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NOTES ON  
TELEPHONE CALL  
THE PRESIDENT TO SPEAKER MCCORMACK

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The President told the Speaker that it looked like Wednesday would be the best day for the joint session -- at least for tentative plans. The President said he would know in the next hour what the family plans were -- and then asked for any problems that the Speaker might have with the membership. That is in regard to being away for Thanksgiving. They agreed that nothing would be said to the press, and the President would call the Speaker when the decision for the session had been made. The President said the government couldn't ~~still~~ still -- he didn't want the family to feel he had any lack of respect, and he wanted to be very thoughtful of them.

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TELEPHONE NOTES  
THE PRESIDENT AND

David McDermott  
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A Louis: 4:15

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A I'm sitting here talking to one of your compadres.

B ~~There's~~ that?

A The Justice.

B Oh. Is he with you? Arthur.

A I've been trying to call for you for some time and just got through and he came in about 4:00 o'clock and we are just chewing the fat a little bit.

B I already sent you a telegram this morning and of course there will be a million there \_\_\_\_\_ whenever you need it and whatever you/ want.

A Well, I want you on and I want to get this job done and I want to meet the needs of our people and there are many unfilled ones and I am going to try to go to Congress, I guess about Wednesday and make a very short statement & ask them to have more love and less hate and have/more good and \_\_\_\_\_  
do

B Well, you know how to do it more than anybody in the world and

A I don't know they're not much in the mood to do anything now. We got a problem and, ~~xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx~~ ~~then~~ this morning and he thought they all wanted to go home and he didn't think we could get anything between now and then. So just come up and you will be rejected.  
Humphrey ~~asked~~ told

B If they get your civil rights bill through as a memorial to John Fitzgerald Kennedy why that would be great in itself

A Well they ought to but I don't think \_\_\_\_\_ I don't know what they'll do. We'll just have to go after and stand ready and be armed

B Well I'll be ready and be armed and be right on the job. Anything at all. Anything

A Thank you Dave ,my friend.

B I have done just that Arthur. That went out this morning.

C Good

B That went out this morning in a personal message to him and on radio and television last night.

C Very good. How's Russ.

B Oh fine.

C I would like to hear from you next time you are in town.

B Well, I guess I am going to call Russ right now and get her to come down for the funeral. She was just too shook up to

C Sure, everybody was. Pretty sad business. Okay David.

B Well, you assure the President I have already called in the statements and let me know of anything at all I can do. What a marvelous speech he made at our last Convention. He was so \_\_\_\_\_ it was fantastic.

C Good, take care of yourself David.

B Thank you, goodbye.

C Goodbye.

(The conversation on this page is between Justice Goldberg who is identified as C and B is the man called David who had just finished talking to the President)

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NOTES ON  
TELEPHONE CALL  
THE PRESIDENT TO DAVE McDONALD

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The President told Mr. McDonald that he wanted to get this job done and wanted to meet the needs of our people. Said he might go to the Congress about next Wednesday and make a very short statement asking for more love and less hate and do more good. The President asked Mr. McDonald to stand ready and be on the job.

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TELEPHONE NOTES

THE PRESIDENT AND WALTER REUTHER. 4:20

- A I know you must be. I just wanted to tell you that I have had a terrifying responsibility and I need your friendship more than I ever did in my life and I want to rely on you and count on you and I am going to go before the Joint Session I guess on Monday and tell these folks I don't want them to abandon the ship, to get ready that we are going to turn our sails into the wind and we are going to carry on.
- B Well, we have to and I want to ~~thank you~~ tell you Mr. President you have my prayers, my friendship and want to be of every possible help that I can offer at your disposal.
- A Well, I need it all. I never needed it as much in my life as
- B Anything time that you need me you call and I'll be there and any time you've got a chance for a chat I'd like to come in and visit with you.
- A All right. We'll work it out and I'll be in touch with you in a few days.
- B Very good.
- A Thank you Walter.

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WALTER REUTHER NOVEMBER 23, 1963

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President Johnson told Mr. Reuther that he had a terrifying responsibility and needed Mr. Reuther's help and friendship more than he had ever needed them before.

Mr. Reuther said: "Mr. President, you have my prayers, my friendship, and...every possible help that I can offer... Any time you need me, you call and I'll be there."

