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10:27 am

TELEPHONE NOTES  
CONGRESSMAN JOE KILGORE - THE PRESIDENT

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LBJ           Should I send a car for you, or you have one?

JK             I have one, if they'll admit me.

LBJ           Come in the South East gate.

JK             All right sir.

LBJ           Now, that's the one near the Treasury.

JK             The one near the Treasury?

LBJ           Over toward the Washington Hotel -- that gate.

JK             All right sir, I'll be right there.

LBJ           Drive right up to the little house here, right outside of my office,  
and come in, and if you can, try to be prepared to spend the next  
hour.

JK             All right, sir. Perhaps it would be better for me to come by  
cab and ~~then~~ I won't get tied up in traffic getting back up here.

LBJ           All right.

Date: September 15, 1993

### Processing Note

Re: Telephone Conversation between the President and Senator Clinton Anderson, 11/27/63, 10:31 a.m.

While working on preservation of the dictabelts, the archives staff observed the following inaccuracies in the transcript:

On page 2, the transcript reads:

LBJ: "...but feel that you're directed to get me some suggestions and ideas because you're progressive ...and...."

On page 2, the transcript reads:

LBJ: "...that Harry Byrd always with the Republicans...."

The archives staff heard:

LBJ: "...but feel that you're directed to get me some suggestions and ideas because you're progressive ... and you have your feet on the ground and that's not always the case with our liberal friends...and...."

LBJ: "...that Harry Byrd always voted with the Republicans...."

Claudia Anderson  
Archivist

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10:31 a.m.

TELEPHONE CONVERSATION BETWEEN THE PRESIDENT  
AND SENATOR CLINTON ANDERSON  
(to Senator Anderson)

CA: Good morning, Mr. President.

LBJ: Walter Jenkins told me of your wonderful message and of course I hadn't anticipated but I knew that when you had the time... that's the way you feel and what you'd do... and I just want to thank you for it..

CA: Well, you know... I took a certain position in 1960 and I'm glad I am going to have a chance to have demonstrated why I took it ...

LBJ: Well, I hope so... now, listen ... we've got a problem.. the President had agreed to decorate Oppenheimer in the Rose Garden on next Monday... they've got his citation written ... the President is presenting it.. so on and so forth... I don't think that we ought to cancel that..

CA: No, indeed...

LBJ: We ought to just go ahead and make it but I didn't want to say yes until I talked to you and got your reaction...

CA: Well, I think you should go right ahead... with it....

LBJ: All right ... now will we get any backlash on that?

CA: Some...

LBJ: What'll that be....

CA: Well, a lot of them feel, of course...

LBJ: That the admiral-type fellow... that the straws are thinking...

CA: Well, he was foolish... the things he did... I'd have to discuss with somebody... for instance... somebody who said "well, weren't you a communist?"... he was so damned mad to think that they would

CA  
Cont'd question the guy who had developed the bomb...he'd say  
'oh, sure...sure.' and walk away and scorn...sarcastic..  
but the worst of it is those things are clear in the record..

LBJ: You think, though...that I ought to go ahead..and do it...  
that's what I think...

CA: I surely do and if anybody jumped me about it well I'd say  
well this is the decision reached by my predecessor...I'm not  
in the process of reversing the things that he did out of the  
goodness of his heart.

LBJ: That's good...now...I want you to look at this speech..just as  
soon as you can and...I've got a draft now and I'm going to send  
it to you..and I hope it gets there before we come to the Hill  
...I don't know how long this White House staff takes to  
mimeograph it..but then I want you to feel...not only at liberty  
...but feel that you're directed to get me some suggestions and  
ideas because you're progressive...and I like to look upon you  
as I look upon myself ...progressive without being radical and  
prudent without being reactionary..so you just get me a memo  
every few days and pick up the phone and call...

CA: Anytime....just so it doesn't get to be burdensome...but I'll  
sure do it...

LBJ: I want it and pick up the phone and call....I've sure got to talk to  
you about the space budget...you see we go in here on this....  
is there any hope of getting that tax bill out before you go home?

CA: No...

LBJ: Will it..when they come back?

CA: Yes...I think...yes when we get back. I think you'd make a great  
mistake to try to rush it...Russell has some programs ..will try  
to pass some of it this year and go on to the next year..you'll make  
a perpetual enemy out of Harry Byrd if you do it and it isn't worth it.  
I pointed out to a reporter the other day...that Harry Byrd always  
with the Republicans...until you became the leader of

CA  
Cont'd

the Democrats...and you could bring him to it once in awhile  
...and very frequently...on every crucial vote you had him.  
And you can get him again..

LBJ:

That's wonderful.. Thanks, my friend..

CA:

All right...

November 27, 1963

1:35 p.m.

TELEPHONE CONVERSATION BETWEEN THE PRESIDENT AND MRS. JOHN  
CONNALLY (to Mrs. Connally)

LBJ: Hello sweetheart. I'm so proud of your boy...he's up here and I'm sitting here in my office, with Lady Bird, Lucy and Lynda...and we wanted to find out how our boy was getting along.

Mrs C: Wait a minute..I know this is irrelevant...but I want to tell you I have never been prouder of anybody than I was of you a while ago...can you hear me?

LBJ I sure can. And I've always been mighty proud of you...darling. I appreciate it...I'd rather hear that from you than nearly anybody..

Mrs C I was trying to decide whether to try to get in touch with you or not.. but..Lyndon, you just made me feel so wonderful.

LBJ Well, you're a wonderful girl. How's my boy?

Mrs C He's doing real well.

LBJ Is he in much pain?

Mrs C Considerable..but not too much. He's doing real good. He's not talking on the phone yet or anything cause as soon as he does..he'll talk to you.

LBJ Here's three little chubbies want to say hello to you.

Mrs C All right. Well don't you forget how proud we all were of you today.

LBJ All right. Give him a hug for me and tell him I'll call you every day or so..I want to know..and keep up with him.

Mrs C I will...you tend to your big business and we want to help whenever we can...

LBJ Sure have been proud of little Jehmmie...he's a chip off the old block.. and the little blond block, too. He has all the grace and charm of Nellie and all the wisdom of John and the poise...he made the nicest statement to Mrs. Kennedy than any 17-year old boy could have.

