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**Transcript of talk given by Arthur M. Schlesinger, Jr. about Robert F. Kennedy**

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## Summary

**Creator:** Schlesinger, Arthur M., Jr. (Arthur Meier), 1917-2007

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**Abstract:** Arthur M. Schlesinger, Jr. (1917-2007) was a Pulitzer Prize winning American historian and Robert F. Kennedy supporter and biographer. Addressing a private group in a Brooklyn Heights (New York City) home on October 5, 1964, Schlesinger delivered a speech in support of Robert F. Kennedy's candidacy to become a U.S. Senator. Schlesinger's intention was to present Kennedy as a liberal ally to skeptical New York City Democrats. In his speech, Schlesinger discussed the influence of Barry Goldwater's presidential candidacy on American politics; situated the carpetbagger accusations aimed at Kennedy in historical and constitutional context; and invoked Kennedy's role in the United States's response to the Cuban Missile Crisis as an example of his leadership ability. The transcript includes Schlesinger's response to questions from attendees.

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Speeches (documents)  
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**Names**

Keating, Kenneth B. (Kenneth Barnard), 1900-1975  
Kennedy, Robert F., 1925-1968  
Schlesinger, Arthur M., Jr. (Arthur Meier), 1917-2007  
United States. Congress. Senate -- Elections