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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]