Mrs C Oh..that makes me feel wonderful..you were wonderful to tend to him.

LBJ Well, he didn't need any tending to. He can be on his own, honey. You



LBJ  
Contd      can turn him out to pasture.

Mrs C      OK. .I'll send him to you.

LBJ      Here's Lady Bird.

Mrs C      All right

Mrs J      Nellie..I finally got to see you on television.

Mrs C      Oh.....well that was a pitiful little appearance, wasn't it?

Mrs J      I was so glad I got to see you...oh, my...and you looked beautiful and so feminine..and so..so distraught...and sort of compassionate for everybody that was hurt.. well, you couldn't have been better.

Mrs C      I just finished listening to Lyndon and I just couldn't have been prouder of him...I know you are.

Mrs J      Yes mam...I sure am. And thank you.

Mrs C      Wonderful...wonderful...I know you're having hard times yourself right now.

Lucy      Hi, Aunt Nellie..this is Lucy.

Mrs C      Hi, honey..how are you?

Lucy      Oh, I'm doing pretty well. I sure did enjoy getting to see Johnnie.

Mrs C      Well, you all are mighty sweet to Johnnie.. he'll never, never forget it.

Lucy      Well, he was real good to me..I sort of needed somebody.. cause my sister wasn't up here and he was the best brother anybody could want.

Mrs C      Well aren't you dear to say so. You<sup>all</sup> looked mighty pretty today..I just finished watching you..and listening to your daddy and they'd flash over to you pretty girls every now and then.

Lucy      Well thank you very much and you take care of my Uncle John.. and yourself and your children and we love you.

Mrs C      Well now you all help your mother and daddy now...

Lynda This is Lynda..I just wanted to tell you that I love you too..

Mrs C Thank you Lynda..you sweet, sweet thing. We're awful proud of your daddy and your mother and you and Lucy.

LBJ Honey..did little Joannie get home with a lighter?

Mrs C Yes he did.

LBJ That's good. OK.

Mrs C Sure did.

LBJ Call me honey if there's anything I can do in any way.

Mrs C Yes sir. I will.

LBJ Bye

Mrs C Bye

Date: September 15, 1993

### Processing Note

Re: Telephone Conversation between the President and Bob Kintner  
(to Mr. Kintner) and Jim Haggarty, 11/27/63

While working on preservation of the dictabelts, the archives staff observed the following inaccuracy in the transcript:

The transcript shows both Kintner and Haggarty talking to the President. However, the conversation is between the President and only Haggarty; remarks shown as Kintner's are actually Haggarty's. Kintner's conversation was announced but not recorded. There were two separate conversations shown in the Diary, Kintner at 2:00 p.m. and Haggarty at 2:04 p.m.

Claudia Anderson  
Archivist



November 27, 1963  
2:00 p. m.

TELEPHONE CONVERSATION BETWEEN THE PRESIDENT AND BOB KINTNER  
(to Mr. Kintner) AND JIM HAGGARTY

LBJ .....  
.....people have been to me and I'm very much in your debt...grateful to you..

BK I'm in your debt, sir. You don't have to do or say that. That was a fine address to Congress today.

LBJ Well, they were very good to me..on both sides, I thought..and I appreciated it.

BK Well, as I say, God bless you and anything I can do to help...anytime you say Mr. President

LBJ Well, I'm just..just got this one by me now and I don't want you to make a special trip but when you're here, I want you to come in and just chew the rag a little bit..

JH Anytime you say...

LBJ Had Bob Anderson in and the General..and you saw the prudence and the thrift, and the dollar's value for every dollar spent and so forth and... I thought that we had a pretty good statement. And I want all the help of all Americans ..and particularly yours cause I've been your admirer a long time.

JH Well I'm a great admirer of yours and whenever I can help any of your staff I'd be more than happy to and I wouldn't presume to be help to you but if I can,

LBJ You certainly can..you certainly can. And I want to see you the first time you're here.

JH All right sir... whenever your people say, I can come down anytime.

LBJ O.K. Be in touch with you.

JH & BK Thank you very much

LBJ Bye, Jim and Bob

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TELEPHONE CONVERSATION BETWEEN THE PRESIDENT AND DR. STANTON  
(to Dr. Stanton)

Dr. S How are you, Mr. President?

LBJ I never felt better and never needed you more .. I just wanted to thank you for how good all your people had been to me.. tell you how proud I was I knew you and you'd better get ready cause I'm liable to work your little tail off.

DR. S Laughter.. well it is ready to be worked, sir.

LBJ Well, I want you.. it is going to take all we've got to hold this country together in the next few months and the world together and I want your suggestions and advice.. get over that reticent modesty of yours.. act like you've lived in Texas.

Dr. S All right sir, I will.

LBJ Lady Bird wants to say a word to you.. we're just eating lunch here .. in my office.. and I haven't had a chance to call you before now but I just..

Dr. S It is wonderful to talk with you and let me just say, Mr. President, you're doing a beautiful, beautiful, job.

LBJ Thank you, Frank. Here's Lady Bird.

Mrs J Dr. Stan... one of the jobs we're doing is racking our brain for smart people that we personally know and feel close to you.. well, you're sure one and I hope it doesn't scare you but we're going to need you.

Dr. S Well, Lady Bird. I'll do anything I can do.

LBJ Thank you Frank. Give our love to Ruth and be thinking of everybody that you know that has capacity and kinda of catalogue them because that is what we need more now than anything else.. and thank you.

Dr. S Yes sir. Thank you.

LBJ Give your wife our love.

Dr. S I will. thanks so much

November 27, 1963

2:10 p. m.

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TELEPHONE CONVERSATION BETWEEN THE PRESIDENT AND  
MR. OTIS CHANDLER (to Mr. Chandler)

LBJ Otis?

OC: Hello Mr. President, how are you?

LBJ Fine. You practicing up on your marksmanship any?

OC No. It is still not very good.

LBJ I want to thank you very much for your little note and tell you I've been kind of busy . . . . and I'm so grateful for your coming down and have a chance to be together and I'm looking to you for all the help that you can give me in the next few days.

