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Prologue

Weekend of July 28–29, 1962

Sometime That Weekend

I am now at the President's desk and I'm waiting . . .

Taping System Installed¹

Robert I. Bouck of the Secret Service installed the taping system over the weekend of July 28–29, 1962, while President John F. Kennedy and his family were in Hyannis Port, Massachusetts. Although Bouck later explained that he installed the system himself, the first sounds are probably of Bouck and someone else testing the system before the Kennedys' return.

Unidentified: Is this a Coast Guard boat? Or do you want it up there?

Unidentified: No, this—

The machine is turned off abruptly. After a short silence, a lone voice is heard.

Unidentified: I am now at the President's desk and I'm waiting . . .

1. Tape 1, John F. Kennedy Library, President's Office Files, Presidential Recordings Collection.