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TELEPHONE CALL  
THE PRESIDENT TO WALTER REUTHER

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The President called to tell Mr. Reuther that he had a terrifying responsibility and needed his friendship much. Told him of a joint session, with no plans of abandoning ship, but to get ready and turn the sails in the wind. Mr. Reuther offered his prayers, his friendship and every possible help.

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Governor John P. Rye  
Gov. Romney

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TELEPHONE NOTES  
THE 'RESIDENT AND

B Mr. President.

A Governor, I am mighty glad to hear you.

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A Yes Sir, I know. You came to see me when I was sick. I don't forget my friends.

B I want you to know my friend, that we are ready to do anything we can for you and call on me anytime or any occasion.

A Thank you Governor. I want you to take charge and look after things for me.

B I called Jim Cain last night and about midnight and offered to fly him out here today. Jim just couldn't make it. He had had the flu.

A I didn't know that

B They sent their greetings.

A I talked to them last night and gave them my love. Now you look after things for me and anything I need to know there you surely call me.

B I surely will so.

A Thank you.

B Bye.



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TELEPHONE CALL  
GOVERNOR REYNOLDS TO THE PRESIDENT

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LBJ Pardon me for being late, I'm terribly sorry.

Gov. I realize that, Mr. President. I just wanted to call and offer my help and offer you any assistance whatever... I realize your great responsibilities ...

LBJ I sure appreciate it, my friend, you're thoughtful and I do appreciate it .. you let me know if there's anything I need to know .. I'm going to depend on you.

Gov: Yes sir.. I'll contact you.

LBJ: Fine. Bye

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GOVERNOR REYNOLDS 32  
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Governor Reynolds said: "I just wanted to call and offer my help and offer you any assistance whatever...I realize your great responsibilities."

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TELEPHONE CALL

McGEORGE BUNDY TO THE PRESIDENT

MB: ..it occurs to me ..it's a little difficult, but I need your own personal guidance on it..is that there will be DeGualle, Erhardt, Debassion, super category of the Creyon, if you were to say that you needed Tuesday morning to restate in brief meetings the basic position of the United States and to pick up threads of your own personal acquaintance of these men, that would explain half of this day and I think it may be a worthwhile thing to do..I put it a little tentatively because I don't ...expect...it would be a good thing to ...in fact to have them come and go and not meet with them would be equally foolish.

LBJ: Why dont you talk to State Department... and get me a memo in the morning...and tell me what you want me to do...

MB: I'll talk to them ..I think if you just announced... Wednesday.. the reason I ask you now is that the present background is best if they background first and if we're going to say this to Pierre we probably should say this tonight.

LBJ: All right. You get back to me and....

MB: All right.

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PRESIDENT JOHNSON'S NOTES ON CONVERSATION WITH  
MCGEORGE BUNDY NOVEMBER 23, 1963

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Bundy said that he thought that it would a good idea to meet briefly with DeGaulle, Erhardt, etc. because it would not be a good thing for them to come and go and the President not see them.

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THE PRESIDENT AND

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B It is a little difficult but it is one that occurs to me, but I think in your own personal guidance on it is there will be DeGalle, Erhart, Douglas Hume, separate category, Mikoyan, if you were to say that you need Tuesday morning for to re-state in brief ? meetings the ?? position of the United States and to pick up the threads of your own personal acquaintance of these men that would explain ??? of this day and I think it may be a worthwhile thing to do. I'd put it a little tentatively because I know it's going to be awful difficult to pick and choose. Yeah, I think to have them come and go and not meet with ??? would be equally foolish.

A Why don't you talk to the State Department and get me a memo on it in the morning? And tell me what you want me to do.

B All right. And I think if you just announce Wednesday and the reason I ask you now is that the press background best if they're background first and if we're going to say this to Pierre we probably should say it tonight. I will talk to you

A Report back to me.

B All right sir. Goodbye.

A Bye.

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TELEPHONE CALL  
DAVE DUBINSKY TO THE PRESIDENT

LBJ: Hello. How are you?

DD: All right. This is Dave Dubinsky, Mr. President.

LBJ: Oh, I'm sorry. I didn't know you were here... why didn't you call me.

DD: Well, it is kind of you to think about me, very thoughtful of you, Mr. President. I didn't want to bother you, I haven't even sent you a telegram yet...