OC Yes sir. We'll do everything we can and congratulations on what I thought was a magnificent performance this morning.

LBJ Well, I did the best I could.

OC Well, I thought it was just exceptional . . . really.

LBJ Bob Anderson and General Eisenhower did say . . . they're glad we were talking about economy and prudence and watching the dollar . . . and a few things and I thought . . . that's off the record, of course . . . but I thought the stock exchange was mighty . . . better to us yesterday . . . maybe we can . . .

OC It was wonderful. . . and how are you feeling? All right?

LBJ Couldn't be better. Couldn't be better.

OC I was awfully worried that first report that you'd had another little heart flutter there . . . right after the President was assassinated . . .

LBJ Not at all. I never had . . . all they did was put me on the bottom of the car . . . face down . . . and some reporter, I guess, saw me with my hand . . . and they were pretty excited about that time . . . but I never felt better in my life . . . and I was up till 2:30 this morning on that speech.

OC Well, great job and we'll do everything we can.

LBJ Give your wife my regards and I'll be seeing you and let me know anytime you come East.

OC All right. Thank you very much. Bye



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TELEPHONE CONVERSATION BETWEEN THE PRESIDENT AND GENERAL SARNOFF (to General Sarnoff)

LBJ .....  
as usual, I've been mighty grateful ..and I'm mighty grateful, Max Lair had supplied me with some stuff...Anna Rosenberg called me to be helpful and you're always there and I just wanted you to know that I appreciate it.

GS Well, you're mighty kind to call. I want you to know that I'm praying for you and will be glad to help in any way that I can.. at any time.

LBJ Well I never needed you more than I need you now..and we'll be in touch. And here's a young lady that has been in love with you for a long time .... Mrs. Johnson.

Mrs J That is because I'm in love with optimism and a forward thrust. Let me tell you one little errant thought that runs through your mind even in times of heartbreak..I couldn't help but take my hat off to our industry for the coverage...the whole dreadful thing.

GS Well, you did a magnificent job.. God bless you Lady Bird and as I told the President, I'm at his service to help in any way that I can at any time...

Mrs J All right. You're going to be called on and thank you sir.

GS Thank you very much

LBJ Goodbye General.

GS Goodbye. Goodbye.

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PRESIDENT JOHNSON'S NOTES ON CONVERSATION WITH  
GENERAL SARNOFF 11  
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President Johnson thanked General Sarnoff for the help he had been to him -- Max Lehrer and Anna Rosenberg both had been helpful.

General Sarnoff said: "...I want you to know that I am praying for you and will be glad to help in any way I can at any time."

November 27, 1963

2:15 p. m.

TELEPHONE CONVERSATION BETWEEN THE PRESIDENT AND MR. WALKER  
STONE (to Mr. Stone)

LBJ Hello?

WS Mr. President...I say you today and I'm proud of you.

LBJ Well, I just wanted to talk to my frugal, thrifty, friend who believes  
in a dollar's value..dollar's worth.. out...out of a dollar spent...

WS Well fine. That's a mighty good philosophy.

LBJ Laughter..thank you Walker. I just want to thank you for being with me  
these last few days that have been...so much of a trial and tribulation  
and Marshall came calling on me and was real wonderful and I don't  
deserve it but I do appreciate it.

WS Well, we're on call anytime, Lyndon.

LBJ Get me any word you think I ought to have and pick up the phone and  
call me when you need to...I need all the help that I can get and if  
I can count on my friend..to give me the benefit of your judgement  
and your wisdom of the years.

WS Well I thank you for that...I'd rather wait until you got something you  
think I can help on...

LBJ Well, I'll do that. I'll be in touch with you but the trouble with the man  
here..he gets locked in behind the gate, you know and he just sees the  
people who make him see them and he doesn't get to .. Mr. Rayburn  
always said that the people got around him and kinda closed him off...  
I don't want to get fenced off and I'm going to break through like a wild  
pony sometime..

WS O.K.

LBJ You come in and the first time you're over this way...give me a buzz  
and lets sit down and visit some evening.

WS All right. Who should I call?

LBJ Call Bill Moyers or Mrs. Roberts. Anytime you're free, 5 o'clock..if  
you're here Friday..if you're not out of town, maybe we can do it then...  
I'll sit down after the cool of the evening ...kinda relax a little and I'd

LBJ  
Comtd like to visit with you. Thank you Walker.

WS Well, thank you.

LBJ Bye

WS Bye



PRESIDENT JOHNSON'S NOTES ON CONVERSATION WITH  
WALKER STONE

NOVEMBER 27, 1963

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Mr. Stone said: "I saw you today and I'm proud of you."

The President answered: "...I just want to thank you for being with me these last few days that have been so much trial and tribulation. Marshall came calling on me and was real wonderful and I don't deserve it but I do appreciate it.... Get me any word you think I ought to have...the trouble with the man here is he gets locked in behind the gate...Mr. Rayburn always said that the people got around him and kinda closed him off...I don't want to get fenced off..."

November 27, 1963

2:22 p.m.

TELEPHONE CONVERSATION BETWEEN THE PRESIDENT AND CONGRESSMAN  
ADAM CLAYTON POWELL (not known whether to or from)

ACP Hello, Mr. President

LBJ How are you getting along?

ACP Oh, wonderful, wonderful.

LBJ Appreciate your calling George Raedy.

ACP Well, I think it is very important and I think we can get it out because the only stumbling block is Mr. Hill. ..only stumbling block.

LBJ Whats he holding it up for?

ACP Oh, he's ...mainly, he's made with Edith Green. And I just had a conference with Morse and Jennie Zendorf..and Goldwater is willing to go along too...everybody is willing except Mr. Hill.

LBJ Is that the College Aid?

ACP Well College Aid is already to be called upon the floor by Mike.. Mike could have done it three weeks ago.. we finished that...this is vocational education...impacted area and amendments to NBA..about \$4 billion..

LBJ Well, where is that....

ACP The House has finished with it...the Senate has finished with it and now it is in conference ..and..for four weeks... Mr. Hill has refused to compromise..he wants his way or nothing.

