

SCENARIO FOR RECEPTION FOR JOHN GRONOUSKI

6:30

Guests assembled in Yellow Oval Room.
Drinks and snacks will be served.

President enters.

President mingles with guests.

President makes brief remarks.

President presents silver tray to Gronouski.

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RECEPTION AT THE WHITE HOUSE
Monday, November 15, 1965
at 6:30 o'clock

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The President and Mrs. Johnson

- ✓ ABELL, Hon. & Mrs. Tyler —
- ✓ BELEN, Hon. & Mrs. Frederick
- ✓ DROZNIAK, H.E. The Ambassador of Poland and Mrs.
- ✓ DRUMMOND, Mr. & Mrs. Roscoe
- FOWLER, The Secretary of the Treasury
- ✓ FREEMAN, The Secretary of Agriculture and Mrs.
- ✓ GARDNER, The Secretary of HEW and Mrs.
- ✓ GRONOUSKI, Hon. & Mrs. John A.
- ✓ HARDESTY, Mr. & Mrs. Robert L.
- ✓ HAYES, Mr. & Mrs. Thomas
- ✓ HUMPHREY, The Vice President and Mrs.
- ✓ JENKINS, Mr. & Mrs. Walter E., Jr.
- ✓ KAPENSTEIN, Mr. & Mrs. Ira
- ✓ KATZENBACH, The Attorney General and Mrs.
- ✓ LEDDY, Hon. & Mrs. John M.
- ✓ LEE, Major & Mrs. Ronald
- ✓ LUCEY, Hon. & Mrs. Patrick J. (May not have admit card)
- ✓ McMILLAN, Hon. & Mrs. William M.
- ✓ McNAMARA, The Secretary of Defense and Mrs. —
- ✓ MURPHY, Hon. Richard J.
- O'BRIEN, The Postmaster General and Mrs.
- ✓ POMFRET, Mr. & Mrs. John D.
- ✓ REYNOLDS, Hon. & Mrs. John
- ✓ SZEWCZYK, Mr. & Mrs. Zdzislaw
- ✓ UDALL, Mrs. Stewart L. —
- ✓ WIRTZ, Mrs. W. Willard

AT THE WHITE HOUSE

WITH JOSEPH LAITIN

11:45 AM EST

NOVEMBER 15, 1965

MONDAY

MR. LAITIN: I am sorry for the delay, but Mr. Moyers was tied up on some project and he will hold the briefing at 4 o'clock, and I have nothing for you. Are there any questions?

Q. How long a lid, Joe?

MR. LAITIN: You can have a lid till 2 o'clock.

Q. Joe, could you tell us if the President has, by any chance, conferred with Mr. Bundy this morning?

MR. LAITIN: No.

Q. The President has not conferred with him or you don't know?

MR. LAITIN: He has not conferred with him.

Q. Joe, what is the President doing today? Anything on the schedule for this afternoon?

MR. LAITIN: He is going over some papers and he has been consulting with staff members. He talked to Mr. Califano about various things.

Q. Joe, is there going to be any statement or any printed matter on the Gronouski business?

MR. LAITIN: If I have anything I will get it to you as early as I can.

Q. Joe, will there be coverage on the party tonight?

MR. LAITIN: No.

Q. Is it in the mansion, Joe?

MR. LAITIN: Yes.

Q. What time is it?

MR. LAITIN: 6 o'clock.

Q. Do you have any comment on the story in the New York Times this morning on the Presidential panel studying the program for the cities?

MR. LAITIN: I know nothing about it.

Q. Joe, is Mr. Bundy in the White House today?

MR. LAITIN: Yes.

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Q. Can you tell us anything further about this Ford Foundation business?

MR. LAITIN: I know nothing about it, John.

Q. Do you know anything about this report that Mr. McNamara may head the new Cabinet department?

MR. LAITIN: I know of no such report.

Q. It has been printed in a couple places.

MR. LAITIN: I know nothing about it. I have not seen it.

Q. Will a White House representative meet Princess Margaret when she arrives in town?

MR. LAITIN: That is being handled by Mrs. Carpenter.

Q. Joe, why was the Erhard visit changed?

MR. LAITIN: At the request of the West German Government.

Q. Do you know why they wanted it changed?

MR. LAITIN: For BACKGROUND only, I understand it was some parliamentary problems they have over there that he had to be involved in.

Q. What is that change -- 3d and 4th?

MR. LAITIN: Yes.

Q. The 3d and 4th is a weekend, is it not?

MR. LAITIN: Friday and Saturday.

Q. Is there any place on this yet?

MR. LAITIN: No.

Q. It has been cut from three days to two days hasn't it?

MR. LAITIN: It would seem so.

Q. Could you say why?

MR. LAITIN: No.

Q. Joe, this decision of McNamara to go ahead despite the Senate Committee's not wanting him to on this reorganizing the Army Reserves, was that announced, I believe, about the day after he conferred with the President? Is that what the President wants him to do?

