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Part of a telephone conversation between President Nixon in his office in the Old Executive Office Building and William B. Macomber between 1:12 pm and 1:13 pm on May 4, 1971.

Conversation No. 42-86

President: Hello.

Macomber: Hello, Mr. President.

President: Bill, I just wanted you to know that I thought that was a fine job you did yesterday in grabbin' that flag when these people tried to take it down.

Macomber: Thank God, Mr. President.

President: Yeah.

Macomber: How nice of you to call.

President: Well --

Macomber: I'm very --

President: -- I know that, uh --

Macomber: -- uh --.

President: -- I know that, all the heat people take around town, but, ya know, that, uh, these, these gestures mean something 'n' the fact you walked out there 'n' grabbed it, uh, well, I think that was just great.

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Macomber: Well , Mr. President, I'm --

President: Hmm.

Macomber: -- gosh, I'm thankful --.

President: Hope you didn't get scarred up.

Macomber: Oh, no, no, --

President: No.

Macomber: -- they, they're not very brave. They faded.

President: They fad-, uh, I think really that you're right, that they, uh, they're not, they're not interested in a fight. They just wanta do damage and let people run away.

Macomber: That's right. Mr. President, there were a couple of older guards that were chargin' out there with me, and they went right into it themselves. If you know --

President: Well --

Macomber: -- the GSA guards.

President: -- you tell them I called, and thank them, too. Will ya?

Macomber: I sure will, Mr. President.

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President: Fine, Bill.

Macomber: Thank you --

President: Fine.

Macomber: -- for calling, sir.