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# Meeting Participants and Other Frequently Mentioned Persons

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The following is a concise guide to individuals who participated in taped conversations. We have supplemented these brief descriptions, when possible, with the thumbnail sketches made by former presidential special consultant Richard E. Neustadt in his book *Report to JFK: the Skybolt Crisis in Perspective* (Ithaca, NY: Cornell University Press, 1999). Neustadt met the people he has written about. We feel that his vivid brush strokes add some additional color that we, at this distant remove, do not feel qualified to provide. We also include figures mentioned frequently in the conversations, such as foreign heads of government, who were not present at the meetings.

**Abrams, Creighton W.**, Colonel, U.S. Army; Assistant Deputy Chief of Staff and Director of Operations, Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations, 1962–1963

**Ackley, H. Gardner**, Member, Council of Economic Advisers, 1962–1968 (Chairman, 1964–1968)

**Adenauer, Konrad**, Chancellor of the Federal Republic of Germany, 1949–1963

**Alexander, Henry**, Chairman, Morgan Guaranty Trust in 1962

**Allen, Ward P.**, Director, Office of Inter-American Regional Political Affairs, Department of State

**Anderson, George W.**, Admiral, U.S. Navy; U.S. Chief of Naval Operations, 1961–1963

**Ausland, John C.**, State Department Representative to the Berlin Task Force, 1961–1964

**Ball, George W.**, Under Secretary of State, 1961–1966

*A Washington lawyer with an international practice, wartime associate of Jean Monnet (the advocate of European Union), adviser to Adlai Stevenson in 1952, '56 and '60, Ball had come into the Kennedy Administration as*

*Under Secretary for Economic Affairs; his focused energy, intelligence, and application already had won him a promotion.*

**Barbour, Walworth**, U.S. Ambassador to Israel, 1961–1973

**Barnett, Ross R.**, Democratic Governor of Mississippi, 1960–1964

**Bell, David E.**, Director of the Budget, 1961–1962; Director, U.S. Agency for International Development after December 1962

*An economist, former Secretary of Harvard's Graduate School of Public Administration, as it then was, and before that Administrative Assistant to President Truman, Bell was personable, thoughtful, analytic, and experienced.*

**Billings, LeMoyne**, Personal friend of President Kennedy; a roommate of the young JFK at Choate and, briefly, Princeton

**Blough, Roger**, Chairman, U.S. Steel Corporation, 1955–1969

**Boeschstein, Harold**, Senior Executive, Owens-Corning Fiberglass Corporation in 1962

**Boggs, Thomas Hale**, U.S. Representative, Democrat, from Louisiana, 1941–1943, 1947–1972; House Majority Whip, 1961–1971

**Bohlen, Charles E.**, Special Adviser to the President, 1961–1962; U.S. Ambassador to France, October 1962–1968

*One of the two top Russian specialists in the State Department, recently appointed Ambassador to France. More a thoroughly skilled operator than a deep analyst, Bohlen was bored in Paris, feeling out of things.*

**Bundy, McGeorge**, Special Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs, 1961–1966

*Formerly Dean of Arts and Sciences at Harvard at a young age, co-author of Henry Stimson's memoirs, "Mac" was bright, quick, confident, determined, striving to be the perfect staff man, juggling many balls at once.*

**Bundy, William P.**, Deputy Assistant of Defense for International Security Affairs, 1961–1963

**Carter, Marshall S.**, Lieutenant General, U.S. Army; Deputy Director of Central Intelligence, 1962–1965

**Castro Ruz, Fidel**, Premier of Cuba, 1959–

**Celebrezze, Anthony J.**, Secretary of Health, Education, and Welfare, 1962–1965

**Charyk, Joseph V.**, Under Secretary of the Air Force, 1960–1963

**Clark, Ramsey**, Assistant Attorney General of the United States, 1961–1965

**Clay, Lucius D.**, President's Special Representative in Berlin, 1961–1962; Special Consultant to the Joint Chiefs of Staff, 1962–1963

**Cleveland, J. Harlan**, Assistant Secretary of State for International Organization Affairs, 1961–1965

**Clifford, Clark**, Personal Attorney to the President; Member, President's

Foreign Intelligence Advisory Board from 1961 (Chairman from May 1963)

