

DATE: September 24, 1968
TO: Memo to Joshua Lederberg
SUBJECT: Telephone Conversation - Don Hornig (18 September)

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His main purpose was to nick me in the sides for Humphrey which I refused to do for the time being waiting to hear some better statements about his policy on Vietnam. Hornig did bring up Humphrey's interest in arms control which I, of course, acknowledge as an important consideration.

I brought up with Hornig the criticism of Rusk's view of exchange programs. Hornig dismissed this as a trivial incident that Rusk was important to save the real guts of the exchange programs. In fact, he said that he had been criticized at the recent meeting in Vienna of the Physicists for why the United States had not expressed itself vehemently in reaction to the Czech invasion. I did try to point out that a message from the Czechs and, perhaps, also from the Soviet scientists might undercut the attack now being mounted on Senate ratification of the nonproliferation treaty. He missed the point about this for quite awhile then dwelt on the likelihood that any statement on the subject from Soviet scientists would be contraproductive. He eventually did get the point about looking for some reading on the subject from the Czech government of some representatives of the Czech liberal thought. I did spend enough time on this question to be sure that he did understand this final point, and I have the impression that he will try to follow it up in some way.

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