LBJ What is HIS way?

ACP His way is the Senate .. which is much different than the House.. it is much more money and it takes the old allotment formula which would decrease states like California and New York by \$4 million a year.. and increase states like his by \$800,000 or \$900,000... what I'm willing to do is to meet him half way. Let New York lose \$2 million, California \$2 million, instead of \$4 million and let Alabama gain \$400,000 instead of \$800,000.

LBJ Well, I'll see if Mike can talk to him and do something about it  
add I sure think it would be best for us to bring up education  
bill...as soon as we can...

ACP Well, I'm ready at 9:30 Monday morning ...

LBJ Your vocational-education bill still in the House?

ACP I passed them all out.. All passed..all through the House

LBJ All through the House?

ACP All finished...and Higher education is ready to come up on the  
floor of the Senate now. We finished that in conference..but Mike  
hasn't called it up.

LBJ You saw what I said about him today.

ACP I know it I know it...wonderful

LBJ I pointed him out. Did I do all right? On Civil rights?

ACP My friend, I just finished with CBS and it was unequivocally the finest  
...it was more than I hoped for and it was the finest that anyone  
could say..foresight...you were really wonderful..at your best today  
..actually superb. I don't know when you get the time to do it though?

LBJ Well I had 24 minutes and 34 applauses..you all were generous...

ACP I'm sure you had good ghost writers but brother that was Lyndon Baines  
Johnson...that wasn't any ghost writer...that speech was absolutely  
magnificent.

LBJ Well thank you Adam..I'll get in touch with this and I'll be back in  
touch ...

ACP Now I want to get in touch with you about Politics...not too early.

LBJ O.K. We will.

ACP You know what I'm talking about.

LBJ OK. We will. Bye

ACP Bye

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PRESIDENT JOHNSON'S NOTES ON CONVERSATION WITH  
CONGRESSMAN ADAM CLAYTON POWELL NOVEMBER 27, 1963

Congressman Powell said: "...I just finished with CBS and it was unequivocally the finest...it was more than I had hoped for and it was the finest that anyone could say...foresight...you were really wonderful...at your best today...actually superb. ... I'm sure you had good ghost writers but that was Lyndon Baines Johnson...that wasn't any ghost writer...that speech was absolutely magnificent."

They then discussed upcoming legislation and the President thanked the Congressman for calling George Reedy.

Date: September 15, 1993

### Processing Note

Re: Telephone Conversation between the President and Waddy Bullion (to Mr. Bullion), 11/27/63, 2:30 p.m.

While working on preservation of the dictabelts, the archives staff observed the following inaccuracies in the transcript:

On page 1, the transcript reads:

LBJ: ".....you can make a front if you need to that you're pretty familiar with this and ... I'm sure that'll be fine..that you'll really run it ...you can show that you really run it..they have a good board..you all ought to go on the board..and able to have all the stuff worked out and he'll be sending it to you as soon as they agree on it."

The archives staff heard:

LBJ: ".....you can make a front if you need to that you're pretty familiar with this and ... I think if you have Don in there as general counsel...that you'll really run it ...you can show that you really run it..they have a good board..you all ought to go on the board..and Abe will have all the stuff worked out and he'll be sending it to you as soon as they agree on it."

Claudia Anderson  
Archivist



November 27, 1963  
2:30 p. m.

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TELEPHONE CONVERSATION BETWEEN THE PRESIDENT AND  
WADDY BULLION (to Mr. Bullion)

LBJ ..... you can make a front if you need to that you're pretty familiar with this and ... I'm sure that'll be fine.. that you'll really run it ... you can show that you really ran it. .they have a good board.. you all ought to go on the board.. and able to have all the stuff worked out and he'll be sending it to you as soon as they agree on it.

WB All right. For me to look over and comment..

LBJ That's all right. Cause it'll have to go to the Commission for approval you see.

WB Well now.. I will be. Mrs. Johnson can reach me at my office.. you're talking about 4:00 o'clock your time aren't you?

LBJ Fear o'clock our time.. three your time... cause they'll probably be at it until six.. and they'll probably be calling you around 4:30... 5:30 your time.

WB All right. I'll be at the office. Riverside 1-4721.

LBJ O.K. Much obliged, Waddy.

WB If I'm not at the office, I'll be at the house. EM-8-7987.

LBJ Thank you Waddy.

WB Yes sir.

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2:30 p. m.

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TELEPHONE CONVERSATION BETWEEN THE PRESIDENT AND BEN McELWAY  
(to Mr. McElway)

BMc Hello RM President.

LBJ I just want to thank you for your friendship and how generous you've been with me in these trying days and how lucky and thank God that I've got you and I want to thank you for your wonderful editorial and everything else..

BMc Well thank you Mr. President and we're with you.

LBJ I never needed you more than I do now... and as I said, this thing came upon me but I've got to do the best I can and if you have any thoughts along that line, please give me the benefit of your experience and wisdom.

BMc Thank you Mr. President.

LBJ Thank you Ben.. Bye

Mc Bye



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PRESIDENT JOHNSON'S NOTES ON CONVERSATION WITH  
BEN McKELWAY NOVEMBER 27, 1963

The President said: "I just want to thank you for your friendship ...in these trying days...and for your wonderful editorial....I never needed you more than I do now... please give me the benefit of your experience and wisdom."

Mr. McKelway said: "Mr. President...we're with you."

November 27, 1963

2:31 p.m.

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TELEPHONE CONVERSATION BETWEEN THE PRESIDENT AND RUSSELL WIGGINS  
(to Mr. Wiggins)

LBJ I wanted to tell you these have been pretty trying days and I'm awfully grateful for your good approach in your editorial and all the help that you have been giving me and I never needed it as much in my life... I probably could get by a lot better and easier if Phil was here.. but he's not and I'm going to have some help.. and lean on you and tell me anything you think I need to know.

RW Well you're mighty marvelous to call. I haven't bothered you because I knew you would call me if you wanted anything and I just wish to say Mr. President that nobody could have delivered that speech any better.. nobody could have said the things that were more right, correct and proper and nobody could have said them in a better way... it was just absolutely perfect and not a word in it could have been changed except to its disadvantage. It was a great, great, great beginning.

