

TELEPHONE NOTES
THE PRESIDENT TO
SECRETARY MANN

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B Good morning, I hope you're as happy about Brazil as I am.

A I am.

B I think that's the most important thing that's happened in the hemisphere in three years...

A Well, I hope they give us some credit, instead of hell.

B Well, we'll get it eventually because this will affect the whole hemisphere... the whole attitude... on Cuba and everything else... at least I hope so... doesn't mean that we don't have a lot of problems we have to be careful about...

A Hadn't we better watch that awful careful... and move in there awfully quick and move in every resource we've got to really help them?

B Yes, but I think we've got to do two things... we've got to get the Europeans to come with us... so we don't end up holding the sack again. Secondly, we've got to get them to stop this to drop this inflation, take measures to drop the inflations, and secondly to institute form. This won't be politically popular... and we sent out a long telegram yesterday pointing out that this might be the best time to do it... once you get a government that's been elected, than you can't do it... you've got some people that can't feed themselves... shouldn't have too much ambition, and maybe they can be statesmen instead of politicians.

A Good...

B We're working on it... I think if we were to go in... I had a call from Senator Gruening this morning warning about shoving in a lot of money without getting anything for it... long history on that, and I think we'd hurt ourselves bad if we did that... not even help the position... but I think we should give them all they want the minute they do their part... all they need...

A All right... What about our negotiator?

B Well, my thought was that our people are going to be us against pretty smart lawyers... from Panama... this is the number one problem with

Panamanian lawyers... you would be better off in the country if you elected a good lawyer... and I thought about Bob Anderson as one choice... I don't really care about the individual, but I think, he would... nationally known... and could help you a lot on the Hill and we need that two-thirds vote... and since he obviously won't be able to spend full time on it, I thought about backing him up with a full time ambassador... either Bob Newbegin... or somebody of that kind... experienced in this sort of thing... as the number two person...

A Bob who?

B Bob Newbegin.

A How do you spell it?

B N-e-w-b-e-g-i-n

A All right... if you can't get Bob Anderson, who else would you get?

B Well, if I couldn't get Bob Anderson, I'd get me a good nationally known lawyer... known as a lawyer... and I thought about either Dean Atcheson... he might do it... or

A He's not very strong on the Hill...

B Well, if he's not... maybe I can tell you somebody that is... or you know somebody that is... I think that we can probably think of a lot of good Texas lawyers... including Dovorsky (sounds like)... but... you'd be heavily loaded on the Texas side again...

A Yeah...

B Uh..... I think that if you...

A We need a Spanish speaking one, don't you?

B Well, it would be better... get someone in New York... Do you think it's good politics to get a Republican or a Democrat....

A Yeah..... I think a Republican....

B Well..... I can tell you one... that I have regard for... his name is John Lockwood... and He's a personal attorney for Nelson Rockefeller.... he used to be in the State Department.....

A Does he speak Spanish?

B Well, I think so... it's been ten years since I've seen him... but I think that he knows some Spanish... in fact, he's fairly fluent in it....

A What about Milton Eisenhower?

B Well, he's not a lawyer... and I think that he's fairly committed in that... his book, The Wine is Bitter, and pretty much showed his hand in that... I think....

A What about Milo Perkins?

B Well, Mylo's not a lawyer... Milo would be controversial too.....

A Why?

B Well, he's a conservative....

A Is he? Wallace is his executive assistant here.....

B (laughter).... Well, Milo's one of my best friends in the world, you know... but he's more conservative than I am... and I'm labelled as a conservative... uh... he's not a lawyer... and that's the main thing...

A What about this fellow with Grace and Company.... Moore?

B Well, I don't know whether John's a lawyer or not... but he hasn't practiced since I've known him... which has been about 16 years... I'd try to get a first-rate lawyer... known as a lawyer... cause they're going to be talking about abstracts and political theories and sovereignty and perpetuity and.....

A You be thinking and get me three or four of them..... and fell them out.....

B Well, may I call around.....

A Yeah.... I'm going to call Bob Anderson... but you call around and see who you can get in mind... we ought to get somebody to name right away... I think if we don't have anybody else by this afternoon... we ought to say it is going to be under the general.... well, maybe, we can't I started to say... we ought to let Bunker handle it... but we....

B He's not tough enough for that job.... you really need a tough guy because they'll take the gold out of his teeth....

A Well, they've got nothing in this agreement, have they, that we haven't said all along....

B No, I think we are all right but we need a tough guy now to get down to the hard negotiating and I would try to talk Bob into it... I think if you were to call him and tell him you have as much support as he wants.... he won't have to give a lot of personal time.... he will have to open up the meeting, attend the meeting occasionally, which he can do, and he will have a former ambassador and a staff to do all the donkey work for him and all we want from him is guidance... if you will put it to him on that basis and as a patriotic duty, I don't see how he can turn it down.

A Thank you.

B Okay

A Listen, are you all going to announce this over at OAS before we do it over here or can we do it simultaneously.

B I'm not up on the details but I think it can be done simultaneously..... that's what I've been told.... I'm in bed, you know.... I've got pneumonia.

A Oh, God..... I'd better let you go. Good-bye.

B Okay.