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- TS No.
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LBJ Well, he ain't going to get any. He just failed. He ran fourth in one race and fourth in the other. The...

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LBJ Well he's signed up with these damned Republican papers.

That man Will leaked the story over there that he gave the Herald Tribune so he could get it to Will Wilson through the Herald Tribune, did you ever hear anything that terrible?

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If you want to be fair, -- no he's not -- if you want to be fair with me, and I believe you do, I want to be fair with you. I don't want to be quoted, he went to one of the best friends I got in Texas last week and wanted him to support him and start now helping him so he could drive Lyndon Johnson and Ralph Yarborough out of politics and said he was going to run for United States Senate. Now he did that last week. He's off his rocker. He's convinced that he's got to have something and he's going to do anything he can -- he told Clint Small, Jr. and Jim Wilson, Jr. and this is not to be repeated, that he was going to spent the next 20 years getting even with me anyway he could... in a separate conversation he told a very able wise man that is not your friends, but is a good friend of mine that he wanted his help, he's going to run and defeat you. The fellow said that I doubt that you can do it. And I know damn well you can't do it hitting at Johnson every day. Well, he said, he was going to spend 20 years trying to get even with Johnson. Well, he said you're just against too damn many people, because you go to hitting at Johnson, Johnson will gang up with Yarborough and by God you won't get anywhere. Well, he said, I'm going to do it and I don't want Johnson's support. Well ...

RY Well, he thinks he'll get your enemies and mine together, and the two of them will be enough to lick us.

LBJ Well, he ain't going to get any. He just failed. He ran fourth in one race and fourth in the other. The...

RY The only thing they're doing the administration sitting on his tail and letting him get publicity that the administration ought to be getting.

LBJ Well he's signed up with these damned Republican papers.

That man Will leaked the story over there that he gave the Herald Tribune so he could get it to Will Wilson through the Herald Tribune, did you ever hear anything that terrible?

RY That beats anything I've seen.

LBJ Well, I'll see you, and I don't talk to you enough.

RY I've enjoyed talking to you.

LBJ You ought to come in here. And I'll come to see you and...
our interests are not different. The Vice President -all he needs to do is keep awake, I'm not trying to ...

RY Well, I pointed out to people in Texas that when you were in the Senate, we voted the same way 90% of the time.

LBJ Well, we do, we do.

RY 90%.

LBJ What we got to do though is spend 9% of the time talking about our problems and 90% solving them, and they are both the same and there's not anything that you do that is adverse to me. Your votes yesterday are just the votes that I would have had and why the hell do I to kick a man out that might not vote that way.

RY You know, Lyndon, on this Will Wilson thing I hadn't heard before directly he had said that, but I'll tell you these Democrats are smart -- they're writing me from all over Texas -- we go in and watch him, says there isn't any doubt of what he's trying to do, and what he's got in mind, we can tell. A father-in-law of one of the boys working for him without quoting him directly told me that's what he had in mind. Recently his son-in-law had leaked it to him.

LBJ He is soliciting money as of last week and telling people that he wants to run against you and he's going to run against you. And he's also going to run against me.

RY Yeah.

LBJ I mean just (sounds like -- becassedness) and a fellow told him, said I don't think that's very smart, said Johnson's ...

RY

Well, he can't get elected. I'll just tell him this, he can't get elected. Now, if I lost, I'm not so egotistical as to think it impossible for me to lose, I could lose, I'm practical enough to know, but I'm practical enough to know he can't win.

LBJ Well, he's just off his rocker, but don't quote, me, but you ought to know it, and I'll tell you any intelligence I get. Anything that helps you. Anything

LBJ that I can to help you, I'll do. I'll give you intelligence but I just think we got to keep our lines of communication open, I didn't know anything about this East Texas. You talk to them everyday. I was at the White House three times. I was there for the breakfast, I was there at the Security Council, now what the hell do I know about what's happening in Athens. You've got to help me.

RY I'm not talking to them, I'm just writing them letters.

LBJ Well...

RY

After my experience in the Billie Sol matter, I ought to quit writing letters after having written one about Billie Sol. Never hearing about them again until I read about it in the newspapers. Freeman tried to tell me I did that ... I said, "Mr. Secretary, he never called me, I got no patronage over there, I don't need it, and I don't."

LBJ Well...

RY

New York Times said Monday that I didn't have any patronage, but there was a foul up and I got Billie Sol's only patronage - I've got from Billie Sol Estes and that was because it was an accident - he was appointed accidentally - didn't intend for me to have any patronage.

