

**Dirksen:** What's the general nature of it, Mike?

**Mansfield:** Well, it mentions the fact that the question of invasion was raised. It mentions Senator Russell specifically. He [Evans] creates the impression that it's only a matter of days until an invasion will be launched. The President, in effect, has made up his mind, and that's about it. That's the story.

**Russell:** Well, it didn't quote me, but it treated me very broadly, and I may say correctly [*unclear*].

But inasmuch as I've been such a devil's advocate, Mr. President, and been at times highly critical of the State Department, I would like to take this opportunity to heartily congratulate the Secretary of State on what I regard as a magnificent triumph in the Organization of American States only yesterday. And rather lost sight of, in all of the momentous wash of events. But I thought it was a tremendous job.

**Dirksen:** We can—

**Russell:** Secure the unanimity of opinion as we did in the OAS. I never would have believed that there would have been enough [support]. I hope, Mr. Secretary, that that'll take the edge off of some of what I have said to you. [*Laughter*].

**Thomas Kuchel:** I must say, Mr. President, I join the congratulations. But having worked with the Secretary a little bit, I am not really astounded. I've seen him do some magnificent jobs before.

**Russell:** This was a difficult job. This was a tremendous job—to do that—the most far-reaching pronouncement of the Organization of American States and the most firm commitment to armed action to protect this hemisphere that I have ever seen. I never would have believed that we could have gotten it.

**Kuchel:** This is a highlight in our favor so far.

**Russell:** What did you say?

**Kuchel:** This is a highlight in our favor so far.

**Russell:** I think so.

**Rusk:** [*Unclear*] said to me, but I would like to say that our Latin American friends, when they realized that these were offensive long-range missiles in Cuba, realized that this was a matter of the utmost importance. And then they came forward, as they *had* to do.

**Dirksen:** Mr. President, speaking of the State Department, Len just tells me about this Wadsworth paper.<sup>22</sup> What about it?

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22. James Wadsworth had been the U.S. ambassador to the United Nations in the last years of the Eisenhower administration. "Len" may be Leonard Meeker, deputy legal adviser of the State Department.