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TELEPHONE CONVERSATION BETWEEN THE PRESIDENT  
AND MR. ALLEN HOOVER (PRESIDENT' HOOVER'S SON)

Note: President Hoover's son, Allen Hoover, came on the line saying the President could not talk on the telephone because he could not hear and said that he had been taking his father's calls. Would the President speak to him?

The conversation went substantially as follows:

President: I just wanted to talk to him and to tell him what a terrible day this has been. He has been my counsel many years. I have been thinking of him and just wanted to be in touch with him.

AH: I know he will be deeply appreciative. I will tell him of this, Mr. President. He is really -- I can't say sad -- but extremely sorrowful.

President: You just give him my message. He is a great patriot. I need his counsel. I feel very inadequate. I need to share with people in whom I have confidence and he has had a great deal of experience. I will call upon him and certainly, I will need to call upon him.

AH: I know he will give any and every assistance within his power, Mr. President.

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