

1 DATE: 11/08/2008
2 TIME: 10:05 A.M.
3 ACTIVITY: Rod Blagojevich home line outgoing call.
4 SESSION: 419 (1:04-3:05)
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6 SPEAKERS:

7 EMANUEL: Rahm Emanuel
8 BLAGOJEVICH: Rod Blagojevich
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12 EMANUEL So what's going on?

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14 BLAGOJEVICH I'm returning your call.

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16 EMANUEL Here is a, uh, I am going to
17 get, my guys are looking at
18 this and I got to get the
19 final legal document, but in
20 the meantime you should know,
21 bizarrely, in my interest of,
22 uh, you know, having somebody
23 there you know that doesn't
24 want to make it a lifetime
25 commitment.

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27 BLAGOJEVICH Correct.

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29 EMANUEL There is a lot of
30 committeemen.

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32 BLAGOJEVICH Right.

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34 EMANUEL All of a sudden all the
35 Alderman and committeemen
36 want to do this job. Before
37 they couldn't give a shit,
38 you know...

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40 BLAGOJEVICH Right. Right.

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42 EMANUEL Who the fuck is the
43 Congressman (chuckles).

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45 BLAGOJEVICH Right.
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1 EMANUEL Now they want to do it.
2 Forest Claypool, bizarrely,
3 would like to be considered
4 and he says he only wants to
5 do it for like one term or
6 two max.
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8 BLAGOJEVICH Yeah.
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10 EMANUEL And then he wants to go to
11 the cabinet.
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13 BLAGOJEVICH Yeah, no. I...
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15 EMANUEL And he is doing it--
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17 BLAGOJEVICH I predicted that. That's a
18 good play. So how can I
19 help? I'll help you. What,
20 what can I do?
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22 EMANUEL Well here is, what I need to
23 do is I am going to get the
24 legal thing answered but if
25 I--
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27 BLAGOJEVICH My lawyers tell me we can't
28 do that. But I hope you can
29 find another way.
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31 EMANUEL That you can't do what?
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33 BLAGOJEVICH I can't appoint him. I can't
34 appoint. It has got to be a
35 special election. But if..
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37 EMANUEL No, both cases, no, they are
38 not wrong. Both cases are
39 special. But one situation
40 is if I do step down, uh,
41 before this term is up..
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43 BLAGOJEVICH Okay.
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45 EMANUEL ...remember the next Congress
46 is a hundred, is January 4th
47 gets sworn in.

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2 BLAGOJEVICH Okay.
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4 EMANUEL Let's just play argument and
5 say I step down December 17th
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8 BLAGOJEVICH Right.
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10 EMANUEL ... or 14th or whatever it is.
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12 BLAGOJEVICH Okay.
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14 EMANUEL Okay? You would appoint
15 somebody to finish those
16 three weeks.
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18 BLAGOJEVICH I, I, I, am happy to appoint
19 your guy. If I can do it,
20 I'll do it.
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22 EMANUEL And then he, and then he
23 gets, you know, all we are
24 giving him is three weeks of
25 a head start.
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27 BLAGOJEVICH Right.
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29 EMANUEL But it does give him, it's
30 not like Forest doesn't have
31 a name or anything like that.
32 It gives him a head start and
33 a presumption. So I am going
34 to check that legally out,
35 and then we will, uh, and I,
36 this is between you and I...
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38 BLAGOJEVICH Yeah.
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40 EMANUEL ... (UI) before as we talked on
41 the phone.
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43 BLAGOJEVICH Yeah.
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45 EMANUEL I will not forget this.
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47 BLAGOJEVICH Yeah. No.

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EMANUEL

I appreciate it. That's all
I am going to say. I don't
want to go, you and I
shouldn't go farther (UI).

BLAGOJEVICH

Right. Exactly.

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