LBJ: Well, I want to talk to you and don't you come back here without calling me.

DD: You know, you're my first name on the list.. you know you have a lot of friends, and I'm one of them.

LBJ: I sure do.

DD: You have a tough job and the country, the world wishes you the best. We all have confidence in you... I have all the faith in the world.

LBJ: I'm depending on you.

DD: And, it was very kind of you to call me and I don't want to say much except to give you my best in the name of Mrs. Dubinsky ... she's standing near me and myself.

LBJ: Thank you... very much. I'll be in touch with you.

DD: Whenever you need me, you know that... I'm at your service.

LBJ: Thank you, my friend.

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PRESIDENT JOHNSON'S NOTES ON CONVERSATION WITH  
DAVID DUBINSKY NOVEMBER 23, 1963

Mr. Dubinsky said: "You have a tough job and the country and the world wishes you the best. We all have confidence in you...I have all the faith in the world in you...you know you have a lot of friends and I'm one of them...Whenever you need me...I'm at your service."

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TELEPHONE NOTES  
MAYOR PRESIDENT AND DUBINSKY

- A Well, I'm sorry I didn't know you were here. Why didn't you call me?
- B Mayor at the same time. It was very kind of you to call me, Mr. President. I didn't want to bother you. I didn't even send you a telegram yet.
- A Well, I want to talk to you and don't you come back here without calling me.
- B You know you have our best wishes. You know you have a lot of friends and I am one of them.
- A I sure do.
- B We wish you the best. You have a tough job. The country and the world depends on you.
- A Well, I'm depending on you.
- B It was very kind of you to call on me and I appreciate it very much and I want to give you my very best in the name of Mrs. Dubinsky. She's standing near me and myself.
- A Thank you. I'll be in touch with you.
- B Whenever you need me and I can help I'm at your service.



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7:40 p. m.

TELEPHONE CALL  
SENATOR TED KENNEDY TO THE PRESIDENT

TK: Mr. President, I tried to reach you before now but I thought I'd wait until today...

LBJ: Well, you shouldn't be taking your time now...but I did want you to know that you're in my prayers and I am so proud of the fact that I know you and I've been a part of this memory.

TK: Well, I just wanted you to know how much I appreciate...well, my mother and family...well I...

LBJ: Well, you give her a hug for me and you and Joan keep one for yourself and know that God Almighty and his wisdom work in mysterious ways ..and we'll unite together.

TK: Well, thank you, anyway.

LBJ: Thank you, Ted.

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THE PRESIDENT AND SENATOR KENNEDY

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B and I tried last night to get you and you had just gotten home so I didn't think I would wake you up and

A Well, you shouldn't be taking your time now, but I did want you to know that you are in my prayers and I am so proud of the fact that I know you and I have been a part of this memory.

B Well, that's all right. I just want you to know how I appreciate your thoughts and

A Well, you give her a hug for me and you and Joan keep on for yourself and know that God almighty in his wisdom works in mysterious ways and we will just bear it together.

B Well, that's very kind of you.

A Thank you Ted. Goodbye.

B Goodbye.

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TELEPHONE CALL  
CARL ROBARD TO THE PRESIDENT

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CR: Mr. President... This is Carl Robard.

LBJ: Yes sir... I know.. you came to see me when I was sick. .  
I don't forget my friends..

ER: I want you to know of my friendship... we're ready to do anything  
we can for you, call us anytime or any occasion.

LBJ: Thank you... I want you to take charge of things out there for  
me..

CR: I called Jim Teague last night and offered to fly him out here  
today.. Jim just couldn't make it.

LBJ: I talked to him last night and give them my love and you look  
after things for me .. anything I need to know there, you call  
me.

CR: I surely will, sir. God bless you.

LBJ: O. K. you take care of things for me. Bye.

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TELEPHONE CALL  
PAT LUCY TO THE PRESIDENT

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PL: Mr. President? This is Pat Lucy.

LBJ: Hi, Patrick, how are you doing, my friend?

PL: Well, all right under the circumstances.

LBJ: I'm mighty glad to hear your voice...

PL: Well, I just wanted you to know that...

LBJ: What's this I hear about you that you're going off the ship?

PL: Well I stepped into the chairmanship last June... got a very good replacement but that doesn't mean that I retired from politics..