LBJ Well we struggled with it until 2:30 and I'm not.. it is not my field but I used to have Phil and I used to have Mr. Rayburn and I used to have a President and I had a good many people I could check with... but my crowd is kind of thinning out and not many of us left we we're going to have to be a little closer together.

RW Well, it is so nice of you to call and you call me. I'm at your service ..any hour of the night or day... if there's anything I can do... this newspaper can do to further the cause in which you have embarked... you just let us know.

LBJ Well, we've got a program. We've got to carry out.. for the good of the world and we're going to do it with God's help and yours, why we'll get it done. Thank you.

RW Thank you so much

PRESIDENT JOHNSON'S NOTES ON CONVERSATION WITH  
RUSSELL WIGGINS NOVEMBER 27, 1963

The President said: "I wanted to tell you...I'm awfully grateful for your good approach in your editorial and all the help that you have given me and I never needed it as much in my life...."

Mr. Wiggins said: "...Nobody could have delivered that speech any better...nobody could have said things that were more right, correct and proper and nobody could have said them in a better way...it was just absolutely perfect...It was a great, great, great beginning....I'm at your service any hour of the night or day...if there's anything I can do...this newspaper can do to further the cause in which you have embarked...you just let us know."

November 27, 1963  
2:35 p. m.

TELEPHONE CONVERSATION BETWEEN THE PRESIDENT AND SAMUEL NEWHOUSE  
(to Mr. Newhouse)

LBJ Sam?

SN: Yes, Mr. President?

LBJ I just want to thank you for your friendship and for all you've done.. your people have helped me during these trying days and even before and I had this thing fall on my lap and I'm going to do the best I can.. there are a lot better men for it.. but I'm going to do it as best I can and I'm going to need all the help ...

SN Well, we're with you 100 percent and we're very very happy that if it ever happened that you've taken the job.

LBJ Well I know you've always been partial to me and I'm going to try to be worthy of it and I just wanted you to know that I was thinking of you and appreciate what you're doing, my friend and any way I can help, anytime, let me know and come in to see me the first time you're down here.

SN Thank you very very much.

LBJ Thank you Sam. Tell Eddie Weisel hello for me.

SN Thank you I will.

LBJ Goodbye

PRESIDENT JOHNSON'S NOTES ON CONVERSATION WITH  
SAMUEL NEWHOUSE NOVEMBER 27, 1963

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The President said: "I just want to thank you for your friendship and for all you've done...I know you've always been partial to me and I'm going to try to be worthy of it..."

Mr. Newhouse: "We're with you 100 per cent and we're very happy that if it ever had to happen that you've taken the job."



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2:45 p. m.

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TELEPHONE CONVERSATION BETWEEN THE PRESIDENT AND LOUIS  
SELTZER (from Mr. Seltzer)

LS: Hello, Mr. President

LBJ Glad to hear from you

LS Very good...I hope I did not intrude on some urgent matter.

LBJ Not at all, I'm just sitting here talking to Houston Harte of the Harte Newspapers in Texas and getting ready to see the Prince from Cambodia and the Assistant Secretary of State..I'm mighty glad you called.

LS Well now, here's the reason I am calling..and if you've got just one minute, I'll try to express myself as clearly as I can. In my time, which covers a half a century in ...and a good number of Presidents...I along with everybody else have heard Presidents talk under a great number of circumstances..some of them trying..some of them in crisis..but this noon I determined that I was going to go out to my home and sit quietly with mine...because I had to listen to you...had the intuitive feeling that by the manner in which you did this...and what you said..that you're going to create a very lasting impression one way or the other..on the American people. Now the reason I picked this telephone up to call you is that I do not remember in all of my time..when any President of the United States ..so recently assuming his very heavy responsibilities..did so impressive and tremendous a job as you did just a few moments ago..and I could not resist the temptation of calling you. That's the sum total of my call.

LBJ Well you don't know how much strength that gives me..not only because of my high regard for you but I was up till 2:30 this morning..and I tried so hard to pay just tributes and still let the country know that I had some thoughts of my own and that we were going to be prudent, frugal, progressive people but we were ...going to be in charge.

LS Well I think Mr. President that you accomplished all those things from the moment you walked down the aisle to the rostrum...all through your address..and on the way out..including your quick look up at Mrs. Johnson and your daughters in the balcony..all the way through..I think you did one of the most extraordinarily earnest and impressive jobs I have ever seen in the image that you succeeded in driving through the screen today all over America..in my judgment was wonderful for the country and good for you.

LBJ Well, I hope it works out that way.. because all I wanted ..all I want to do is try to do a good job for all America and all people regardless of their politics or their race or their religion or anything else. I just want us all to be Americans..I think we've got too much hate and too much division...too much partisanship and I'm glad we've got men like you and I'll be calling on you and any time you think I need a little straightening out. . please sit down and write me frankly because you've been my friend for a good many years.

LS Mr. President, I appreciate that and I just wanted to reiterate once again just as honestly as I can and at the same time, even under the trying circumstances, to hope that you and your family have a nice Thanksgiving. I just want to say that in one half hour today, you did for the United States of America as a very critical job.. something that I did not ... three hours ago I thought you had probably one of the most difficult challenges any human being ever faced and I think you did it with just superb and just magnificent way and I think that you did again, a great service for this country and I think the image that you created for yourself is going to last all..for all times.

LBJ Thank you, Louis, so much and I'll be seeing you and call me when you come into town.

LS You bet I will and goodluck to you all the way down.

LBJ Goodbye

LS Goodbye



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LOUIS SELTZER NOVEMBER 27, 1963

Mr. Seltzer: "...In my time, which covers a half a century... and a good number of Presidents...I do not remember ...when any President did so impressive and tremendous a job as you did just a few moments ago...from the moment you walked down the aisle to the rostrum...I think you did one of the most extraordinarily earnest and impressive jobs I have ever seen... was wonderful for the country and good for you...."