LBJ Well, I got 33...

RY Freeman isn't going to stick that on my back - he goes up there and testifies -- hell, I want to stand before that Committee and look him in the eye.

I got 33 names here and you've got a majority of them.

They start out Sarah Hughes and wind up with Wayne
Justice and they go down to all the Marshalls and they
go down to the judge in Houston etc. I...I've got
about that many myself, but Mr. Rayburn's got a few
and I hope that fellow don't get drunk down there running
for the (sounds like cabinet or capitol) because that will
be agriculture -- that will bust -- that's another.

But, to say you never got but one appointment is just -appire lie.

RY It's a pure lie. New York Times printed a few lies about that. Damn papers don't. So-called Democratic papers,

RY really, Lyndon, have lied as much about me as Republicans.

LBJ Well, Ralph, we're both going to have some conservative friends, not many of them, not many when the thing's over. We're both going to have some liberal friends, you got a good many more than I have,,, but I've cast the liberal vote and I've helped them, now there ain't no use of us not being friends together. We just might as well try it, and as far as I'm concerned, I'll meet you, your boy, your wife, your brother, 60% of the way, and I'll...

RY Lyndon, you're talking down my alley.

LBJ Goodnight.

RY Goodnight - I want to see you now in a few days. I'll tell these fellows about that luncheon. They want to honor you.

LBJ Well, I'd appreciate it.

RY They know your...

LBJ I'm grateful.

RY work on the armed services committee and space, your fight for this and the reservists wanted you to be the host and honor you. Got this new ...

LBJ I'm grateful with you, and I'll help you with any bill you got and I appreciate you calling me on this.

RY Goodbye. Thank you.

LBJ Goodbye.

Conversation between Vice President & McGeorge Bundy July 24, 1962

B:.... they have to bring that up as a new subject if they want to do it.

VP: Now on the other trip, which we like the best and which is most interesting to us, the Middle East trip, we have just one question and I want to be sure it's checked out. If the President asks me to go that's fine. Now I don't want to -- I wonder about the scheduling. We've got August 23rd. No one can tell when Congress is going to get out of here. I don't see anything I can do about it one way or another even if I'm here, because there can be just one Majority Leader, you can't have two, and that's Mansfield. But I would want you to know and the President certainty to know that somebody might criticize if we're going while Congress is in session, but that's true all the time and.

B: Let me take one more reading on that so that we share the responsibility on it and just make a calculated guess, you can't sit around all year and....

VP; My judgment is that if we leave here a little after the 20th of August and come back the 6th or 8th or 10th, I'd like to stop one or two places in Africa, the Peace Corps on the way back; then I think we'dd get back here a little after Labor Day and I believe they're going to be here longer than that unless they run out on his program.

B: Yeah.

VP. Now we've got a very serious situation up here and it's a distressing one to me. They're blackmailing us all over the lot and they don't think we stand up and fight. When a bully finds out that he can run you out of your yard the next day he'll come back and run you off the porch. And they've told him they can't pass his satellite bill now and tomorrow they'll tell him they can't pass something else. They told us they couldn't pass the literacy civil rights bill. And we messed with them a week or so and then quit it and if you do that every time the President wants something, you never will have anything.

B: Yeah.

VP: And...

B: Well I'm sure we've got to make fights on the things, pick up the few that matter and fight them through.

VP: That's right, that's right, there's no question about that. That's it. Now I don't see any reason why I need to be here August 20th through Labor Day.

B: Tell me about the African part, Mr. Vice President. I don't think I got that.

VP: Mennen Williams called me some time ago and I think he talked to the Peace Corps people and they have some things that they would like for me to visit and they had several places in mind but I think they finally settled on probably just Tanganyika.

B: The one thing that troubles me about that is the possibility of a backlash from our European friends who are sensitive and stuffy about being bracketed with the Africans.

VP: Well, we don't have to do it at all.

B: Let me have the experts look at it. How much store do you set by it?

VP: I don't care. It doesn't make a bit of difference to me.

B: Yeah. We'll let me have. .

VP: They were talking about two places -- Tanganyika and Sudan.

B: Yeah. Well I know a little about the Sudan. I think I may have mentioned that to you too at an earlier time because they made a very good visit here. They're good people, but let me have another look. I think it may be better to put that on a 63 schedule rather than try and tack it onto this one.