LBJ: I'll bet it doesn't.... we've got to have folks like you, my friend and you made me love Wisconsin..

PL: Well, I think Wisconsin showed its affection for you, too, and I was glad that you were out there for the Dinner.. I think that it did a lot of good to morale... and the people got to know you.. what kind of an effective campaigner you are.. and all the rest.

LBJ: Well, thank you, my friend, I'm sure glad to hear from you

PL: Here's Carl Robard, he wants to say a few words...

LBJ: O.K.....

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THE PRESIDENT AND PATRICK LUCY

B Mr. President:

A Yes.

B This is Pat Lucy.

A Hi Patrick. How are you my friend?

B Well, I am all right.

A I am mighty glad to hear your voice.

B Well I want you to know that -----

A What's this I hear about your going off the ship?

B Well, I stepped out of the Chairmanship last June. Got a very good replacement. But that doesn't mean I won't return to politics by any reason.

A I hope it doesn't.

B I am presently without a portfolio.

A We've got to have folks like you, And you made me love Wisconsin.

B Well, I think Wisconsin has shown it's affection for you, too. I'm awfully glad you went there for the dinner. It did a lot of good for morale to let the people know who you were; what an effective campaigner you are, & all the rest.

A Well thank you my friend, I'm sure glad to hear you.

B Well now Governor \_\_\_\_\_ wants to tell you something, just a minute.

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B Pardon me for being late. I'm terribly sorry and I know you must be terribly busy. But I just wanted to call and offer my help in any way I can possibly give it.

A You are thoughtful and generous and I appreciate it.

B Don't hesitate to contact me.

A You look after things for us.

B I will. Now I have \_\_\_\_\_ here with me and he would like to say hi to you.

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Date: September 15, 1993

### Processing Note

Re: Telephone Conversation between Bill Moyers and Dean Rostow,  
Yale Law School, 11/24/63

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

On page 1, the transcript reads:

DR: "...In this situation, with the suspect killed,  
...."

The archives staff heard:

DR: "...In this situation, with the bastard killed,  
...."

Claudia Anderson  
Archivist

November 24, 1963

TELEPHONE CONVERSATION BETWEEN BILL MOYERS AND  
DEAN ROSTOW, YALE LAW SCHOOL

WM: It is good to talk to you, Dean Rostow.

DR: Thank you, boy, and if I can help in any way, I am calling with a suggestion. I've just talked to Nick Kazenbach and the poor fellow, he has so much of a burden on him. I've talked to him about three times today and he just sounded so groggy so I thought I'd pass this thought along to you. And, of course, I realize how tough it must be now for the President. In this situation, with the suspect killed, my suggestion is that a Presidential Commission be appointed of very distinguished citizens in the very near future. Bi-partisan and above politics -- no Supreme Court justices but people like Tom Dewey and Bill Story from Texas and so on. A commission of seven or nine people, maybe Nixon, I don't know, to look into the whole affair of the murder of the President because world opinion and American opinion is just now so shaken by the behavior of the Dallas Police that they're not believing anything.

WM: I can understand that....

DR: Now, I've got a party here, I've been pursuing the policy, you know, that people need to come together at this time.

WM: You know what you could do that would be very helpful and this is a good suggestion and I'll pass it on -- just a minute -- the President is calling.....excuse me, go ahead....

DR: Well, what can I do that will help.

WM: Well, I was just speaking coming in after hearing the news of Oswald's shooting that this is symptomatic of what has been happening in this country in the last few years that there is a breakdown of respect for law and order --you know -- these signs of "Impeach the Supreme Court" etc. etc. etc. If I could have a memorandum to give to the President along these lines .. one of his great tasks is to help continue the institutions that seem to be at least, if not in doubt, right now, at least weakened by some kind of sickness that has taken hold of some parts of our population. Now, I'd like him to have to consider in some private talks he's having with newsmen and with perhaps, with his Joint Session next Wednesday night. He needs to make some points, you know, that America is known as a land of public order, a land



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of civility, a land of ....in which the public safety is guaranteed and... there's a very serious question, right now, in the mind of the world about these institutions that undergird us so tremendously and...

DR: Well, his Gettysburg speech last Spring was just terrific... couldn't have been better... I'll be more than glad to send any message he thinks will be helpful right away...

