

I'm having such a good time transcribing that I had to grit my teeth and force myself to take a break, type up a bit, and add a bit of commentary here, so you (and McWhinny) can see what it looks like. I think there's enough here so that you guys can decide if you want to make it a project, or just leave me to do it as a hobby.

I'm including a few pages of the official White House transcript so you can do a bit of comparing.

Clearly the folks who did the transcribing were not 'doing transcribing' as we know it. They were secretarial staff, working under monumental pressure, both political and temporal. Their product is very rough, and also very very useful.

In some places I'm getting wonderful recovery of details missing in the official transcript, e.g., compare my page 1, lines 1-7 (1:1-7) with the first four lines of the official White House transcript (OWHT). Or, e.g., compare (1:15-20) with (OWHT) lines 8-10.

Or, for example, (2:7-8) vis-a-vis (OWHT) lines 14-15, where a bit marked (unintelligible) is perfectly hearable as "unwilling all along".

Then there are places where I'm just wallowing around in gibberish, e.g., (4:18-23) and (11:10-21).