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PRESIDENT: [Picks up telephone.] Secretary Connally
please.
[Hangs up.]
[Telephone buzzes.]

BULL: Mr. President, Congressman [unintelligible]
is here for five minutes.

PRESIDENT: Oh yeah. Tell Haldeman not to come in until
-- I just wanted to call [unintelligible]
told Haldeman, I just, never -- I just told
Haldeman to come in. Tell him to wait.

BULL: Oh, I didn't realize it, sir.

PRESIDENT: All right, hold him. I'll just be a minute.

BULL: Fine, sir.

PRESIDENT: Hello. ["Yeah" in background.]
Yeah, I thought it was, uh, was very, very
helpful for, uh, you to give those guys a
good shot like that this morning. And as I,
and I as I am sure you could see I was, uh,
trying to shame a few of them a bit because
Yeah.
Yeah. Well, uh, I, I tell you that it's very
tight in the Senate. It looks like we're
about two votes short. Isn't that something?
Yeah. But it's, but for this country and
what it is, it's, uh, almost a death wish
isn't it? It's a death wish. They, uh, we,
uh, we're afraid to do this or that because
of, uh -- Well, it's a -- as the country
gets more and more intelligent, they get,
uh, more and more fearful; and that's, and
that's what happened to the Greeks, and what
happened to the Romans, it's what's happened
to the British, it's what happened, you know
-- That's what happens.

Yeah. Huh, well, it's a retreat from greatness, too. It's a retreat from leadership. Retreat from leader-but anyway, we're on the side of the angels, and, uh, and I appreciated your picking up and pitching. That's the way to do it, slug it right to them.

Um hm.

Yeah.

Yeah. Well, you've handled it all extremely well. That's all right. [Laughs]

Yeah. Yeah, the -- don't worry. They, uh, they'll remember it. [Laughs]

Yeah, at 10:30. [Telephone rings.]

Yeah. Yeah. They're quite a, quite a group.

Uh hm.

You're, you're, you leaning to, to the, [telephone rings] to do it this year?

Uh hm.. Uh hm.

Huh.

Yeah.

Get out the argument that if you do it this year you raise the price and all that sort of thing.

Right.

Well, I'll try to, uh, be equipped for other things. He's going to, uh, meet with 'em at 10:30, and I'm going to try to keep

Yeah. Yeah, but I 'Want to be sure I don't, don't, don't cross the bridge today, that's what I mean, and I'm glad to talk to you about it. I didn't know that -- Okay.

Got it.

Um hm. Um hm.

Yeah. All right.

Okay.

We'll [unintelligible] in there.

[Hangs up.]

PRESIDENT: Hello [unintelligible]