WM: All right. Now, your suggestion is that he appoint a Special Commission of distinguished Americans, primarily in the field of law, I presume, to look into the whole question of the assassination.

DR: That's right and a report on it.

WM: All right, I'll get to him. Also, I wish you would keep me informed about how Nick is doing --- we don't want to put any greater strain on him than is necessary but ...

DR: Well, he's a great and able man, utmost personable, he's, he's fighting back, he's terrific...

WM: Yes, yes. Thanks for calling. I'll follow through.

DR: You're welcome. Goodbye.

WM: Goodbye

Date: September 16, 1993

### Processing Note

Re: Telephone Notes, The President and Bill Moyers???, no date

While processing the telephone transcripts, the archives staff observed that the conversation is a draft of a conversation between Bill Moyers and Dean Eugene Rostow on November 24, 1963.

The draft had been filed with the December 1963 conversations, and the archives staff refiled it with the completed transcript in the November 1963 folder.

Claudia Anderson  
Archivist

A To talk to you.

B Thank you boy. If I can help in any way I will. I'm calling with a suggestion. I've just talked to Nick Katzenbach.

A Yes.

B And the poor fellow. He has so much of a burden on him. I talked to him about three times today. And he just sounded so groggy. I just thought I would pass this along to you. Of course I realize how tough it must be now that the President in this situation with            my suggestion is that a Presidential Commission be appointed of very distinguished citizens in the very near future. Bi-partisan and above politics; no Supreme Court Justices but people like Tom Deoley, you know, Bill Storey from Texas, etc. A commission of seven or nine people, maybe Nixon, I don't know, to look into the whole affair of the murder of the President. Because world opinion and American opinion is just now so shaken by the behavior of the Dallas police that they are not believing anything.

B I can understand that.

B Now I've got a party here. We've been pursuing the policy that people need to come together at this time.

A You know what you could do that would be very helpful and this is a good suggestion and I will pass it on. Just a minute the President is calling. Excuse me, go ahead.

B Sure Bill. what can I do that will help?

A Well I was just thinking coming in a few minutes ago after hearing the news of Oswald's shooting that this is symptomatic of what has been happening in this country in the last few years and the background of respect for law and order you know there are signs "impeach the Supreme Court, etc, etc" If I could have a memorandum to give to the President along these lines that one of his great tasks is to help you know continue the institutions that seem to be at least if not in doubt right now, at least weakened by some kind of sickness that is taking hold of some parts of our population I'd like him to have that to consider in some private talk he is having with newsmen and with perhaps during his joint session next Wednesday night he needs to make some point you know that America is known as a land of public order, a land of civility, a land in which the public safety is guaranteed

and and there is a very serious question right now in the mind of the world about these institutions that undergird us so tremendously

B His Jettysburg speech last Spring was just terrific.

A Yes.

B I will be glad to send any messages I can to be helpful right away.

A All right. Now your suggestion is that he appoint a special commission of distinguished American primarily in the field of law, I presume, to look into the whole question of the assassination.

B That's right.

A I wish you would keep me informed about how Nick is doing. We don't want to put any greater strain on him than is necessary. But he is an able man.

B Well he's a great boy and I have the utmost faith in him.

A Yes.

B But he's fighting back.

A Right. Thanks for calling. I'll follow through.  
Goodbye.

B Goodbye.

Date: September 15, 1993

### Processing Note

Re: Telephone Conversation between the President and Governor Brown, 11/24/63

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

On page 1, where the transcript reads:

LBJ: "... I've never needed help as much as I need it now and you can give it and you'd be a tower of strength and I am grateful..from the bottom of my heart and when we get a little bit relaxed I'd..."

GB: "I'd like to fly back and talk to you about some of the problems of States"

LBJ: "You just let me know when you're ready and we'll work it right out..."

GB: "Get together with those Western Governors, like Jack Campbell from New Mexico and some of those and just meet for a half hour or so"

The archives staff heard:

LBJ: "... I've never needed help as bad as I need it now and you can give it and you'd be a tower of strength and I am grateful..from the bottom of my heart"

GB: "And when we get a little bit relaxed I'd like to fly back and talk to you about some of the problems of States"

LBJ: "You just let me know when you're ready and we'll work it right out..."

GB: "Alright, get together with those Western Governors, like Graham, Sayer, and Jack Campbell from New Mexico and some of those and have lunch or breakfast and just meet with you for a half hour. Would be a good thing."