VP: I don't care.

B: I think there's some advantage in not having you wait too long for the reason you just stated because if you go after the 20th of August and you're back here Labor Day, the number of actual working you miss wouldn't fill...

VP: No not a bit. I would go ahead and do it I just want you to be sure and know it and I'm telling: my people accordingly but I want to be sure that everybody down there doesn't think something's slipped up on them. And I do think just for whatever it's worth that we've got to be rather firm and have a minimum list of things and not be caught into this business of running home and so an and so forth.

B: We what we're gonna do and we do it and if they lick us they lick us but not because we backed away.

VP: OK

B: All right.

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Conversation between LBJ and JFK 8/21/62 -- 10:30 am



JFK	Oh, Lyndon.
LBJ	Yes.
JFK	Evidently Troutman is in the other room. He's resigning today, isn't he?
LBJ	Yes
JFK	It seems to be we'd be better off not to have Troutman resigning and appoint this Negro the same day.
LBJ	All right.
JFK	Because it will, then it would sort of look like we're getting rid of a Southerner and sort of accentuate our problem. Is it possible, therefore, that we announce Troutman today and this other fellow next week?
LBJ	Well, you're going to have all kinds of heat every day you wait. Now,
JFK	Well, it's all right with me. The only thing is it seems to me that Troutman has become such a figure of controversy that when he resigns
LBJ	What do you think about doing it tomorrow?
JFK	Well, as long as there is an interval.
LBJ	That's right. Do
JFK	Friday
LBJ	Troutman in the morning and let him do it tomorrow.  Because we got a big committee meeting, see, and I want this fellow Ken assured me it would be done Monday.  So we called a committee meeting for Wednesday.
JFK	I see, Well Troutman is evidently being more difficult, why don't we just put Troutman out today and this other fellow then tomorrow?

That's good.

LBJ



LBJ That's right -- put Troutman out for the afternoon papers.

Now, incidentally, Troutman's report is a good one.

Troutman is a pure victim of hate in Atlanta. That's all.

JFK That's right.

LBJ He's done a good job -- he's talked a little bit peculiar at times. You know that problem, but we all have that some times. But I read his report last night, and he's got a hell of a good report, and I think you can sincerely tell him that you think so.

JFK Do you have any objection to that report being put out?

LBJ No, oh no. I think it ought to be. We're going to take it up tomorrow and I'm going to commend him at the Committee, but I'm going to have this Negro there and after all the Southerner is not going to get mad at the Negro -- the Negro is from Wayne County, Detroit, but he was born in the South, and he is the ablest man they got, and he deals with all of them satisfactorily.

JFK O, K.

LBJ Bye.

Also conversation with Helen Gahagan Douglas reporting on her Latin American travels, 8/21/62, --- 10:45 am

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# f Ralph Dungan - 10-3-62 5:22 pm

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Mel 62 Mel 62 Lingle this was a good way to convey your October 5, 1962 PERSONAL Dear Mr. President: After speaking to you, I talked to the Vice President about the Ted Lewis column. ideas. have also seen a memo of a telephone conversation between the V.P. and Lewis, which the V.P. I also dictated after the call. I am absolutely satisfied sent a carbon to the attenny that the column was written entirely on speculations and comments of others in a most irresponsible fashion. general Rio Lyndon is most distressed. No one is more conscious of the importance of complete honesty and loyalty in relationships such as exist between the two of you. He has made it clear that he considers his treatment in the Mississippi situation and in all others as better than that accorded any other Vice President in history. And I thought he handled the phone call to Lewis very well. Respectfully, Philip L. Graham The President The White House Washington, D. C.

LBJ: Ted.

TL: Yes, Mr. Vice President.

LBJ: How are you? I'm just grief stricken at this column of yours.

TL: Well, I'm awfully sorry.

LBJ: Someone should apologize because it's just so completely far from anything in the truth and I just don't know why you'd print an irresponsible story.

Let me just take it paragraph by paragraph and then you tell me what we can do about this. This is a serious thing for me because I want to be honorable and fair with people and I want them to be fair with me and I don't want the President or Attorney General to get any such impression as you communicate by your column. You have me relaxing for three days -- of course, that's just not true at all, I haven't had a fishing pole in my hand in twenty years. I don't know where you got that. Just completely out of the air. You couldn't get a boat on the Pedernales River, anyhow. I worked all Friday morning in Washington. I held a Space Council meeting at 2:30. I got to Texas on Friday evening at 5:30. Saturday I talked to Washington two or three times; worked in my office all morning long; didn't get out. Sunday I got up at daylight and flew five hundred miles to Midland and made a speech at 11:00; then made another one at 1:00 to 16,000 people on Cuba. I flew back to Austin and made one to 1,500 school administrators. I flew back to Washington that night. Now would you say that's three days of relaxation and fishing?

