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AT THE WHITE HOUSE

WITH BILL MOYERS

10:00 A.M. CST

JULY 2, 1966

SATURDAY

(SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS)

MR. MOYERS: FOR SOME TIME THE PRESIDENT HAS BEEN REVIEWING WITH MEMBERS OF THE ADMINISTRATION AND PROMINENT PRIVATE CITIZENS THE QUESTION OF THE DRAFT.

HE IS TODAY CREATING NATIONAL ~~NATIONAL~~ ADVISORY COMMISSION ON SELECTIVE SERVICE. THE COMMISSION WILL BE MADE UP OF AMERICANS BROADLY REPRESENTATIVE OF VARIOUS ASPECTS OF OUR NATIONAL LIFE. IT WILL REPORT TO THE PRESIDENT AFTER IT HAS MADE A THOROUGH AND DETAILED STUDY OF THE DRAFT, WHICH SHOULD TAKE A LEAST SIX MONTHS.

THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMISSION WILL BE BURKE MARSHALL. HE IS VICE PRESIDENT AND GENERAL COUNSEL OF INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS MACHINES, AND A FORMER ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL WHO HEADED THE CIVIL RIGHTS DIVISION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE.

THE PRESIDENT IS CHARGING THE COMMISSION WITH THE RESPONSIBILITY OF CONSIDERING THE PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE FUNCTIONING OF THE SELECTIVE SERVICE SYSTEM IN LIGHT OF THE FOLLOWING FACTORS:

1. FAIRNESS TO ALL CITIZENS.
2. THE NATION'S MILITARY MANPOWER REQUIREMENTS.
3. REDUCING UNCERTAINTY AND INTERFERENCE WITH INDIVIDUAL CAREERS AND EDUCATION.
4. SOCIAL, ECONOMIC AND EMPLOYMENT CONDITIONS AND GOALS.

AND ANY OTHER FACTORS DEEMED RELEVANT BY THE COMMISSION.

BASED ON THIS STUDY, THE COMMISSION WILL MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE PRESIDENT CONCERNING SUCH MATTERS AS THE FOLLOWING:

1. METHODS OF CLASSIFICATION AND SELECTION OF REGISTRANTS.
2. THEIR QUALIFICATIONS FOR MILITARY SERVICE.
3. GROUNDS FOR DEFERMENT AND EXEMPTION.
4. PROCEDURES FOR APPEAL AND THE PROTECTION OF INDIVIDUAL RIGHTS.

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THE PRESIDENT WILL ASK THE COMMISSION TO EXAMINE IS THE ORGANIZATION AND ADMISIS' RATION OF THE SELCTIVE SERVICE SYSTEM AT NAIONAL, LOCAL AND STATE LEVELS. MODERN PRO- CEDURES SUCH AS THE COMPUTER MIGHT OFFER WILL BE EXAMINED BY THE COMMISSION.

MERRIMAN SMITH: CAN WE GO TO ANOTHER SUBJECT?

MR. MOYERS: BEFORE WE DO, LET ME GET A COUPLE OF THINGS OUT OF THE WAY, SMITTY.

HAL MENTIONED TO YOU YESTERDAY THAT MR. KOMER H₂ D SENT THE PRESIDENT A VERY FULL, SWITTEN REPORT ON HIS TRIP. AE HAVE TAKEN SOME OF THE HIGHLIGHTS OF THAT REPORT AND PRODUCED THEM FOR YOU. YOU ARE GETTING COPIES.

THE PRESIDENT WILL ATTEND CHURCH TOMORROW AT THE ST. MICHAEL'S AND ALL THE ANGELS EPISCOPAL CHURCH, BLANCO, TEXAS, AT 11:00 A. M.

THAT IS ALL I HAVE.

MERRIMAN SMITH: BEFORE WE GET TO PERSOONAL THINGS, WHAT ABOUT THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION BILL? ACCORDING TO THIS MESSAGE WE HAVE JUST RECEIVED, BECAUSE CONGRESS HAS ADJOURNED TO A CERTAIN DAY AID IS NOT IN SESSION, THERE ARE THOSE ON THE HILL WHO SAY TH' T IF HE FAILS TO SIGN IT BY MIDNIGHT MONDAY IT AMOUNTS TO A POCKET VETO.

MR. MOYERS: WE HAVE THREE MORE DAYS IF THAT IS SO.

MERRIAMN SMITH: WHAT ARE HIS PERSONAL PLANS FOR THE DAY?

MR. MOYERS: I TALKED TO HIM JUST BEFORE I CAME DOWN HERE. HE WAS GOING INTO HIS OFFICE TO WORK ON THE POUCH THAT HAD JUST COME DOWN FROM WASHINGTON. AFTER THAT I DON'T KNOW WHAT HE WILL DO. THERE IS CONSIDERABLE WORK OUT THERE.