Claudia Anderson  
Archivist

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TELEPHONE CONVERSATION BETWEEN THE PRESIDENT AND  
GOVERNOR BROWN

LBJ: Hello

GB: Hello, Mr. President. How are you?

LBJ: Yes sir. Who is this?

GB: This is Governor Brown.

LBJ: Yes.... Pat. Glad to hear from you, my friend.

GB: Well, I just wanted to tell you that ... I want to offer you all the help that a Governor can give to you in this tough job you are undertaking and out here in California we're already putting together a few things ... after the funeral tomorrow... and we're going to be with you all the way...

LBJ: Pat, you're wonderful. I appreciate it and I sure reciprocate, my friend. I've never needed help as much as I need it now and you can give it and you'd be a power of strength and I am grateful.. from the bottom of my heart and when we get a little bit relaxed I'd ....

GB: I'd like to fly back and talk to you about some of the problems of States

LBJ: You just let me know when you're ready and we'll work it right out...

GB: Get together with those Western Governors, like Jack Campbell from New Mexico and some of these and just meet for a half hour or so

LBJ: All right, that'll be just fine, you just give me an indication sometime convenient and we'll just do it as soon as we get this other out of the way... as soon as we can be a little relaxed...

GB: Well, fine and dandy and I'm awfully happy to talk with you and I know your problems are great but there's not the slightest doubt in the world that you'll be able to handle it...

LBJ: Thank you, Pat. I'm going to do my best, my friend. Love to your wife.

GB: Fine and dandy, it's good to talk to you, my love to your wife, too.

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PRESIDENT JOHNSON'S NOTES ON CONVERSATION WITH  
GOVERNOR PAT BROWN                      NOVEMBER 27, 1963

Governor Brown said: "...I want to offer you all the help that a Governor can give you in this tough job you are undertaking....we're going to be with you all the way... I know your problems are great but there's not the slightest doubt in the world that you'll be able to handle it."

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THE PRESIDENT AND GOVERNOR BROWN.

B Hello, Mr. President.

A Hi, who is this?

B This is Governor Brown.

A Yes Pat. Glad to hear you my friend.

B I just wanted to tell you that I want to offer you all the help that a Governor can give to help you to help you in the job you are undertaking and out there in California we are all ready to put together a few things right after the funeral tomorrow in Arlington. We will be with you all the way out.

A Pat you are wonderful and I appreciate it and I sure reciprocate my friend and I never needed help as bad as I need it now and you can give it and you will be a tower of strength and I am grateful from the bottom of my heart.

B When you get a little bit relaxed I would like to fly back and talked to you about some of the problems of the states.

A You just let me know when you are ready and we will work it right out.

B All right. We can get a few of those western governors like \_\_\_\_\_ and Jack \_\_\_\_\_ from Mexico and we could have lunch or breakfast or just meet

A Let's do that. You give me an indication of some kind. We'll just do it as soon as we get this other out of the way. And get relaxed.

B Fine and dandy and I am happy to talk to you and I know your problems. They are going to be great but there isn't the slightest doubt that you can handle them.

A Thank you Pat I am going to do my best my friend.

B Fine and dandy. And it is good to talk to you.

A Give my love to your wife.

B Thank you very much and my love to yours.

A Thank you Pat, Goodbye.

B Goodbye.



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TELEPHONE CONVERSATION BETWEEN THE PRESIDENT AND  
CONGRESSMAN JACK BROOKS

CB: Hello, Mr. President?

LBJ: Hi, Jack, how are you doing, my friend?

CB: I'm fine. You're doing beautifully.

LBJ: Well...I ain't doing. I've got lots to this one. I haven't got much of it behind me...

CB: Well, Charlotte and I were down working... I'm supposed to go on Marine Corp duty but I just wanted to....

LBJ: What are you going on Marine Corp duty for?

CB: Well, I'd been scheduled to go Monday but I'm going to stay over for the funeral, so I thought I'd go tomorrow afternoon.

LBJ: Well, I'll be darned.

CB: Unless there's anything you want me to do. ...between now and then and after I come back or anything....

LBJ: No, No, No, No. Want to come up and see you Wednesday. I'll miss you.