The President thanked him and said: "...All I want to try to do is a good job for all America and all people regardless of their politics or their race or their religion or anything else... I think we've got too much hate and too much division...and I'm glad we've got men like you and I'll be calling on you..."

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3:25 p. m.

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TELEPHONE CONVERSATION BETWEEN THE PRESIDENT AND GENE PULLIAM  
(from Mr. Pulliam)

LBJ Hello. I've been thinking of you, and I've had some trials and tribulations these last few days but I want to thank you for your friendship and all you've done for me and I hope that the first time you're this way, we'll get together.

GP I wrote you a letter.. you won't get it.. ask Reedy to get it to you.. I said you know you've always had my heart in my hand and you still do.

LBJ I know that Gene and I appreciate it very much. God bless you...

GP You made a wonderful speech today.. it was absolutely wonderful..

LBJ I was thinking of you when I talked about thrift and frugality..

GP Laughter... I appreciate talking to you more than I can tell you...

LBJ Give my regards to your son.

GP I'll do that. And thank you so much.

LBJ Goodbye

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PRESIDENT JOHNSON'S NOTES ON CONVERSATION WITH  
EUGENE PULLIAM NOVEMBER 27, 1963

Mr. Pulliam said: "I wrote you a letter...ask Reedy to get it to you...I said 'you know you've always had my heart in your hand and you still do...You made a wonderful speech today...it was absolutely wonderful."

The President thanked him and said: "...I want to thank you for your friendship and all you've done for me and I hope the first time you are this way, we'll get together."

November 27, 1963  
4:01 p.m.

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TELEPHONE CONVERSATION BETWEEN THE PRESIDENT AND JOE ALSOP

LBJ I want to tell you for that most wonderful... and how grateful I am... for that beautiful article.. I don't deserve it but I appreciate it. You know I'm not as frustrated as that Baptist preacher when he showed up one morning and they gave him a car... and he got up on the pulpit and he didn't know what to say and he didn't expect them to give him a Ford automobile... poor little church.. and he said "I just want you all to know that I don't appreciate it, but I do deserve it."

Laughter... But... I do appreciate it and I don't deserve it.

JA Yes, well all I can say is that I didn't want to bother you.. I was trying to get a word through Bill Moyers and get the word to Lady Bird... be watching you there.. thinking about Phil with a couple of my colleagues.. started out.. you know.. eager to be a failure... and remained to applaud a triumphal success and I came back to lunch with Kay.. all I can say is we both had a darned good cry..

LBJ Well I had to restrain myself all during the period.. you and Phil.. Jackie came over and visited me this afternoon.. told me about being at your house one night at dinner and how.. what you and Phil had said about me and how touched she was.. and how she remembered it and what the President had said to her several times about it... we just kind of had a real lovely session for about 30 minutes.. here. We're going to name Cape Canaveral, Cape Kennedy and ...

JA Yes. Kay and I after your speech this morning.. she lunched with me.. and we both sort of had a ridiculous cry.. because Phil wasn't there to see how right you've been.

LBJ Did you see what she sent me that he had written?

JA No, I didn't.

LBJ We'll have to... some night..

JA Your speech was a triumphant success.. and I have to tell you because I'm going to write it... I've never thought... but it was excellent... everything was wonderful.. and John Monst who came to lunch later..

LBJ Hope you'll remember me to him... I was with him with Bill Fulbright.. when we were..



JA Well, he'll be here until the 6th..

LBJ Well maybe I'll get a chance to see him. I'll try to work it in..he'll be here till the 6th. Bill Fulbright and I spent some time with him in 1960

JA I remember...and it was..I was just so proud..if that is not the wrong word ...of my country..of you know..and I kept thinking about how everyone abroad was going to be impressed. It was a wonderful success. It really was and Kay looked at these damned Republicans..when you were asking them to do the things they've been refusing to do...and kept thinking of "in the ranks"....and it was a great success.

LBJ Thank you my friend. Thank you.

JA And a wonderful beginning. And don't think of anything I write..I never write, you know...

LBJ I know. Thank you my friend.

JA And good luck to you and let me come and see you.

LBJ Sure will, sure will.

JA Thank you

LBJ Bye

JA Bye



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The President: "I want to tell you...how grateful I am for that beautiful article..I don't deserve it but I appreciate it. ...I 'm not as frustrated as that Baptist preacher when he showed up one morning and they gave him a car...and he got up in the pulpit and he didn't know what to say as he didn't expect them to give him a Ford automobile -- poor little church -- and he said 'I just want you all to know that I don't appreciate it, but I do deserve it.'"

Alsop said: "Kay and I after your speech this morning..she lunched with me--and we both...had a ridiculous cry -- because Phil wasn't there to see how right he'd been...Your speech was a triumphant success...it was excellent...everything was wonderful...I was just so proud...I was just thinking how everyone abroad was going to be impressed...A wonderful beginning...good luck to you and let me come and see you."

November 27, 1963  
5:00 p. m.

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TELEPHONE CONVERSATION BETWEEN THE PRESIDENT AND ROSCOE DRUMMOND  
(from Mr. Drummond)

LBJ Roscoe?

RD Mr. President,...

LBJ My friend, I want to thank God for you and your friendship through the years and particularly the strong way you've helped me the last day or two and just before I went home tonight I wanted to tell you that among the many things that I'm thankful for, none I'm more thankful for than your confidence.

RD Well, Mr. President, I'm just gratified and I watched your speech today and I knew that the hand of God was in it and Mr. President, you're my President and I'm very proud of the way you're doing it.

LBJ Well, you have, through the years, been unusually charitable with me and I'm kind of like the preacher that was surprised when they gave him a Ford automobile .. in congregation one Sunday... he got up somewhat frustrated and said "I don't appreciate it... but I do deserve it."

Laughter. I don't deserve it but I DO appreciate it. And I never needed you more than I do now.. with the terrible situation I find myself in.. I'll just do the best I can and be as charitable as I can and give my love to your sweet wife.

RD I will... thank you.

LBJ Happy Thanksgiving to you.

