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Part of a telephone conversation between President Nixon in the Lincoln Sitting Room and Patrick J. Buchanan between 10:36 pm and 10:39 pm on April 29, 1971.

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President: Well, you picked, picked most of the answers.

Buchanan: Well, it was a fine job [unintelligible]. [Laughs]

President: That, uh, that woman asked a silly question about Johnny Rhodes [unintelligible].

Buchanan: [Unintelligible] came off very well, though.

President: Oh, well, it was a good thing that the, uh, it showed that the poor guy, they're givin' him a bad rap, ya know, and all that.

Buchanan: [Unintelligible].

President: Well, the main thing was to get across the, uh, [unintelligible], you know, the demonstrators situation [unintelligible] the effect [unintelligible]. We sure got that across.

Buchanan: [Unintelligible] it was very well done.

President: And also I put, put down the State Department and their silly goddamn comments about, you know, God, they're going all of off their rocker.

Buchanan: [Unintelligible] I thought you needa finance [unintelligible] today.

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President: What, what?

Buchanan: The finance [unintelligible].

President: Yeah.

Buchanan: [Unintelligible].

President: Right.

Buchanan: [Unintelligible]. I thought the whole thing would be over by then.

President: What? Yeah.

Buchanan: [Unintelligible]. It went over seven minutes. I think that's good.

President: Yeah. We didn't stop it right on time. We let it go at about actually five minutes over actually. But, uh, I think the, uh, I think that the real lead though is something. There are two leads [unintelligible], you know, things, uh, little things to discuss. One: that, that I look at the teenagers, my concern was not peace in, just in our time, but peace in their time. That, that gets across; people understand that. The other thing is that with regard to China, we've broken the ice, now we've gotta test the water to see how deep it is.

Buchanan: [Unintelligible].

President: People understand that, huh?

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Buchanan: [Unintelligible].

President: But, uh, tell these little bastards that are demonstrating: Hey, look. we're not worryin= about peace in our time; we can get that very easy. But what about you little shitasses, what do you think is gonna happen to you, huh?

Buchanan: Right. Yeah, I think you=re very good at [unintelligible].

President: And that we're, Wa-Washington's not under siege.

Buchanan: Yes, right.

President: I looked at the camera, you know, [unintelligible] tel-television [unintelligible].

Buchanan: [Unintelligible].

President: Well, we'll see.

Buchanan: Okay, thank you [unintelligible].

President: But, uh, but, uh, very, very good, uh, very good preparation. Tell, uh, Allen and all the rest [unintelligible] very good job, will you?

Buchanan: [Unintelligible].

President: Okay, fine.