**Cline, Ray S.**, Deputy Director for Intelligence, Central Intelligence Agency, 1962–1966

**Cox, Archibald**, Solicitor General of the United States, 1961–1965

**Day, J. Edward**, Postmaster General of the United States, 1961–1963

**Dean, Arthur H.**, Chairman, U.S. delegation, Conference on the Discontinuance of Nuclear Weapons Tests, Geneva, 1961–1962; Chairman, U.S. delegation, Eighteen-Nation Disarmament Committee, Geneva, 1962

**de Gaulle, Charles**, President of France, 1958–1969

**Dennison, Robert S.**, Admiral, U.S. Navy; Commander-in-Chief, U.S. Atlantic Fleet and Supreme Allied Commander Atlantic, 1960–1963

**Dillon, C. Douglas**, Secretary of the Treasury, 1961–1965

*Dillon was engagingly direct, practical, experienced, disinclined to reach beyond his own (broad) departmental boundaries, except on Kennedy's invitation.*

**Dirksen, Everett M.**, U.S. Senator, Republican, from Illinois, 1950–1969; Senate Minority Leader, 1959–1969

**Dobrynin, Anatoly**, Soviet Ambassador to the United States, 1962–1985

**Dowling, Walter C.**, U.S. Ambassador to the Federal Republic of Germany, 1959–1963

**Duncan, John P.**, Assistant Secretary of Agriculture, 1961–1963

**Duvalier, François**, President of Haiti, 1957–1971

**Eastland, James O.**, U.S. Senator, Democrat, from Mississippi, 1943–1978

**Eisenhower, Dwight D.**, 34th President of the United States, 1953–1961

**Feldman, Myer**, Deputy Special Counsel to the President, 1961–1964

**Fisher, Adrian**, Deputy Director, Arms Control and Disarmament Agency, 1961–1969

**FitzGerald, Desmond**, Chief, Far Eastern Division, Deputy Directorate for Plans, Central Intelligence Agency, 1958–1963

**Forrestal, Michael V.**, Senior Staff Member, National Security Council, 1962–1965

**Foster, William**, Director, Arms Control and Disarmament Agency, 1961–1969

**Fowler, Henry H.**, Under Secretary of the Treasury, 1961–1964

**Fowler, James R.**, Deputy Administrator, Far East, U.S. Agency for International Development

**Freeman, Orville L.**, Secretary of Agriculture, 1961–1969

**Fulbright, J. William**, U.S. Senator, Democrat, from Arkansas, 1945–1974; Chairman, Senate Foreign Relations Committee, 1959–1974

**Gilpatric, Roswell L.**, Deputy Secretary of Defense, 1961–1964

*Wall Street lawyer, skilled, sophisticated, broad-gauged, loyal to McNamara.*

- Goldberg, Arthur J.**, Secretary of Labor, 1961–1962; Associate Justice, U.S. Supreme Court, 1962–1965
- Goodwin, Richard N.**, Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Inter-American Affairs, 1961–1963
- Gordon, A. Lincoln**, U.S. Ambassador to Brazil, 1961–1966
- Gordon, Kermit**, Member, Council of Economic Advisers, 1961–1962; Director, Bureau of the Budget after December 1962
- Gore, Albert, Sr.**, U.S. Senator, Democrat, from Tennessee, 1959–1971
- Goulart, João**, President of Brazil, 1961–1964
- Graham, William Franklin (Billy)**, Baptist minister and evangelist
- Graybeal, Sydney N.**, Division Chief, Foreign Missile and Space Activities, Central Intelligence Agency, 1950–1964
- Greenewalt, Crawford H.**, Chairman, E. I. DuPont de Nemours and Company, 1962–1967
- Gromyko, Andrei A.**, Soviet Foreign Minister, 1957–1985
- Halaby, Najeeb E.**, Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration, 1961–1965
- Halleck, Charles A.**, U.S. Representative, Republican, from Indiana, 1935–1969; House Minority Leader, 1959–1965
- Harriman, W. Averell**, Assistant Secretary of State for Far Eastern and Pacific Affairs, 1961–1963
- Hart, Philip A.**, U.S. Senator, Democrat, from Michigan, 1959–1976
- Haworth, Leland**, Member, Atomic Energy Commission from 1961
- Heller, Walter W.**, Chairman, Council of Economic Advisers, 1961–1964
- Helms, Richard M.**, Deputy Director for Plans, Central Intelligence Agency, 1962–1965
- Hickenlooper, Bourke B.**, U.S. Senator, Republican, from Iowa, 1945–1969; Chairman, Republican Policy Committee, 1961–1969
- Hillenbrand, Martin J.**, Director, Berlin Task Force and the Office of German Affairs, Bureau of European Affairs, Department of State, 1961–1963
- Hilsman, Roger**, Assistant Secretary of State for Intelligence and Research, 1961–1963
- Hodges, Luther H.**, Secretary of Commerce, 1961–1965
- Hoover, Herbert H.**, 31st President of the United States, 1929–1933
- Humphrey, Hubert H.**, U.S. Senator, Democrat, from Minnesota, 1948–1964; Senate Majority Whip, 1961–1964
- Johnson, Lyndon B.**, Vice President of the United States, 1961–1963
- Johnson, U. Alexis**, Deputy Under Secretary of State for Political Affairs, 1961–1964