TL: Well, now, I wouldn't.

LBJ:

Now you say: "He was so sure that neither the President nor the Attorney General wanted him, that for long hours he was not within emergency phone reach." That's not true at all. I was on the phone, I talked 20 times to Washington from the time I left here. I was gone only Saturday and Sunday. I was never out of phone reach at any time and I was never on the Pedernales River. You say 'so sure that neither the President or Attorney General wanted him.' Now let me tell you off the record about that. The Attorney General talked to me at least two -- and I believe -- three times about this. We exchanged views, made suggestions; we discussed what might be done and what they might not do and what the government should do and how unfortunate it was. The President did the same thing. Now there's not anything in the

President of the Senate's job or Chairman of the Peace Corps, or Chairman of Space Council or Chairman of the Equal Employment Opportunities Committee that requires the Attorney General or the President to consult and converse with me about enforcing a court order. But it happened that we did confer at length and I was with the President several times on Thursday and Friday. I talked to Washington three or four times Saturday. I came here after my speeches Sunday. I don't think it's their business to call at all. It just happened that they did. You say "using Johnson's power of persuasion" --- now I never had any power of persuasion on Ross Barnett. Ross Barnett has been very bitter towards me. Ross Barnett refused to cast his votes for me in Los Angeles -- voted for himself. You say: Why was Johnson's advice unsought?" Well, it wasn't unsought. It was sought and discussed in every proper way a man could. You say: "The Kennedys wanted to pave their own way with no extra quarterback gumming up their style"--well now, I don't think they had that feeling at all.

I think the President and Attorney General listen to a person and if they think the ideas are good they follow them if they don't, why, they do what they think is best. You say: "They treated Johnson like a second-class Vice President." Now I don't think that's correct. I never have known a Vice President that has been called in by the President and the Attorney General to the extent that these people did in this instance with me.

- TL: I didn't think I was hurting you.
- LBJ: Well, you just imagine how the President and the Attorney General feel when they read this.
- TL: Oh, they don't bother to read what I write.
- LBJ: Now, that's not right. You just have no idea what people talked to me today about this story and how many wanted to know if this is a fact. Then each one made me spend an hour explaining it to them.

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You say: "He was not asked for his advice"---. Now Ted, I didn't have any valuable help to offer. I told them everything I knew. I made every suggestion I could. I was asked for advice. The President turned and walked around the room again and said: "now what would you think if we did this" and I made a suggestion and he said: "we've already done that. We've already got people

to work on that."

You say: "While Johnson's determined to stay aloof from the petty inner circles going on, this does not mean his advisors don't blow up." I don't know who "my advisors" are; I just don't know, but I just hope none of them are blowing up, because everybody is treating me good, Ted. I haven't a thing in the world to worry about except that people will get the impression that I'm being mistreated or that I'm angry, and I'm not. I'm happy, people are good to me, and much better to me than I'm entitled to be, and I don't want them to think "certain White House advisors have never considered Lyndon a part of the team." Now that may be, but I have not seen any signs of it in 18 months. They brag on me; they are nice to me. Maybe they tell you different things, but I'm telling you about their reaction to me. Now you say: "Johnson for a time had trouble getting to see the President."

TL: I was thinking way back that there was.....

LBJ: Friday afternoon, an AFL-CIO President of my state walked in my office and I was getting ready to make a speech at the Equal Opportunity Committee. I said: "I'm going right now, please go with me." He went with me, and I went over and made the speech, walked out, and, on my way to the Space Council, walked through the corridor of the White House. I saw the President and Ken O'Donnell in there, and I said: "Ken, I want you to meet the head of the AFL -- I wonder when he could say howdy." He said, "right now." I walked in there and we talked for ten minutes. He walked on over and talked to Ken O'Donnell, the President walked on over to the window to me and talked about Mississippi.

TL: Well, I was thinking about way back at the start.

