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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.]