*A senior career Foreign Service officer, most recently Ambassador to Thailand; successful in the Service in all senses of the phrase.*

**Katzenbach, Nicholas deB.**, Deputy Attorney General of the United States, 1962–1966

**Kaysen, Carl**, Deputy Special Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs, 1961–1963

*A professor of economics on leave from Harvard, Kaysen worked up expertise in defense policy and weaponry, among other things; brilliant, subtle, confident, analytic but also a looker-around-corners.*

**Keeny, Spurgeon**, Deputy Special Assistant to the President for Science and Technology

*A physicist with training in international relations, associated from the start with the President's Science Adviser's Office, Keeny was personable, sophisticated, discreet, and a great gatherer of bureaucratic intelligence.*

**Kennedy, John F.**, 35th President of the United States, 1961–1963

**Kennedy, Robert F.**, Attorney General of the United States, 1961–1964

**Keogh, Eugene J.**, U.S. Representative, Democrat, from New York, 1937–1967

**Khrushchev, Nikita S.**, First Secretary of the Central Committee of the Soviet Communist Party and Soviet Premier, 1953–1964

**Killian, James R.**, Special Assistant to the President for Science and Technology, 1957–1959

**King, J. C.**, Chief, Western Hemisphere Division, Directorate of Plans, Central Intelligence Agency

**Kirkpatrick, Lyman B., Jr.**, Executive Director, Central Intelligence Agency, 1962–1965

**Kirwan, Michael**, U.S. Representative, Democrat, from Ohio, 1937–1970; Chairman, Subcommittee on Interior and Related Agencies, House Appropriations Committee in 1962; Chairman, Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee

**Kohler, Foy**, Assistant Secretary of State for European and Canadian Affairs, 1959–September 1962; U.S. Ambassador to the Soviet Union, September 1962–1966

**Kreer, Robert G.**, Director of the Diplomatic Communication Services, Department of State

**Kuchel, Thomas H.**, U.S. Senator, Republican, from California, 1953–1969; Senate Minority Whip, 1959–1969

**Land, Edwin**, physicist and inventor; member, President's Foreign Intelligence Advisory Board in 1962

**Leddy, John M.**, Special Assistant to the Under Secretary of State until

April 1961; Assistant Secretary of the Treasury, April 1961–June 1962; U.S. Representative to the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development after October 1962

**LeMay, Curtis E.**, General, U.S. Air Force; U.S. Air Force Chief of Staff, 1961–1965

**Lemnitzer, Lyman**, General, U.S. Army; Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, 1960–1962; Commander in Chief, U.S. European Command, 1962–1969

**Lincoln, Evelyn**, Personal Secretary to President Kennedy, 1952–1963

**Loeb, James**, U.S. Ambassador to Peru, 1961–1962

**Long, Franklin**, Assistant Director for Science and Technology, U.S. Arms Control and Disarmament Agency, 1962–1963

**Lovett, Robert A.**, Special Counselor to the President, 1961–1963; member, Executive Committee of the National Security Council, October 1962

**Lundahl, Arthur C.**, Assistant Director of Photographic Interpretation, Central Intelligence Agency, from 1953

**MacArthur, Douglas**, General of the Army, 1944–1964

**MacDonald, Torbert**, U.S. Representative, Democrat, from Massachusetts, 1955–1976

**Macmillan, M. Harold**, Prime Minister of Great Britain, 1957–1963

*A one-nation Tory in Parliament from the 1930s, close to Eisenhower since North Africa in the '40s, complex, shrewd, detached and tough behind a bland, Edwardian exterior. Macmillan's private humor and wry outlook on life endeared him to Kennedy, despite their age difference.*