LBJ:

Well, there has never been any problem. If you'll take my diary some day and see how many times I see him -- sometimes as many as three or four times a day -You say: "Johnson faction" --(I don't know who that is) "blames a zealous clique of Kennedy worshipers for the Vice President being kept on the sidelines." Now, Ted, the truth of the business is, I want to be on the sidelines, I don't want to be enforcing these court orders, because I'm not an all wise person. I'm willing to contribute anything I can that is helpful, but I told the Attorney General and told the President that I didn't have any suggestions I hadn't offered. That's it, and I don't know what to do about it.

I don't know whether to call the President saying that this just didn't happen. I don't want to call the Attorney General. I don't want them to think that I'm a double-crossing liar because they know the truth and they know they did talk to me; they know they did ask me, and I don't think they did it just for the record. I think they were trying to get anybody's approach that they could. I talked to a good many people from the South to get their ideas and I just don't know what else could be done. All Southern judges issued this order. Kennedy didn't apply for it. I didn't. The court issued it and it had to be enforced or you had to pull out. Now, the last time a good many people said: "well you ought to try marshalls before you try troops," and that's what was done this time.

- TL: Well, of course, I was basing my thinking about the long series of phone calls to Barnett on Saturday and Sunday. It seems to me that you....
- LBJ:

  I had a good many phone calls myself on both Saturday and Sunday. A reporter wrote his story and called one of my Assistants to ask if I had -- or would -- give him a quotation. The Assistant called him back to give him the quotation, and he had gone to lunch. He didn't get back until 2:00. My Assistant got hold of him, and he saw his story in the typewriter and it read like this:

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LBJ: Whoever you think or whatever you think. I don't want to ask you to do anything wrong.

TL: You didn't ask me to do it, I offered to do it.

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TL: Mr. Vice President. I feel bad about this thing.

LBJ: I don't want anyone to think that I'm disloyal because I'm not.

You just handle it anyway that your good judgment tells you to
handle it and please pick up the phone next week and ask me if
you want to speculate on my feelings.

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seen him that day and most of the time within the hour. So, the
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any Vice President. On the Mississippi crisis, the Cuba crisis,
or anything else, you pick up the phone and call me and tell the
girl: "get your boss on the phone." I'll do the same thing with
you and we'll forget this and start over.

TL: Well, I won't bother you unless there is really something.

Except for the Kennedy part of this thing, I don't think the column will hurt anyone. Dont' misunderstand me. There's nothing malicious.

LBJ: Not a bit. I just don't want to be looked upon as being disloyal.

Thank you.

TL: Bye.

LBJ Ted:

TL Yes, Mr. Vice President.

LBJ How are you, my friend? I'm just grief stricken at this damn column of yours.

TL Well, I'm awfully sorry.

LBJ I know you're my friend, and this just makes -- I got to apologize to the President and Attorney General because it's just so far from completely anything in the truth and I just don't know why you'd let a damn irresponsible like Vernon Louviere lead you off.

TL Well, he didn't necessarily ...

LBJ He told me he did -- he just lead off himself. Let me just take it paragraph by paragraph and tell me what we can do about this. This is a serious thing for me because I want to be honorable and I want to be fair with people and I want them to be fair with me and I don't want the Kennedys to get any such impressions as you communicate by either his or yours. Now Friday afternoon late, 5:30 we landed in Texas. I asked Vernon to go down there with me to cover the speeches I was making Sunday. You got me relaxing for three days -- of course, that's just not true at all, I worked like a son-of-abitch -- didn't relax any. Haven't had a fishing pole in my hand in twenty years. I don't know where you got that. Just complete out of the air, though. You couldn't get a boat on the Perdanelles River, anyber that's ever seen it and maybe he's so drunk he didn't know what or which river he's on, but that's just completely -it's knownas LBJ Ranch -- for three days of relaxation -- now that's not true. I landed at the Bergstrom airport at 5:00--5:30 Friday night. I had a Space Council meeting with Secretary of Defense at 2:30. I got to Texas at Friday evening at 5:30. Saturday I talked to Washington two or three times, worked in my office all morning long, didn't get out. Sunday I got up at daylight and flew five hundred miles to Midland and made a speech at 11:00; made another one at 1:00 to 16,000 people on Cuba. Flew back to Austin and made one to 1500 school administrators. Flew back to Washington that night. Now would you say that's three days of relaxation and fishing?

TL Well, now, I wouldn't.

