

TELECON/San Clemente
Chuck Colson/Kissinger
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- K: Chuck, I have a call from Taub saying they have decided to go to Hanoi on the 27th, and I said that's your problem. I said I don't see how Hoffa can go legally now. He said, well, didn't you say we could talk to Kleindist, but that doesn't mean anything will be done. All I am saying is that they are responsible for it. Now the thing is that he found out that Kleindist is on vacation; is there anyone in Justice he can talk to -- I just want him off my back.
- C: Well, Kleindist is not on vacation; he's probably ducking it. But I wouldn't take a call from Taub if his life depended on it. Yes, I would tell him to call John Dean here.
- K: I also told him to get in touch with John Dean and you, whereupon he blew his top and said you are in Fitzsimmons' pocket. I said I don't know a thing about what's going on in the Teamsters.
- C: He's got the pockets a little reversed. Fitzsimmons' in my pocket.
- K: Well, I took the position I don't know a thing about it.
- C: He's a son-of-a-bitch; a real extortionist. We'll take care of it. Why don't you just tell him to get in touch with John Dean.
- K: And you will program John Dean? I want nothing but get him off my back.
- C: You will be interested to know that it looks now like the Teamsters' vote Monday will be unanimous with Mr. Gibbons voting to endorse the President because Mr. Fitzsimmons explained to Mr. Gibbons last night that in the Teamsters' organization that anyone who was opposed to the President will be asked to consider early retirement.
- K: Well, Gibbons isn't all that bad.
- C: Well, we'll take them all. We'll love to have them all right with us.
- K: Okay. Well, how does the political situation look to you?
- C: Great, very good, I think. I really do. I'm just worried that it looks so good. It's very hard to keep momentum and keep people really caring as hard as they have to for 117 days when

- K: Well, I think we need tough organization cause these guys are going to be impossible .
- C: Yes, they are. They are going to be in there very, very effective operators. They're shrewed.
- K: Yes, and un principled.
- C: Totally, totally. That just means we have to be a little unprincipled ourselves, Henry.
- K: Well, that doesn't come easy to you, I know.
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- C: No, not/me. I have an overriding principle which is I like to win.'
- K: Okay.
- C: Bye, Henry.