CB: Well, I can catch it on television. I've done a little work with some of these brothers. We'll be working steady. Charlotte wanted to give you her love and tell you how proud she is of you.

LBJ: Well, tell her I just hope she can say that a year from now.....

CB: Well, it's not going to be any easy job but there's not anybody better prepared than you ...I told them on ABC television yesterday...that you're the best prepared Vice President we ever had in the history of the country...training, temperament. It was a live interview, 8-minute show, I think it was a good one.

LBJ: Good...

CB: We've got to start being.... not to be cold-blooded, but, I mean to be realistic, we ought to be pointing out that we've got a fine President that can do the job and is because it's good for the country...

LBJ: Well, where are you eating dinner?

CB: Anywhere. Where are you going?

LBJ: I thought maybe I might send a car up there for you when I get ready to leave here, I've got a couple or two that I'm going to get in touch with, might drive out to the house and have a drink .. a sandwich... potluck

CB: All right. What time you think you're going to be ....

LBJ: I would guess I'd be through between six and six-thirty, maybe six. I'll call you, or have somebody call you and pick you up and then take you home.

CB: With Charlotte?

LBJ: Oh, sure, sure, sure.

CB: Especially with Charlotte! She's right here... she wants to say hello.

LBJ: All right.

CB: Hello sir.

LBJ: Hi, Charlotte. How are you, honey.

CB: I am doing pretty good and my thoughts and prayers are with you

LBJ: Thank you, honey. Well, listen, are you all going home or stay there ... tell me.

CB: Oh, we're just going to be here a little while.

LBJ: I thought I'd send a car up there for you and Jack and bring you all over here and as soon as I'm through here we'll go on out to the house.

CB: That'll be fine, sir. Looking forward to seeing you.

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TELEPHONE NOTES  
THE PRESIDENT AND CONGRESSMAN JACK BROOKS.

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A Hello.

B Hello, Mr. President?

A Hi Jack. How are you doing my friend?

B I'm fine. You've been doing beautifully.

A Well (laugh) I ain't doing. I got lots to do. (laugh)  
But I haven't got much of it behind me.

B- Well Charlotte and I, we are down working. I'm supposed  
to go on Marine Corps duty but I just wanted to

A What are you going on Marine Corps duty for?

B Well I had been scheduled to go Monday. But I am going to  
stay over for the funeral. I thought I would go tomorrow  
afternoon. Unless there is anything special you want me to  
do. Between now and then and after I come back.

A No, no. I want to come up and see you Wednesday. I will  
miss you.

B Well, I can catch you on TV. I have done a little work  
for some of these brothers. We will be working steady.  
Charlotte wanted to give you her love and tell you how proud  
she is of you.

A Well, tell her I just hope she can say that a year from now.

B Well, it's not going to be any easy job but there isn't anybody  
any better prepared to do it than you. I told them on ABC  
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ever had in the history of the country. Training and temper-  
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A Well good.

B We got to start I'm not being cold-blooded but I mean to be  
realistic - ought to be pointed out that we've got a fine  
President who can do the job and is because it's good for the  
country continuity of the country.

A Well, where are you eating dinner?

B Anywhere. Where are you going?

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TELEPHONE NOTES  
THE PRESIDENT AND CONGRESSMAN JACK BROOKS - continued

A I thought maybe I might send a car up after you when I get ready to leave here. I've got a couple I want to get in touch with and might drive out to the house and have a drink and a sandwich.

B What time do you think you are going to be ?

A I would guess I would be through between 6 or 6:30, but I will call you or have somebody call you and pick you up and then they can take you home.

B With Charlotte? Charlotte? With Charlotte?

A Yes, sure, sure, sure. Especially with Charlotte. I thought you were calling Charlotte.

B She's right here. She's going to say hello.

A I thought you were calling her. Excuse me.

B Here's that girl right here.

Jr. Hello sir.

A Hi Charlotte how are you honey?

B I'm doing pretty good. And my thoughts and prayers are with you.

A Thank you. Are you all going on home or are you going to stay here at the office.

B We are just going to be here a little while.

A I'd thought

A Gets on intercom to Sec & gives order to get car to pick up the Brook's and bring them by & pick up Homer Thornberry at the same time.

Sec. All right sir. I sure will.  
A Tell Sec. Anderson to come in and tell Bill Moyer when he gets free to come in.