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Look Quotes Denied

The current issue of *Look* magazine, as based on the Manchester book, extensively quotes an alleged conversation I purportedly had with Senator Ralph Yarborough in San Antonio the day before President Kennedy was murdered. I did not talk with Senator Yarborough that day and never, at any time, had the conversation described in *The Death of a President*.

Although I have a cordial relationship with President Johnson through my late father, Congressman Maury Maverick, dating back to the FDR days, down here in Texas I ride the river with Senator Ralph Yarborough, a brave and good man. President Kennedy's photograph hangs in my study, I don't agree with LBJ on Vietnam and most of the Texans around him in the White House are my political adversaries.

But enough is enough. What difference does it make if Lyndon Johnson used Air Force One following those dreadful hours in Dallas or called someone "honey?" He held the country together, gave it a sense of direction, honored John F. Kennedy, and carried on like a good soldier.

A few years ago I visited with Congressman James Roosevelt who spoke of the great affection his father had for LBJ. I think President Roosevelt would have been proud of Lyndon Johnson for the way he conducted himself immediately following the assassination. I know I was.

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