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(Background noise, sound of writing and some  
unintelligible conversation)

HALDEMAN: (On the phone) (Unintelligible) Where are  
they? Okay. I'll be up in just a minute.

(40 second pause, with sounds of writing)

HALDEMAN: I see a time way back (unintelligible) might  
find out about that report before we do  
anything.

PRESIDENT: (Unintelligible)

(35 second pause)

PRESIDENT: Okay (unintelligible) and, ah, just, just  
postpone the (unintelligible, with noises)  
hearings (15 second unintelligible, with  
noises) and all that garbage. Just say that  
I have to take a look at the primaries  
(unintelligible) recover (unintelligible) I  
just don't (unintelligible very bad, to have  
this fellow Hunt, ah, you know, ah, it's,  
he, he knows too damn much and he was  
involved, we happen to know that. And that  
it gets out that the whole, this is all  
involved in the Cuban thing, that it's a  
fiasco, and it's going to make the FB, ah  
CIA look bad, it's going to make Hunt look  
bad, and it's likely to blow the whole, uh,  
Bay of Pigs thing which we think would be  
very unfortunate for CIA and for the country  
at this time, and for American foreign  
policy, and he just better tough it and lay  
it on them. Isn't that what you...

HALDEMAN: Yeah, that's, that's the basis we'll do it  
on and just leave it at that.

PRESIDENT: I don't want them to get any ideas we're  
doing it because our concern is political.

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HALDEMAN: Right.

PRESIDENT: And at the same time, I wouldn't tell them it is not political...

HALDEMAN: Right.

PRESIDENT: I would just say "Look, it's because of the Hunt involvement," just say (unintelligible, with noise) sort of thing, the whole cover is, uh, basically this (unintelligible).

HALDEMAN: (Unintelligible) Well they've got some pretty good ideas on this need thing.

PRESIDENT: George Schultz did a good paper on that, I read it...

(Unintelligible voices heard leaving the room)