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WASHINGTON

June 11, 1968

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DRAFT MEMORANDUM OF CONVERSATION - ~~May~~ 7, 1968

PARTICIPANTS: The President of the United States
The Prime Minister of Jamaica,
Hugh Lawson Shearer
Covey T. Oliver, Reporting Officer

The President received the Prime Minister in the President's small office, and the visit was almost entirely confined to general, social conversation.

The Prime Minister thanked the President for receiving him, explained that he had come down from New York to Washington to receive an honorary degree from Howard University. The Prime Minister asked to be remembered to Mrs. Johnson and other members of the President's family. The President congratulated the Prime Minister on the honor he was about to receive and welcomed Mr. Shearer to the White House.

The President remarked that relations between the United States and Jamaica were excellent and asked the Reporting Officer whether he had any points to mention. As the Reporting Officer began to reply, touching upon regional development prospects in the Caribbean area, the President answered his telephone. While the President was on the telephone, the Prime Minister and the Reporting Officer conversed briefly on the above theme. [REDACTED]

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When the President and the Prime Minister resumed their conversation, the Prime Minister asked the President whether the course of the Vietnam talks at Paris was more hopeful and objective than had been made public. The President responded that, to his regret, he could not say that they had been successful. The President then commented briefly on the step-up in North Vietnam military activity in South Vietnam. The Prime Minister stated that we must hope for better developments and reiterated the confidence and admiration of Jamaica and her leaders for the President.

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The Prime Minister asked the President whether he thought that President de Gaulle would be successful in his effort to pacify France. The President asked the opinion of the Reporting Officer, who said that his personal views were that President de Gaulle had a fair chance of restoring normalcy in France, although the enduring nature of the restoration might well depend on the outcome of the proposed plebiscite and the working out of the details of the social and economic reforms that President de Gaulle had promised in broad terms. The President nodded and did not comment further on this point.

The Prime Minister mentioned briefly the political situation confronting the Prime Minister of the U.K. and informed the President that Prime Minister Wilson had invited the Prime Ministers of the other Commonwealth countries to a meeting in London on October 7.

The President and the Prime Minister discussed briefly the great tragedy suffered by the Kennedy family in the U.S. The President said that amidst this tragedy the American people must be mindful of the strong and good qualities that they have and that he had so stated in his television messages to the people. The President then showed the Prime Minister a photo-copy of some writings of the suspect in the Kennedy assassination. The two high officials examined these together and speculated as to the probable mental condition of the suspect.

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