MR. LAITIN: I'll refer you to Secretary McNamara.

Q. I don't think I can get through to him.

THE PRESS: Thank you, Joe.

MR. LAITIN: You have a lid until 2 o'clock, and the briefing is scheduled for 4:00.

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AT THE WHITE HOUSE

WITH BILL MOYERS

4:15 PM EST

NOVEMBER 15, 1965

MONDAY

MR. MOYERS: The President has spent a quiet day entirely devoted to catching up on his reading and his paper work. His reading was concerned mainly with the international Defense and State operations.

The President has a reception for Postmaster General Gronouski tonight. I don't anticipate having anything on that, but I will try to let you know within a half hour.

Are there any questions?

Q. Bill, where has he been today?

MR. MOYERS: He has been in his office and in his living quarters.

Q. Has he had any appointments?

MR. MOYERS: No. I think he has only talked to members of his staff. He talked on the phone once with Secretary McNamara.

Q. Did he talk to Mr. McGeorge Bundy?

MR. MOYERS: No.

Q. Is that the end of your comment on Mr. Bundy?

MR. MOYERS: Yes.

Q. Did he talk to him?

MR. MOYERS: There have been no discussions.

Q. Does he plan to talk to him?

MR. MOYERS: I am sure he will talk to Mr. Bundy as he talks to his other Special Assistants.

Q. Could you tell us whether there has been any inclination on Mr. Bundy's part to accept the Ford Foundation offer?

Q. Or inclination on the President's part?

MR. MOYERS: That makes two questions.

Q. Is Mr. Bundy considering an offer from the Ford Foundation?

MR. MOYERS: I have no idea.

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Q. Is there anything you can say on the Bundy-Ford Foundation matter?

MR. MOYERS: No. There has been no discussion with the President about Mr. Bundy's leaving. I do know that.

Q. What about the report that the President might be considering Secretary McNamara for the new Cabinet post?

MR. MOYERS: I called to the President's attention Mr. Reston's nomination. But the President said that unfortunately he has not had a chance to talk to Mr. McNamara about it, and he did not feel it wise to comment until he had a chance to discuss the offer that Mr. Reston had made to Mr. McNamara.

Q. Does the President have a schedule for tomorrow?

MR. MOYERS: We have nothing on the schedule yet.

Q. While we're on high-level matters, Hot Springs, Arkansas would like to know whether the President is coming there Thursday for the International Air Exposition, which has the added feature that they are going to unveil a plaque to the President?

MR. MOYERS: I don't know of any plans for the President to go anywhere.

Q. Bill, has the President received any report from the Swidler group on this power failure investigation?

MR. MOYERS: I don't know of any.

Q. Has he been informed in any way that this report originated in Canada?

MR. MOYERS: Do you know, Joe?

MR. LAITIN: Something came out of the FPC.

MR. MOYERS: I only got back to the White House a few minutes ago.

Q. Is there any chance of a news conference while the President is here?

MR. MOYERS: No.

Q. Bill, has the Administration believed the Penkovsky papers are accurate?

MR. MOYERS: I don't know. I have nothing on that subject.

Q. No comment?

MR. MOYERS: No.

Q. What did you mean that you might have something later on at this reception? Do you mean about coverage?

MR. MOYERS: No, I meant the text.

Q. Does the President plan to speak to the participants of the Civil Rights planning session this week?

MR. MOYERS: He has no plans at this time for any engagements other than his regular work here in the White House. I don't know what will develop, Chuck.

Q. Does he have any appointments tomorrow?

MR. MOYERS: There is nothing on his schedule yet. He still has a great deal of reading to do and staff work to do, and I am sure that is what will occupy most of his morning.

Q. That conference is a little bit later, but I wonder, does he have some liaison arrangement with the group if he doesn't go over there himself, somebody from the White House staff?

MR. MOYERS: Members of the White House staff have been working, as we have mentioned before, with representatives of those groups. That liaison will continue, I am sure.

Q. Do you expect the White House will have anything to say in connection with that conference?

MR. MOYERS: I have no idea yet, Chuck.

Q. Do we look for the regular Tuesday luncheon with Secretary McNamara and others?

MR. MOYERS: I don't have the schedule yet.

Q. Bill, do you have any comment on Mr. Sevareid's story that Adlai Stevenson was supposed to have told him shortly before his death that U Thant had arranged for talks with the North Vietnamese in Bangkok that were turned down by Secretary McNamara?

MR. MOYERS: No.

Q. Any comment on the State Department confirming the story and the Defense Department saying it did not happen?

MR. MOYERS: No. I have followed the President's advice, given a long time ago, of not commenting on stories written about what dead men might have said and might not have said.

Q. Bill, would you comment on the State Department statement then?

MR. MOYERS: I have not seen it.

Q. Anything else you could comment on?

MR. MOYERS: Welcome back.

THE PRESS: Thank you, Bill.

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