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Good Evening Everybody:

President Johnson is asking leaders of both labor and the business community - to support his fiscal and economic policies.

This evening he conferred at the White House with the twenty-nine member executive committee of the AFL-CIO before holding a similar meeting with the Business Council. The latter - an organization of corporation presidents, and industrial executives.

Labor and many business-men are already on the record, as being in favor of the eleven billion dollar tax cut - first proposed by President Kennedy - which is one of the new Administration's key measures.

BILLS

Lyndon Johnson had at least two pressing matters on his mind when he hurried to his office. And hurry he did! More on that later. He was thinking about that tax cut bill. The other - civil rights.

Today he had a conference with Senate Republican leader Everett Dirksen, who told newsmen later that the Senate - will certainly pass a tax cut bill early next year. And that the bill will be made retroactive - to January first

But the outlook on President Johnson's attempt to speed up the Civil Rights bill - that's less promising. Its supporters have their problems in their attempt - to get the bill away from the rules committee, which is dominated by members from the South. So it looks as if the Civil Rights bill will not get to the Floor of the House till January, and will not receive Senate action - before next summer.

VENEZUELA

That attack on the British Ambassador's residence in Venezuela - is a reprisal, they say. Because the Prime Minister of Trinidad sent last week's terrorist hijackers of a Venezuelan airliner - back to Venezuela.

Meanwhile the Caracas government is steadily mopping up pro-Castro guerrillas. It announces a major victory in a surprise attack today - on a guerrilla mountain hideout. Army patrols wiping out - twenty-one rebels.

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ITALY

Italy has a new government tonight - a coalition of pro-western Christian Democrats and neutralist Socialists. The line up - a victory for Premier Aldo Moro. Who has been trying for three weeks - to form a government.

For years the Socialists were more or less allied with - the Italian Communist Party. Which is now on its own - in opposition to both Socialists and Moderates.

The price paid - for this alliance? Premier Moro has appointed a prominent socialist - and ex-Communist - to the key post of Budget Minister.

SCHROEDER

The West German government came out strongly today - in favor of the Kennedy mixed-manned nuclear force project. Foreign Minister Gerhard Schroeder told the Assembly of the Western European Union - an advisory body of legislators from Britain and the six Common Market nations - that he hopes an agreement setting up the force will be drafted soon.

For Minister Schroeder called the Kennedy plan "one of those bold and fruitful initiatives which the free world owes - to the late President Kennedy.

But his plea - did not convince the members of the Western European Union. The Union turned thumbs down today.

CHINA

The National People's Congress of Communist

China - reached the end of its eighteen day conference today. The result of that conference? They endorse whole-heartedly - the Peking government's line. That is - the "hard line", which opposes Premier Khrushchev's policy - of co-existence with the West. This is hardly a surprise, but did it really take the Chinese comrades eighteen days - to make up their minds on that score?

OSWALD

The Those files which Russia turned over to the U.S., dealing with the career of Lee Harvey Oswald, seem to show - that the Russians drew much the same conclusions as most of us do. These Moscow files indicate the Russians didn't believe he was a serious Communist - in spite of his Marxist beliefs. They think in fact that he was - just another crackpot.

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"SUBROC"

The Navy reports tonight that its new "Subroc" torpedo-missile is a huge success, has passed its tests with flying colors - and constitutes a major breakthrough in anti-submarine warfare.

The weapon can carry a nuclear warhead, is released from an ordinary torpedo tube - and travels in both water and air to its target.

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EXPLORER FOLLOW "SUBROC"

The Space Agency is also pleased tonight -
with one of its newest satellites.

Explorer Eighteen, also called an IMP, or
Interplanetary Monitoring Platform - was orbited last
week from Cape Kennedy. And as its proud sponsors,
put it is sending back information - "to beat the band".
Information on the solar radiations that will lie in the
path of the Apollo Astronauts - when they reach for
the moon.

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The news is still heavy tonite. I guess
I'll have to put off that hospital thriller I mentioned
last night. Maybe tomorrow evening.

PRESIDENT

President Johnson could give most of us a lesson when it comes to - arriving on time at the office. I'll mention this to my wife! Today the President started his busy day with a seven mile drive in rush hour traffic - did it in eleven minutes flat. The presidential limousine getting to the White House - before nine a.m.

On second thought, maybe some of the rest of us better not be in too big a hurry. The President's car, of course, can ignore traffic lights, police escort and all that. I can ignore them sometimes - so I'm told. How to you learn to slow down, Dick, when you've been ignoring traffic lights and warning lights most of your life.

HERCULES

Here's an item tonight of special interest to me, since it has to do with the South Pole.

A Herculese plane of the U.S. Military Air Transport Service has made a three thousand eight hundred mile non-stop flight - to the South Pole and back.

The plane flew from the American Antarctic base at McMurdo - to the Pole - then back to New Zealand. Time - thirteen hours. These are planes that handle Antarctic supply problems. This one was a special reconnaissance flight, in a way - without carrying a huge extra fuselage fuel tank such as we carried on October 1st when in two Hercules C 130's we flew almost 8000 miles with one stop - Africa, across the Pole - and on to New Zealand.