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PRESIDENT: Dick Kleindienst.

SECRETARY: Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Yeah.

SECRETARY: Mr. Kleindienst, Mr. President.

KLEINDIENST: Hi, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Hi, Dick, how are you?

KLEINDIENST: Good, how are you, sir?

PRESIDENT: Fine, fine. I'm going to talk to John tomorrow about my general attitude on anti-trust,

KLEINDIENST: Yes sir.

PRESIDENT: and in the meantime, I know that he has left with you, uh, the IT & T thing because apparently he says he had something to do with them once.

KLEUBDUEBST: (Laughs) Yeah. Yeah.

PRESIDENT: Well, you have, I have nothing to do with them, and I want something clearly understood, and, if it is not understood, McLaren's ass is to be out within one hour. The It & T thing --- stay the hell out of it. Is that clear? That's an order.

KLEINDIENST: Well, you mean the order is to --

PRESIDENT: The order is to leave the God damned thing alone. Now, I've said this, Dick, a number of times, and you fellows apparently don't get the me--, the message over there. I do not want McLaren to run around prosecuting people, raising hell about conglomerates, stirring things up at this point. Now you keep him the hell out of that. Is that clear?

KLEINDIENST: Well, Mr. President --

PRESIDENT: Or either he resigns. I'd rather have him out anyway. I don't like the son-of-a-bitch.

KLEINDIENST: The, the question then is --

PRESIDENT: The question is, I know, that the jurisdiction -- I know all the legal things, Dick, you don't have to spell out the legal

KLEINDIENST: [Unintelligible] the appeal filed.

PRESIDENT: That's right.

KLEINDIENST: That brief has to be filed tomorrow.

PRESIDENT: That's right. Don't file the brief.

KLEINDIENST: Your order is not to file a brief?

PRESIDENT: Your -- my order is to drop the God damn thing. Is that clear?

KLEINDIENST: [Laughs] Yeah, I understand that

PRESIDENT: Okay.

KLEINDIENST: [unintelligible]

[President hangs up.]