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But I do believe that the day that we abandon free collective, honest free collective bargaining, it is going to be a sad day for the United States.

So it looks to me that unless they get together on a kind of settlement that is equitable to each other and absolutely in the public interest, we are going to lose -- something.

Q. Brandt, St. Louis Post-Dispatch. Will the foreign military assistance appropriation be included in the budget, in the defense budget, and if so, has that been discussed with the Congressional appropriation leaders?

THE PRESIDENT: The military section I think is -- I think there has been an agreement to do it, for them to defend it next year, I think. I have forgotten the details, Mr. Brandt, but I know it has been under study and I think after the following year, it's to go into the military responsibility, but I can't be sure, but it is ---

Q. (Brandt) That would be in '62, sir.

THE PRESIDENT: That would be '62 for the defense of this thing.

Q. (Brandt) Yes.

THE PRESIDENT: Now, I would have to have looked up what our final agreement on that was because it has been one of these questions that's been handied back and forth for years, so I would think that you could get that directly either from -- from ICA or Defense.

Q. Voss, Washington Star. Mr. President, I have a question about nuclear tests.

I wonder if you could tell us how you think the negotiations are going in Geneva, in the light of the information last Saturday from Radio Moscow that the Russians have been creating artificial earthquakes under a lake in Siberia, and under a river there, which they picked up 250 miles away with seismic instruments?

THE PRESIDENT: Well, of course, we've got the scientists working in Geneva, and all of the kinds of information are among the things, among the factors that they are working on. So I couldn't say a great deal about this particular incident or particular report.

We do attach not only great importance to it, but we are more hopeful about some constructive result out of these negotiations than we were a few months back when it looked like they were going to be completely abandoned.