RD Right. Thank you

LBJ Bye

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PRESIDENT JOHNSON'S NOTES ON CONVERSATION WITH  
RCSCOE DRUMMOND NOVEMBER 27, 1963

The President: "My friend, I want to thank God for you and your friendship through the years and particularly the strong way you've helped me the last day or two and just before I went home tonight I wanted to tell you that among the things that I'm thankful for, none I'm more thankful for than your confidence."

Mr. Drummond: "I'm just gratified and I watched your speech today and I knew that the hand of God was in it and, Mr. President, you're my President and I'm very proud of the way you're doing it."



November 27, 1963

5:01 p.m.

TELEPHONE CONVERSATION BETWEEN THE PRESIDENT AND BILL WHITE  
(to Mr. White)

LBJ

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..... and I don't think that these folks up here can understand the quality of our friendship.

BW

I don't suppose they can. Mr. President, I want to tell you and I'm measuring my word.. and I mean exactly what I say...and after thinking this over.. I think your speech today was the greatest I've ever heard in my life. I think that not for the substance alone but for the manner of delivery, and I tell you I don't normally get terribly emotional, maybe I do, but I was crying there at the end, myself.

LBJ

Well, you're mighty good. Homer Thornberry came in crying and poor old boy from the Cleveland Press, Louis Seltzer, called me up and he was crying said he'd been home with his wife.. 35 years he has been listening to speeches and he thought I made myself a great one today.. he thought that it was the greatest speech that he'd ever heard.. 34 applauses in 24 minutes.

BW

Well, I think that I was watching as objectively as I could because I was interested, you know, in the whole reaction and I think your manner, your determination, your sincerity, your honest effort to get this country together again and keep it together with something I've never seen in any Presidential speech in my life.. and as you know, I've seen a few.

LBJ

You sure have Bill. God bless you and give that sweet wife of yours my love...

BW

She asked me to tell you this is the greatest moment of her life.. today.

LBJ

Well it is mighty great to have friends like you. You don't know how much strength they give me and I am going to need you more in the days ahead.. so keep your chin up and put on that "thinking cap" of yours and come in with some suggestions cause we've got to save this country.

BW

All right, sir.

LBJ

Thank you my friend.

W

Thank you. Bye

PRESIDENT JOHNSON'S NOTES ON CONVERSATION WITH  
WILLIAM S. WHITE NOVEMBER 27, 1963

Mr. White: "Mr. President, I want to tell you and I'm measuring my words -- and I mean exactly what I say -- ...I think your speech today was the greatest I've ever heard in my life. I think that not for the substance alone but for the manner of delivery, and I tell you I don't normally get terribly emotional...but I was crying there at the end....I think your manner, your determination, your sincerity, your honest effort to get this country together again and keep it together was something I've never seen in any Presidential speech in my life...."

The President: "It is mighty great to have friends like you. You don't know how much strength you give me and I am going to need you more in the days ahead...."



November 27, 1963

5:10 p. m.

TELEPHONE CONVERSATION BETWEEN THE PRESIDENT AND MR. GOULD  
LINCOLN (to Mr. Lincoln)

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LBJ I'm going to try to be worth of it.

GL Mr. President. I'm delighted to say "Mr. President." You know that.

LBJ I sure do, Gould.

GL I wrote you a letter which I sent to Willie Day Taylor..she promised to give it to you..

LBJ Well, I haven't seen it..I'll ask her tomorrow.

GL I only put it in the mail this afternoon.

LBJ Well, I'll get it then...she'll get it to me tomorrow...I was up till 2.30 last night on the speech.

GL Well I think you did a wonderful job today..and I really thought the content of your speech and the delivery was just...fine.

LBJ This is off-the-record. I don't want anything said about it but Bob Anderson called and said that General Eisenhower had given him some suggestions..I talked to him awhile..but he said he was up with a group of businessmen the other day and said that he just didn't think that this could happen..said if he does that, we're going to have to support him. Laughter.

GL Well, I think that's true.

LBJ When I started talking about frugality and thrift and getting a dollar's worth value out of a dollar's spent...and saying I was going to tighten up on things and watch what we're doing and try to do some of these things, he said that they just broke into applause.

GL Well, that is true. And you have that Congress with you 1,000 percent.

LBJ Well they're mighty wonderful and I just wanted to tell you this before I left the office for Thanksgiving, my friend. It's been a long time, you know..you wrote a story..about 32..well I came to this town 32 years ago today and in '32-'31 years ago you wrote the first story about me in a Washington paper..I still have the clipping. Electing the Speaker of the

Little Congress..Bob Jackson told you about it...and you wrote a little

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LBJ  
Contd story said that the youngsters took over...

GL Yeah...well I certainly am glad you are taking over.

LBJ Thank you Gould.. I want you to drop in and see me sometime..first time that you're free and we get a little of this work behind us, maybe we can sit down..

GL I don't want to bother you at this time.. cause I know how terribly busy you are...

LBJ Thank you my friend. I sure appreciate it.

GL Thank you, Mr. President.

KBJ O.K. thank you Gould.

GL Bye

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GOULD LINCOLN NOVEMBER 27, 1963

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Mr. Lincoln: "I wrote you a letter which I sent to Willie Day -- she promised to give it to you .. I think you did a wonderful job today...I thought the content of your speech and the delivery was just -- fine.. And you have that Congress with you 1,000 per cent..."

The President: "Well, they're mighty wonderful and I just wanted to tell you thins before I left the office for Thanksgiving -- my friend. It's been a long time....31 years ago you wrote the first story about me in a Washington paper..I still have the clipping... I want you to drop in and see my sometime..."



5:13 p. m.

TELEPHONE CONVERSATION BETWEEN THE PRESIDENT AND SENATOR  
HOLLAND (to Senator Holland)

LBJ Senator?

SH Hello?

LBJ Spessard? Lyndon Johnson

SH Well, hello, Mr. President. How are you?

LBJ Fine. My friend...I'm sorry to interrupt you but earlier in the days there were some suggestions from your state about naming Cape Canaveral...Cape Kennedy and...

SH I haven't caught it..I'm here at the airport..there's quite a lot of noise.

