

President Kennedy: OK, why don't you get that out.

Bundy: —that the work is going on, and we call attention to the President's speech [*unclear*].

President Kennedy: Something like that.

Wilson: Mr. President, did you make a decision on the leaflets? I'm just interested in whether you want to drop the leaflets.

President Kennedy: They're going to arrange the leaflets and we will then tell them to drop [*unclear*].

Wilson: But you don't . . . But there's been no decision to drop them?

President Kennedy: I've said that we'd go ahead and drop them. Do you have some reservation about that?

Wilson: No. I have a feeling that this may be the time to stir up things.

President Kennedy: All right, well we're going to drop them. We plan to drop them.

Now, let me just say the only other question here is a matter which, Doug, you brought up yesterday. I thought that we ought to get somebody . . . I don't know whether we ought to get maybe a presentation tomorrow by the Defense Department on the air action again, whether that is, Bobby is getting . . .

Bundy: Let us work some more on that, Mr. President, and have something ready for you tomorrow.

President Kennedy: In some ways that [air strike option] is more advantageous than it was even a week ago. I'd like to have us to take a look now at whether that can even be [*unclear*].

Unidentified: Who are you going to meet at noon?

The meeting then broke up. Many overlapping conversations continued, with the recorder picking up little that is intelligible; the chief audible fragments follow.

Bundy: If George was available, it would be a great help if he could chair this planning operation in the State Department, [*unclear*] have the job to identify a Department officer, and someone who [*unclear*] just take you all in a room in the same way we did it this week.

President Kennedy: Will you just take your . . . ?

Robert Kennedy: Are we going to go right now, Mac?

Bundy: People should assemble over there as fast as they can [*unclear*].

McNamara: Mr. President, you might like these time factors [*unclear*] on our military [*unclear*].

Taylor: We've approved the operation in theory.

President Kennedy: Get Bobby and Mac. I know that you have to get [*unclear*], after a strike you have to start [*unclear*].