

NOTES ON A CONVERSATION BETWEEN
THE PRESIDENT AND SECRETARY UDALL
IN THE PRESIDENT'S OFFICE AT 1:15 P.M. EDT.
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The President told the Secretary that Ramsey Clark had talked to each Cabinet Member about political contributions but he wanted to reiterate "every time I see you" the necessity of being extremely careful in preventing anyone in the Interior Department becoming involved in anything of this nature. He said this was extremely sensitive in Interior because of oil.

"I cannot believe anybody would do wrong, but the Republicans are going to do everything that they can to hurt us," the President said. "If you know of anything stop it right now."

Secretary Udall said that his Department had been clean and he was certainly going to watch it.

The President said: "You saw the story on the Seafarers. Rusk had never heard of it and the first I had ever heard of it was when I read the Wall Street Journal. It is an example of what we have to face from the Republicans."

"I want you to tell everybody in your Department to lean over backwards not to be even remotely connected with anything of this nature."


George Christian

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