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NOTES ON TELEPHONE CONVERSATION

The President (A)

and Mayor McKeldin (B)

August 18, 1967

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- B Mr. President, I'm afraid that I can't take that wonderful offer of yours. I've talked to my doctor and my wife and both say that I'm not mentally or physically qualified for that job right now. These have been four years of nightmare -- I have an ulcer -- and I'm afraid that job in Washington needs a younger man. I would give my life for you, but I feel it would be bad for you to have me. At 67, and with these four years of riots, demonstration cities, and now this -- I just feel that I am not mentally or physically qualified. It's a tremendous job. Somebody like the Mayor of Detroit -- a younger man.
- A Well, I agree with you if you feel that way, and we'll find you something else.
- B You know I'm for you.
- A Yes, you're a wonderful human being.
- B The Mayor of Detroit is a smart man - and an able man.
- A Well, we have so many problems.....
- B The Mayor of Milwaukee would do a good job -- he wrote a good book.
- A They tell me ^{he} has problems with the negroes. They don't think he's for them.
- B Well, they're all right with me, but I just can't....

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A Thank you, Mayor. Don't say anything about this.

B It's the worst thing I've ever done, but I just have to.

A Thank you, Mayor.

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