Is it here? 1958? [Back to JFK/ Yeah.

JFK: Yeah. That's the one. Right. Good. That's fine. Well, that's good because that puts it back on them.

Morgan: Yeah. Uh-huh.

JFK: Good, Doc.

Morgan: Okay.

JFK: Thank you.

Morgan: Wait a minute, Mr. President. Mr. Vinson wants to talk to you.

Vinson³: Mr. President?

JFK: Yes, sir, Mr. . . .

Vinson: This is the resolution that you just sent me up from, um, your office down there . . .

JFK: That's correct.

Vinson: . . . that I used when the secretary of Defense was before the committee to tell the committee that this was what we would consider, and we do not have jurisdiction and so Mr. Morgan's committee has jurisdiction.

JFK: Right.

Vinson: But I am gonna get the sense of my committee, do they endorse it. And then I'll bring out the, uh, authorization for 150,000 reservists under suspension, pass that Monday . . .

JFK: Oh, terrific.

³ Carl Vinson

Vinson: . . . and then, uh, Mr. Morgan will call up, uh, on the recommendation by the Speaker for suspension of the rule and bring up the concurrent resolution.

JFK: Very good.

Vinson: Now it's all right to introduce 'em?

JFK: That's fine, Mr. Chairman. Yes, 'cause I think that's the only way to head off their introducing a much more objectionable amendment . . .

Vinson: Uh-huh.

JFK: . . . language.

Vinson: That's right because I've got to keep down some very objectionable amendments . . .

JFK: That's correct.

Vinson: . . . in my committee and this is the only way I can do it.

JFK: That's fine, Mr. Chairman.

Vinson: Thank you, Mr. President.

JFK: Thanks a lot. Right.