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JOHNSON: Hello, Governor?

X: Uh, no. This is his secretary, Mrs. Ringer. Mr. Johnson?

JOHNSON: Yes, ma'am.

X: Uh, hold on just a minute.

JOHNSON: Yes, ma'am. (pause)

X: He'll be right on, Mr. Johnson.

JOHNSON: Thank you.

AGNEW: Hello?

JOHNSON: Hello, Governor? Tom Johnson. How are you, Sir.

AGNEW: How are you, Mr. Johnson?

JOHNSON: The President asked that I call. He said to advise you that 5:30 tomorrow is just fine if it's convenient with you, Sir.

AGNEW: Yes, that'll be fine.....with me, and if it's agreeable with him, in accordance with our arrangements, that this be a private visit.

JOHNSON: All right, Sir. The question the President raised, and also in talking with George Christian today was whether or not because of the group that normally travels with you and so forth, whether you could come in here and get out without the

press finding out about it, and whether or not perhaps we should just say..... You might want to consider our saying that it would be a briefing as we've had in the past with the President-Elect and with you as a candidate, and let real nature of your discussion/remain private but--

AGNEW: Sure, that's all right. If you think that's more advisable, I have no objection to that,

JOHNSON: There was a thought that at some point it might come out, or even tomorrow because of the size of the group traveling with you. It's hard, really, to get into this place, as you know, and to get out without the press spotting you.

AGNEW: Yes. What I'm going to do is I'm coming over there at noon time to look over this transition space and staff members over there, and I'll be there all afternoon, so I'll just take a car and ~~have~~ a couple of agents and come on over at 5:30.

JOHNSON: All right, Sir.

JOHNSON: But in case -- I don't have any objection to it. I just didn't want to make a big production out of it.

JOHNSON: Sure. I can understand, Sir. Well, then it would be your wish that we probably not do anything at all before tomorrow anyway,

wouldn't it? To try to lighten your burden in terms of not saying anything about it, we'll just hold off today. And probably tomorrow, if we are asked about it or anything we could just say that the President has asked the Governor before to come in for briefings and since we have briefed the President-Elect, the President would also want to brief the Vice President-Elect.

AGNEW: That'll be fine.

JOHNSON: All right, Sir.

AGNEW: Thank you very much.

JOHNSON: Yes, Sir. Thank you, Governor.

AGNEW: 'Bye.