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TELEPHONE CONVERSATION BETWEEN THE PRESIDENT OF  
THE UNITED STATES AND PRESIDENT EISENHOWER

J: Mr. President, this is Lyndon Johnson. This has been a shocking day.

E: My heart goes out to you.

J: It has been tragic. I appreciated so much your thoughtful message which was delivered through Mr. Bundy and Mr. Atcheson. It meant a lot to me.

E: Thank you very much. That is the way I felt.

J: I have needed you for a long time, but I need you more than ever now.

E: Any time you need me, Mr. President, I will be there.

J: I am going to rely on your good sound judgment and will be calling on you, but I wanted you to know how touched I was by your message. It was typical of you and you know how much I have admired you through the years.

E: The country is far more important than any of us. I am going to be there at 11:00. They have invited ex-Presidents to come right after you and the other officials so I will be there at eleven.

J: Why don't you give me a call right after the service is over?

E: I will. If you would like, I can just step over to see you--wherever the secretaries tell me to go.

J: I wish you would do that. Give my love to Mrs. Eisenhower.

E: Give my warm regards to Lady Bird.