**Mansfield, Michael J.**, U.S. Senator, Democrat, from Montana; Senate Majority Leader, 1961–1977

**Marshall, Burke**, Assistant Attorney General for Civil Rights, 1961–1965

**Martin, Edwin M.**, Assistant Secretary of State for Inter-American Affairs, 1962–1964

**Martin, William McChesney**, Chairman, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, 1951–1970

**McCloy, John J.**, Special Adviser to the President on Disarmament Matters, 1961–1963

**McCone, John A.**, Director of Central Intelligence, 1961–1965

**McCormack, John**, U.S. Representative, Democrat, from Massachusetts, 1928–1971; Speaker of the House of Representatives, 1961–1971

**McDonald, David**, President, United Steel Workers of America, 1952–1965

**McNamara, Robert S.**, Secretary of Defense, 1961–1968



*Recruited from the presidency of the Ford Motor Company, a driving, managing, no-nonsense—and also no-pomposity—rationalist; his adherence to reason and duty was so passionate as to hint at emotion hidden beneath.*

**Meany, George**, President of the AFL-CIO, 1955–1979

**Meredith, James H.**, First African American student admitted to the University of Mississippi, 1962–1963

**Mills, Wilbur D.**, U.S. Representative, Democrat, from Arkansas, 1939–1976; Chairman, House Ways and Means Committee, 1957–1976

**Morgan, Thomas E.**, U.S. Representative, Democrat, from Pennsylvania, 1945–1977; Chairman, House Foreign Affairs Committee in 1962; member, Joint Committee on Atomic Energy in 1962

**Moscoso, Teodoro**, Assistant Administrator, U.S. Agency for International Development; U.S. Coordinator for the Alliance for Progress

**Murrow, Edward R.**, Director, U.S. Information Agency, 1961–1964

**Nasser, Gamal Abdul**, Prime Minister of Egypt, 1954–1956; President of Egypt, 1956–1958; President of the United Arab Republic, 1958–1970

**Nitze, Paul H.**, Assistant Secretary of Defense for International Security Affairs, 1961–1963

*Experienced in defense and diplomacy since 1940, sophisticated, competent, cool, public cold warrior and private philanthropist, Nitze had all the skills and some of the limitations of the driving young banker he had once been.*

**Norstad, Lauris**, General, U.S. Air Force; NATO Supreme Allied Commander, Europe, 1956–1963

**O'Brien, Lawrence F.**, Special Assistant to the President for Congressional Affairs, 1961–1963

**O'Donnell, Kenneth**, Special Assistant to the President, 1961–1963

**Okun, Arthur**, Staff Economist, Council of Economic Advisers, 1961–1964

**Ormsby-Gore, Sir David**, British Ambassador to the United States, 1961–1965

*Former Tory MP, intelligent, sensitive, quick on the uptake and well connected: related both to Macmillan's wife and to Kennedy's late lamented brother-in-law, the Marquis of Hartington, killed in World War II.*

**Pérez Godoy, General Ricardo Pío**, leader of Peruvian military coup of July 1962; leader of the military junta, 1962–1963

**Pittman, Stuart**, Assistant Secretary of Defense for Civil Defense, 1961–1964

**Prado y Ugarteche, Manuel**, President of Peru, 1956–1962

**Reuther, Walter**, President of the United Auto Workers, 1946–1970

**Roosa, Robert V.**, Under Secretary of the Treasury for Monetary Affairs, 1961–1964

**Rosenthal, Jacob**, Executive Assistant to the U.S. Under Secretary of State, 1961–1966

**Rostow, Walt W.**, Counselor of the Department of State and Chairman of the Policy Planning Council, 1961–1966

*MIT economist, a driving enthusiast and conceptualizer with a tendency to listen to himself.*

**Rusk, Dean**, U.S. Secretary of State, 1961–1969

*Experienced, thoughtful, conventional, perhaps essentially shy, temperamentally at odds with his presumed model and undoubted mentor, General Marshall, Rusk may never have felt at ease with JFK, to say nothing of articulate aides like Kaysen.*

**Russell, Richard B.**, U.S. Senator, Democrat, from Georgia, 1933–1971; Chairman, Senate Armed Services Committee

**Salinger, Pierre E. G.**, White House Press Secretary 1961–1964

**Saltonstall, Leverett**, U.S. Senator, Republican, from Massachusetts, 1945–1967; ranking minority member, Senate Armed Services Committee, in 1962

