

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 4<sup>th</sup>  
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 17<sup>th</sup>  
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8 BLAGOJEVICH Right.  
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10 EMANUEL ... or 14<sup>th</sup> 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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