LBJ I say, earlier in the day, there were some suggestions that came in suggested that Cape Canaveral be named Cape Kennedy...we checked it with the appropriate people in the Federal Government and that could be done. ...there's a town called Cape Canaveral and a Port Canaveral ...they tell us. We would hope that if we changed the Cape's name to Cape Kennedy...so that the launchings that took place in the future would come from Cape Kennedy...perhaps they would go along on the name of the town and the Port. In any event, I wanted to talk to you about it and I called you and you...they told me you were on the way to the airport and I thought I ought to reach you before you left town. We are planning to issue the order on Cape Canaveral..making it Cape Kennedy..probably before we fold up for Thanksgiving.

SH Well, now..Lyndon. It sounds like a mighty good suggestion. That name, however, goes clear back to historic times. I think it comes from the Spanish..I'm not sure..but the oldest maps will show it. There might be some feeling there...not that I know of...and certainly not so far as I'm concerned..but it is an ancient name and an ancient landmark. Now, simply for your own information and for your own protection in the matter, what study has been made of the historic background.

LBJ None...none..

SH Well, I'll tell you. I have absolutely no objection myself and I think there may be great merit to it..I do think it would be wise to study it because I do remember that my oldest map..way back to Spanish times,, shows that name..and I do remember that it is a historic name in many of the old books...might or might not be well worthwhile to have it studied unless there is need for immediate action.

SH

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My suggestion would be that that be done..and I think it would allow the local people to feel like they've had a part in it...the County Commissioner..of Titusville..Titusville is the county seat..would be the appropriate board there..the Governor and his people at Tallahassee ...I know would appreciate being consulted about it..and the State historian...would be answerable to the Governor immediately..for any study of the matter that you want to have made. But it is...my only cautionary remark here is that it dates way back to the first earliest map in Florida. I can't tell you where the name comes from..but my information has been that it was Spanish.

LBJ

Fine. Well I'll check it..I'll tell these folks to check into it and see if I can make a check with the Governor too before we take any action.

SH

I thought your message today was very fine..and I especially thought that your recognition of the Legislative Branch ..the words you used about it ...was splendid and I don't see how you could have done a better job.. I've already made that comment to the Press and I want to tell you personally to that effect.

LBJ

Well, thank you ...you've been a grand and devoted, loyal friend and I'll never forget you and I appreciate it.

SH

I'll be that way right on, Lyndon. And may I say this, I<sup>was</sup> expecting to support John.. though there would have been some difficulties in connection with it..but insofar as you're concerned..there couldn't be any difficulties. You heard what I said at Orlando..I still feel that way.

LBJ

Yes, I did. I know it..I need you more than ever and please come in and pick up that phone when you need to tell me what you think.

SH

All right. And I'll be at my home in Bartow in the event this question moves in any unexpected direction ...otherwise so long as the check is made..my own personal approval is one hundred percent.

LBJ

Thank you my friend.

SH

OK. Bye.



PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY'S NOTES ON CONVERSATION WITH  
SENATOR SPESSARD HOLLAND                      NOVEMBER 27, 1963

The President: "...I'm sorry to interrupt you but earlier in the day there were some suggestions from your state about naming Cape Canaveral Cape Kennedy...we checked it with the appropriate people in the Federal Government and that could be done..."

They then discussed the possibility of renaming both the town and Port Canaveral. Senator Holland said that the only drawback might be that the name goes back to historic times and that it ~~xxx~~ should be checked with the County Commissioner of Titusville and with the Governor so they could ~~feedback~~ they were being consulted.

Senator Holland then said: "I thought your message today was very fine...and I especially thought that your recognition of the Legislative Branch -- the words you used about it -- was splendid and I don't see how you could have done a better job. I've already made that comment to the press and I want to tell you personally to that effect."

November 27, 1963

5:26 p. m.

TELEPHONE NOTES  
THE PRESIDENT TO GOV. BRYANT

LBJ        Farris

FB         Mr. President

LBJ        How are you, my friend?

FB         I sent you a telegram last Friday. I want you to know that I am ready to help you in every way I possibly can.

LBJ        I got it and I appreciate it, my friend, and you ought to have had an answer, I --

FB         That's all right. I knew you couldn't get it.

LBJ        I did though. I got all the Governors! Had them all -- took each one and fingered them and read them and they were very generous and ~~unusually~~ unusually considerate of me. I guess they have all had so many problems themselves they know what I've got.

FB         You've got a great task. I listened to your speech. It was a magnificent speech.

LBJ        Well, thank you my friend. I did the best I could. I called you ... I talked to Spacert... he's on Space Committee and he thought I ought to talk to you and I thought I ought to too... we're getting ready to have the Geographical Board that controls these park sites... to name Cape Canaveral... Cape Kennedy.

FB:        Oh... marvelous.

LBJ:        So that all the launchings that go around the world will be from Cape Kennedy... now they've got... I'm studying the historical background

LBJ  
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of it a little bit and if we don't run into any trouble..I don't think we will...Specert he's strong for it... George indicated it would be all right with him... if you thought it all right...I thought I'd do that.. now, there's a Port Canaveral...and there's a little town, Cape Canaveral..they claim.. I would think if we named it Cape Canaveral ..Cape Kennedy ..that they would probably want to call the others Cape Kennedy so that any mail, things like that.. could be done. That's something you ought to explore with these towns. We're going to name the cape.. Cape Canaveral...if it is all right..and you look into that other thing for me... will you?

FB I'll do it immediately.

LBJ: I'd think it would be a wonderful thing for your State and it would probably through the years..bring a lot of attention...

FB: We're very honored and I think it is a fitting tribute because it was his..

LBJ: Yes...that's right... so if you'll do that and give me a buss back.. I'd sure appreciate it as soon as you can.

FB I'll do it immediately.

LBJ Thank you my friend. And let me know anything I can do for you.

FB Thank you sir.

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PRESIDENT JOHNSON'S NOTES ON CONVERSATION WITH  
GOVERNOR FARRIS BRYANT NOVEMBER 27, 1963

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Governor Bryant: "I listened to your speech. It was a magnificent speech."

The President and Governor Bryant then discussed the possibility of renaming Cape Canaveral Cape Kennedy . The Governor said: "We're very honored and I think it is a fitting tribute."