**Samuelson, Paul A.**, Economist; member, Council of Economic Advisers, 1960–1968

**Schaetzel, J. Robert**, Special Assistant to the Under Secretary of State for Economic Affairs, February 1961–March 1962; Special Assistant to the Under Secretary of State, March 1962–September 1962; Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for European Affairs after September 1962

**Schlesinger, Arthur M., Jr.**, Special Assistant to the President, 1961–1964

**Schroeder, Gerhard**, Foreign Minister of the Federal Republic of Germany, 1961–1966

**Schultze, Charles L.**, Assistant Director, Bureau of the Budget, 1961–1965

**Seaborg, Glenn T.**, Chairman, U.S. Atomic Energy Commission, 1961–1971

**Shoup, David M.**, General, U.S. Marine Corps; Commandant of the U.S. Marine Corps, 1960–1963

**Sloan, Frank K.**, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for International Security Affairs in 1962

**Smathers, George A.**, U.S. Senator, Democrat, from Florida, 1951–1969

**Solow, Robert M.**, Member, Council of Economic Advisers, 1962–1968

**Sorensen, Theodore C.**, Special Assistant to the President, 1961–1964

**Sproul, Alan**, President of the New York Reserve Bank, 1941–1956; Chairman, Task Force on the International Balance of Payments, November 1960–January 1961

**Staats, Elmer B.**, Deputy Director, U.S. Bureau of the Budget, 1958–1966

- Stevenson, Adlai E.**, U.S. Permanent Representative to the United Nations, 1961–1964
- Strong, Robert C.**, Director, Office of Near East Affairs, Department of State, 1961–1963
- Sullivan, William H.**, U.N. Adviser, Bureau of Far Eastern Affairs, Department of State until April 1963
- Sweeney, Walter C.**, General, U.S. Air Force; Commanding General, Tactical Air Command, 1961–1965
- Taber, John**, U.S. Representative, Republican, from New York, 1923–1963; ranking minority member, House Appropriations Committee in 1962
- Talbot, Phillips**, Assistant Secretary of State for Near Eastern and South Asian Affairs, 1961–1965
- Taylor, Maxwell D.**, General, U.S. Army; Military Representative of the President, 1961–1962, Chairman of the U.S. Joint Chiefs of Staff, 1962–1964  
*[H]e had come out of retirement after a distinguished career to support JFK in 1960: one person at the Pentagon the President knew well enough to trust.*
- Thant, U**, Secretary-General of the United Nations, 1961–1971
- Thompson, Llewellyn E., Jr.**, Ambassador-at-Large, U.S. Department of State, 1962–1966
- Tobin, James**, Member, Council of Economic Advisers, 1961–1962
- Tretick, Stanley**, Staff photographer for *Look* magazine in Washington, 1961–1971
- Troutman, Robert**, Member, President's Committee on Equal Employment Opportunity, 1961–1962
- Tshombe, Moise Kapenda**, Leader of the secessionist Katanga Province, the Congo, 1960–1963
- Turner, Robert C.**, Assistant Director, U.S. Bureau of the Budget, 1961–1962
- Tyler, William R.**, Assistant Secretary of State for European Affairs, September 1962–1965
- Vance, Cyrus R.**, U.S. Secretary of the Army, 1962–1963
- Vinson, Carl**, U.S. Representative, Democrat, from Georgia, 1914–1966; Chairman, House Armed Services Committee, in 1962
- Wagner, Aubrey**, Chairman, Tennessee Valley Authority, 1962–1978
- Webb, James E.**, Administrator, National Aeronautics and Space Administration, 1961–1968
- Wehrley, Roy**, Director, U.S. Agency for International Development mission in Vientiane, Laos
- Wheeler, Earle G.**, General, U.S. Army; Army Chief of Staff, 1962–1964

- White, Lincoln**, Spokesman, U. S. Department of State, 1961–1963
- Wiesner, Jerome B.**, Special Assistant to the President for Science and Technology, 1961–1964
- Williams, G. Mennen**, Assistant Secretary of State for African Affairs, 1961–1966
- Wilson, Donald M.**, Deputy Director, U.S. Information Agency, 1961–1965
- Wirtz, W. Willard**, Secretary of Labor, 1962–1969
- Zorin, Valerian A.**, Soviet Representative to the Eighteen-Nation Disarmament Committee, Geneva, 1962–1964
- Zuckert, Eugene M.**, Secretary of the Air Force, 1961–1965