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*Remainder of Clark?
Clifford?*

B - And just carry them out and deposit them across the street where we have allowed peaceful picketing for a long time. And at that same time, 11:00 o'clock to 11803 - in effect, close the building to those who don't have a reasonable purpose for entering. Now the result may be that this group of demonstrators will try to get in the building. We will turn them aside and they will simply lie down in front of the doors. And then we will carry them away from the doors and put them across the street in the picketing area and then they will come back and lie down again. Now after we do that two or three or four times, we are probably doing to have to arrest them. And when we arrest them, we propose to take them by bus to the District Commissioner over in Alexandria. Instead of having him hold court here which would be the normal procedure, we would want the sentencing done away from the Pentagon. He has the power and would undoubtedly exercise it to actually sentence them on the spot. And he would probably sentence them to a fine and they would probably refuse to pay the fine and then he has the power and almost surely would exercise it to jail them. And there are among these groups of individuals a number who really want us to put them in jail. That's their end objective. Now we don't know how many. There are nine individuals in particular who signed a statement that they desire to go to jail. If we put nine in jail that is not a serious problem. But if the nine become 90

or 900 it can be very serious. And I wanted you to know that we think we should start down this road, but I don't think we have any other alternative at the moment but where it ends I don't know.

A - I agree with it. I think that. I think I would be sure to tell Rivers and Russell and get them to recommend it too so that you've got some protection when the doves go to quarrelling with you on the Floor.

B - I will do that.

A - Pigeons, Anything else?

B - That's all.

A - How was your trip?

B - Oh, I think it was good. As I told you beforehand. ~~the~~ meeting was a pro-form of endorsement of ~~was~~ what we have been trying to do for the last three or four years in changing the force planning and strategy of NATO and the ministers adopted all the papers we proposed and it went off very smoothly. But it was a waste of time in the sense it could have been done by mail instead of by physical presence.

A - Anything else.

B - No, I think the major issue that we will want to discuss at noontime is the issue of bombing of the north and Si has told me of the meetings he had with Nick and Walt while I was away and the papers you have and I am sure that we should spend some time talking about that.

A - Okay.

B - Very good Sir, thank you.