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Part of a conversation among President Nixon, Herbert G. Klein, Robert Rosenthal, and Bob Murphy in the Oval Office between 12:09 pm and 12:17 pm on May 7, 1971.

Conversation No. 495-14

President: Well, they, uh, we're lucky that we, when we see all these little bums that come down here an' --

Unknown: Yeah.

President: -- run around town, ya know.

Unknown: Kids [unintelligible] they're not bums.

President: Well, the ones, that's, the ones with the last group was, was a pretty bad group, actually.

Unknown: [Unintelligible].

President: We see 'em, they don't really, they really ought to travel.

Unknown: Yeah.

President: They ought to see what it is in other countries, y'know.

Unknown: Yeah.

President: I mean, I don't believe it's a question really of --

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Unknown: Sure.

President: -- uh, I don't care how long th-they wear their hair long. That has nothing to do with it, but when they try to stop other people from answering, from their rights, then we gotta stop 'em.

Unknown: That's right.

President: See, anybody can exercise his own rights, but he's not entitled to exercise his own rights to the detriment of somebody else's rights. That's when the Government steps in.

Unknown: And the Constitution doesn't guarantee, uh, anything else but freedom of assembly and [unintelligible].

President: Freedom of assembly, freedom of representative assembly, and so forth, but not freedom to deny assembly or interfere with the access of others.

Unknown: That's right.