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 1   Voice:          Conversation number thirty eight dash eighty eight. (0.2) Po:rtion of a      [9.3]
 2
 3                   telephone conversation (·) between John D. Ehrlichmin ·h en William
 4
 5          1        E. Timmins. (·) °·h° This portion ʉwas recordid on April seventeenth ·hh
 6
 7                   ninteen sevendy three ·hh at en unknown ti:me between thᵤree fifty °·hh°
 8
 9                   en four thirdy fi:ve p. m.uh
10
11                            (7.0)  ((dead tape))
12
13   Timm:           °H'llo°
14
15                            (0.3)
16
17   Ehrl:           °Bi:ll,°
18
19   Timm:           °J[ohn.°
20                      [
21   Ehrl:     2        [·kh-kh-kh hI'm tied ↓u:p. Ken you: call Ervin,hh
22
23   Timm:           Mmh[m?h
24                      [
25   Ehrl:              [en just read him: ·p·hhʉehh the first pa::ge plus the first two lines
26
27         ____       a' the se↓kkin' page.↓
28                |
29   (     ):    |   hhmh
30                |
31       (1.2)        (0.3)
32                |
33   (  Ø  ):    |   °°wh-hh°°
34                |
35                |            (0.2)
36                |
37   (Timm):__|__   °M-hm-mhh°
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[1] William E. Timmons, a Nixon aide, later became part of the "White House 'defense group' ...[which met] at nine every morning to plan the President's response to whatever boils and locusts were then afflicting him. . ..[I]t directed all congressional lobbying, press, and public-relations efforts." (Lukas, p.750).
[2] Senator Sam J. Ervin of North Carolina introduced a resolution to allocate $500,000 for a Senate Select Committee on Presidential Campaign Activities to investigate the Watergate break-in and related allegations, which was unanimously approved by the Senate on February 7, 1973. The televised Hearings opened on May 17, 1973, with Ervin as Chairman.

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1                           (·)
2
3    (Timm):     ·p·k·hheh[hhh
4                           [
5    (Ehrl):         [°°hmh[hh°°
6                              [
7    Timm:             [hOkhay nuh who's got the ↑copy,=
8
9    Timm:       =Ah [don' ee'n have it t[ih
10                  [                    [
11   Ehrl:        [·klk          [Uh: [ Ron: I] think [hez a co]py I'[ve gotta-]
12                              [      ]    [        ]    [         ]
13   Timm:                      [°copy°]      [ Okay<]      [First  PA]GE,
14
15   Ehrl:      [ ↓Yeah ]
16              [       ]
17   Timm:      [First two li:nets, of the sec'nt pa[ge,  ·he]hhhhh
18                                            [       ]
19   Ehrl:                               [Ri:ght?]
20
21                           (·)
22
23   Timm:       Solicit comments?
24
25   Ehrl:       hUh:: pard' me?
26
27                           (·)
28
29   Timm:       Should I ask fer chomments from 'im [°(er fer p o i n t e r s)°]
30                                                   [                         ]
31   Ehrl:                                           [No: just tell 'im thet th]at's: thė:
32
33               statemen' thet's gonna be made.h[h hmh
34                                               [
35   Timm:      ³                                [Oka:y nuh how abut Bakerhh
36
37   Ehrl:       Uh hhold on just a minnuht.
38
39                       (2.5)  ((various muffled noises))
40
41   Ehrl:       Yes sh-sure.
42
43   Timm:       hm[hhh
44                 [
45   Ehrl:         [By all meanss.=
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³ Senator Howard H. Baker, Jr. (R-Tennessee) Vice-Chairman and "the ranking Republican on the Senate Watergate committee" (*The Watergate Hearings* (NY *Times* edition) Profiles of Key Figures p.817). According to the Washington *Post* edition of *The Presidential Transcripts*, in 'Names That Figure In The Transcripts' (p.xxvii), "Shortly after the committee was formed in February, 1973, Baker met secretly with President Nixon." Perhaps it was at this meeting that, according to him, "he was assured by the Republican leadership before he accepted his position on the Watergate panel that he would not be expected to take a partisan line or take orders from the White House." (*The Watergate Hearings* op.cit., p. 817).

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 1    Timm:          =hh Both of ' m.[hh
 2                                    [
 3    Ehrl:                           [Yah.hm[hh
 4                                          [
 5    Timm:                                 [Okay?
 6
 7    Ehrl:          ·pt O:l↑ri[:ght,
 8                             [
 9    Timm:                    [ Shell I letchu know?
10
11    Ehrl:          Uh:: no:?wihh=
12
13    Timm:          =Jus' do i[t.
14                            [
15    Ehrl:                   [J's go ahead 'n do i[t
16                                                [
17                                                [
18                                        (([whhkhhm))
19                                                [
20    Timm:                                       [nOkʰ ay=
21
22    Ehrl:          =↓Thanks.
23
24                          ((whk-kuh whk-kuh-kuh [khm))
25                                                [
26                                                [(((dikkuh kuh kllrk))
27
28                          ((woo↑eet))
29
30                          (5.9)  ((dead tape))
31
32    Voice:         This kinclu:des the abuse? of gover'mint pʰower segmint (·) fer conversation
33
34                   number ·h thirdy eight (·) dash (·) eigh↓dy eight.↓
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