JACK HORMER: HOW ABOUT A BIRTHDAY PARTY FOR LUCI?

MR. MOYERS: THERE IS NO FORMAL PARTY, AS SUCH. THEY PLANNED, AS HAL SAID YESTERDAY, TO HAVE A FAMILY CAKE.

CARROLL KILPATRICK: WHERE WILL YOU BRIEF TOMORROW, BILL?

MR. MOYERS: I WILL LET YOU KNOW AT THE CHURCH.

HUGH SIDNEY: IS THERE ANY MORE GUIDANCE ABOUT NEXT WEEK?

MR. MOYERS: NO.

CARROLL KILPATRICK: BSLL, DO YOU HAVE ANY COMMENT ON GENERAL DE GAULLE'S CRITICISM OF OUR BOMBING OF THE OIL STORAGE FIELDS AT HANOI AND HAIPHONG?

MR. MOYERS: NO.

HUGH SIDNEY: BILL, DOES THE PRESIDENT HA- VE ANY FEELING THE REACTION IN GENERAL TO THE BOMBING, ANY PUBLIC MEAN NOT ONLY SENAE CRIICS BUT COLUMNISTS AND

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AT THE WHITE HOUSE

WITH BILL MOYERS

10:12 A.M. CST

JULY 4, 1966

MONDAY

(San Antonio, Texas)

MR. MOYERS: You have the bills which the President has signed.

You will soon have a statement by the President on the signing of S. 1160, the so-called Freedom of Information bill.

You have a statement by the President designating a Task Force to work on the problems of handicapped children and child development, and to recommend legislative proposals for the next Congress.

That is all I have.

Q Bill, there are four releases in all; is that right?

MR. MOYERS: There are five. You also have the Executive Order entitled "Prevention, Control and Abatement of Water Pollution by Federal Activities."

Q When did he sign the Freedom of Information bill?

MR. MOYERS: About five minutes ago.

Q Do you happen to have a summary of that bill and the bill on Federal employees' compensation?

MR. MOYERS: I do, but it is out at the ranch. It is on its way now by car. It will get here in an hour and a half or so. I don't get them until after he signs them. We do not get the summaries until after he signs them.

Q Will you post them?

MR. MOYERS: Yes, I will post it as soon as it gets here.

Q Bill, Governor Brown said the President explained to him why he wasn't going to the Governors' Conference, but Mr. Brown had forgotten the reason. I wonder if you would by any chance know the reason?

MR. MOYERS: I wasn't a party to that conversation. The Governor telegraphed the President and urged him to come. Then the Governor called the President and asked him to come.

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The President said that he would be coming out there some-time, but that he couldn't come at this time.

Q Bill, I have seen some published reports that Mayor Yorty said that the President is not coming because he, Mayor Yorty, suggested that he not do so. Is there any truth to that?

MR. MOYERS: No.

Q Bill, the Communist Chinese say that the United States is planning to send ground forces into Laos. Have you any comment on that?

MR. MOYERS: No.

Q When did Governor Brown and the President have a telephone conversation?

MR. MOYERS: Some time ago, Bob. I don't have the exact date.

Q It was not this week?

MR. MOYERS: No.

Q Will the members of the group studying the handicapped be forthcoming later? That group has not been appointed?

MR. MOYERS: Secretary Gardner will name those people.

Q Will he do that today?

MR. MOYERS: No.

Q We have two major queries, one of which is: Is Luci at the ranch?

MR. MOYERS: Yes.

Q Also, we are asked if you can confirm a report from Canberra, Australia, that the President may visit Australia later this year or early next year to open a naval communications base in the western part of the country.

MR. MOYERS: I have no knowledge that he will be going. I cannot confirm that.

Q How is the President going to spend the Fourth of July, Bill?

MR. MOYERS: He will be around the ranch a good part of the day, I am sure. He was working at his desk when I talked to him just before I came down here. He has a good bit of paper work that came down in yesterday's pouch, including some of these bills. He plans to have lunch there, he said. Beyond that I simply don't know.

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Q What time is the briefing tomorrow?

MR. MOYERS: At 10:00 a.m.

Q What is the foreign award for Representative Keogh?

MR. MOYERS: There is a law which prohibits an official of the United States from receiving an award from a foreign government unless there is an exemption.

Q Do you know what he is getting one for, or from whom?

MR. MOYERS: He is getting it from Italy. I have that information upstairs. I will bring it down.

Q Bill, this pollution control, is that just Federal pollution, pollution by the Federal Government installations?

MR. MOYERS: Yes.

THE PRESS: Thank you.

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