

Telecon
The President
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K said he had talked with Buckley--he's been working since before the speech and will continue to work. He says you've taken the Churchillian stand and not the comfortable Chamberlain stand. He says his friends owe you their support. He was very complimentary; he had 1 technical comment; the TV cameras picked up the edge of the paper occasionally. K said he didn't even notice it and it was a minor point.

K said Lovestone said it was a great speech. It was beyond his wildest dreams. It restored dignity to the American people. The P said that would affect Meany.

The P said what others don't understand but he and K do is that we've got to broker all these things hard and tough and fast. The P said Rogers and Laird called. The P thought they were a little shaken. But the point is that they should have been ecstatic. But neither showed that--they haven't got the guts. I think they'll have to go. K said they didn't behave very loyally these last few days--they let the White House carry it. The P said they're not going to Key Biscayne, that's for sure--"I wrote the whole damn speech."

The P said he was going to cancel the NSC on Thursday if it's okay with K. The P said he knows what to do about SALT and he's not going to sit around and listen to them talk about it. The P is going to write them a letter, cold turkey. He's going to dictate a memo on how they must handle the ~~xxxxx~~ speech. K agreed.

K said he knew Kalb wouldn't like the speech. The P said, no, he's a communist. And K said that Harriman wouldn't like it was self-evident. K said Magruder took a pole of 100 newspapers, and only two were unfavorable--the Washington Post and the New York Times. K said that was obvious--we could have written that before the speech. The P said he's got to get Haldeman to corral them.

The P asked again if Buckley was pleased. K said very pleased. He only mentioned that it might not have been tough enough. The P said it was deliberately low-key because the words were very tough. K said that Buckley said the P's friends are proud of him and stand behind him. The P asked if Acheson was really pleased. K said yes; the P said he was going to call him.