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B. Mr. President, how are you? Have you got just a minute about stockpiling?

## A. Sure.

B. Semetime back Sen. Williams began to attack the platinum situation. Two others came up -- magnesium and beryllium (?). They are going to be said on a competitive basis. I talked to Ramsey Clark. We decided to put all three on a competitive basis.

Wallace called and said the beryllium people were in a bind. He tried to talk to Williams and could not get anywhere. We tried to go ahead and do all three on a competitive basis sale.

Ramsey Clark called me yesterday and asked me to hold it ever until Menday. I said sure, I told Bobby Byrd. I talked to Russell Long, Hammattallian-Enakdantaight: I talked to Sen. Mansfield. I went to New York last night. When I got back I found that they had put it on the Floor to be handled tomorrow. I call Mike. He is still in the hospital.

He talked to the Pelicy Committee and said take it off. So Bobby called me and said he forget what I told him. I said OK and that is the way it stands. I tried to get Ramsey Clark, I was waiting here for him to call me back. So, Mike called me and said this puts us in a Hell of a fix,

Williams will say something about it. I found Ramsey and talked to him in John McClellan's office. He called me back and said he did not think he (Ramsey) could release it. I think he talked to Goldstein.

- B. Ramsey told me that Monday would be all right. I am wrondy for Williams. Engelbard is a friend of mine too.
  - A. I will be out of here in January and then, in view of the smears and slander -- I don't went to do anything that is not in best interest of the country. If Beanett or anyone has a case, then we could look into it.
  - B. Can I just tell you this? I think I am in good shape to handle it with Williams. He will smear me.
  - A. I have watched him every since I have been President. He will give the Star a story, and then they will put him on the front page. If we need the bills, we can look at them in a calmer atmosphere.
  - B. You know what Byrd did. He said he would take them off temorrow.
  - A. We have done that many times. I would just any some people who are interested are not here.
    - B. Can I tell all this to Mike?
    - A. Yes, tell him it is a smear.

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