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Part of a telephone conversation between President Nixon in his office in the Old Executive Office Building and John Griner at an unknown time between 1:16 pm and 3:00 pm on May 5, 1971.

Conversation No. 42-99

President: Hello.

Griner: Yes, sir.

President: Just wanted ya to know that, uh, I made, took note of the fact as you probably, uh, watched in the papers, that, uh, the great, uh, number of, uh, great majority of Federal employees, uh, all came to work on Monday. And that's to their great credit, and I think part of the credit, and a great part of it, goes to you and your leadership over there, and I'm most grateful for you .

Griner: Mr. President, I --

President: Yeah.

Griner: -- certainly appreciate that --

President: Yeah.

Griner: -- and I --.

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President: Well, you tell the, tell the fellows and the, and the people working in your office that, uh, when we've got a responsible, you know, trade union, uh, leadership that, uh, that, that really helps, because you know that'd been so easy for them to be intimidated by this rat pack.

Griner: Oh, yes.

President: Yeah.

Griner: Yes.

President: But I notice you didn't take anything from 'em. [Laughs]

Griner: No, sir, I didn't, and I had, I 've got one local that I think participated --

President: Yeah.

Griner: -- under the banner of the AFGE, and I'm gonna take their charter away if they did.

President: Um-hum.

Griner: I'm just not --

President: Um-hum.

Griner: -- gonna put up with it.

President: Right. Well, we're -- .

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Griner: I certainly appreciate your calling, Mr. President.

President: Well, there, it seems to be, I think we did the right thing, don't you? I think our police and others did pretty well, just --

Griner: I think they --

President: -- to round 'em up.

Griner: -- did a wonderful job --

President: Yeah.

Griner: -- wonderful job.

President: Good, well --.

Griner: I heard nothin' --

President: Yeah.

Griner: -- but favorable comments --.

President: It's pretty hard, you know, for these young policemen, who without, to, to, to hold their tempers. You know, these people are horrible-lookin' people, aren't they?

Griner: They're not only horrible-lookin' --.

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President: Horrible-actin', huh? [Laughs]

Griner: Right.

President: [Laughs]

Griner: Mr. President --

President: Yeah.

Griner: -- I can't help but thinkin', uh --

President: Um-hum.

Griner: -- they're gettin' some outside of assistance.

President: Yeah.

Griner: I mean --

President: Yeah.

Griner: -- outside of assis --.

President: I know what you mean, I know what you mean. Well, anyway, we, I just want you, I appreciate it, and I will remember. Thank you. [Laughs]

Griner: I certainly do --

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President: Bye.

Griner: Thank you for callin'.

President: Bye.

Griner: Thank you very much.