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Part of a telephone conversation between President Nixon in the Oval Office and Edith Green between 10:46 am and 10:49 am on May 7, 1971.

Conversation No. 2-116

President: I just wanted you to know that I noted in my news summary that, uh, you had stood up on the floor and, uh, said some things about some of our little friends that were here, and I thought it took a lot of courage, and I wanna thank you very much.

Green: Well, Mr. President, I just --

President: Yeah.

Green: --want you to know that you have my support in what you're trying to do. I, uh --.

President: Well, we're comin' along and le-let me say that I, uh, I was talkin' to some of our other friends, you know, I mean, uh, matter --

Green: Yes.

President: -- of fact, Jerry last night and a few others, an', an' a couple of my Democratic friends, 'n' I said, "Ya know, look, uh, some of you are takin' a lotta heat now, but I think you're gonna look better later." That's all, you know, we just tryin', tryin' to do the right thing.

Green: That's right. No problems these days are very easy of solution.

President: That's right.

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Green: Well, I have indicated to, uh, Charlotte Reid and to Margaret Heckler --

President: Right.

Green: -- uh, that if I can be of assistance --

President: Um-hum.

Green: -- in, uh, stopping some of this nonsense, I --

President: Um-hum.

Green: -- will do everything that is --

President: Well --

Green: -- possible.

President: I appreciate it, and I know that it, uh, I know that, too, it, uh, it's, uh, difficult because, uh, we, we, of course we try to g-, I'm gonna, we're tryin' to keep this out of it, the partisan arena, and, frankly, without the support of many of our Democratic friends, we couldn't make it at all. But, uh, I do appreciate it 'n' I, I actually think that, that, uh, that these, uh, that our, our police people 'n' the rest, they had to, they had to, they had to of course keep the city going, but I think really, rather than getting a few, uh, slams from people, they deserve some commendation for being, you know, they had restraint and yet they were firm.

Green: I completely --.

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President: Don't you think so?

Green: Yes, I just --

President: Yeah.

Green: -- absolutely agree.