LBJ

Well, all right, that's just the accuracy, you know. So you're a big playboy. Now I said to them Friday night "I'm going out here to my ranch, and I'm going up the river in a boat. Now I'll be glad to take you reporters with me, if it's off the record, if you say nothing about it, if you come on home and drink and eat, and go to Midland with me tomorrow. If you want to do it on that basis, all right, but I'm afraid that if you don't that you'll be describing the boat which is a little boat to hold about six or eight people and you'll be describing what kind of shirt I got on and all that kind of stuff. I don't need to invite you, I don't want you, I don't care about you, but rather than see you sit in a hotel, I'll be glad to take you as personal company." He agreed that he had jisst made a mistake and he was very apologetic. He was so sure that neither the President nor the Attorney General wanted him that for long hours he was not within emmergency phone reach. Now that's not true at all. I was on the phone, I talked 20 times from the time I left here, I was gone only Saturday and Sunday, and even got a phone in my car. Even got one in my ranch house. Even got one in my boat. So I never was out of phone reach at any time and I never was on the Perdanelles River. This created a huge -- he was so sure that neither the President or Attorney General wanted him. Now let me tell you off the record about that. The Attorney General talked to me at least two -- and I believe -- three times about this. Exchanged views, made suggestions, we discussed that they might do and what they might not do and what the government should do and how unfortunate it was. The President did the same thing. The last conversation I had with the President and the Attorney General -- now there's not anything in the President of the Senate's job as Chairman of the Peace Corps, Chairman of Space Council and the Chairman of the Equal Opportunities that requires the Attorney General or the President to consult and converse with you about enforcing a court order. But it happened that we did and I was with the Pesident maybe five times on Thursday and Friday. I talked up here three or four times Saturday, I came here Sunday. I don't think it's their business to call at all, just happened that we did. And that's what so unfortunate. Using Johnson as a mystery, Johnson's power of persuasion -now I never had any power of persuasion on Ross Barnett. Ross Barnett has been very bitter towards me. Ross Barnett himself. Why was Johnson's advice unsought? Well, it

refused to cast his votes for me in Los Angeles -- voted for himself. Why was Johnson's advice unsought? Well, it wasn't unsought. Hell, it was sought and discussed and every proper way a man could. Kennedys wanted to pave their own way with no extra quarterback gumming up their style -- well now, I don't think they had that feeling at all.

LBJ I think they listen to you and if they think your ideas are good they follow them if they don't why, they do what they think is best. They treated Johnson like a second -class Vice President. Now I don't think that's correct. I never have known a Vice President that's called in by the President and the Attorney General and discussed with them the extent that these people did in this instance with me. I just don't think Vernon knew it. And let me tell you, Ted, what's bad about it, and I know you feel bad anyway, but I want you to just know how and what a ugly position it puts me in. This boy rode with me three hours on a plane coming back. He never asked me one word about it. He didn't say, "Has anybody talked to you?" He didn't say, "Have you talked to anybody?" Do you follow me.

TL Yes, yes I do.

LBJ Now, my delaying speaking out on the Mississippi issue, everytime they talked to me I talked to them about it.

We thought that the Governor was agreeable to using his own people, without any of our people being necessary. I don't know what got that down, I guess the people that talked to him later.

TL Well, I don't

LBJ Johnson was not asked for advice, only filled in on the Kennedys plans....now I don't know you very well, but I know you well enough that I'll tell you anything I'll tell any newspaper man, or I'll tell you or a lot I'ds I itelly//likelier to get the truth from me if you'll just call me than you are from Vernon Louviere. Now that boy, I really think he's my friend. I think he thought he was helping me, but

TL I didn't think I was hurting you.

LBJ Well, you just imagine how the President and the Attorney General feel when they read this.

TL Oh, they don't bother to read what I write.

LBJ Now, don't you think that's not right.

You just have no idea that people talked to me today about this story and want to know if this is a fact, then that makes me spend an hour explaining to them

He was not asked for his advice --Intend to be a lawyer lieutenant, that's sure right, ready to take any orders received and accept without a murmur, only they are not forthcoming -- even if you'd thought he had valuable help to offer. Now Ted, I didn't have any valuable help to offer. I told them everything I knew. I made every suggestion I could. I was asked for it, the President turned and walked around the room again and said now what would you think if you did this and I made a suggestion and he said we've already done that. We've already got people to work on that. While Johnson's determined to stay allow from the petty inner circles going on, this does not mean his advisors don't blow up. I don't know who my advisors are, I just don't know, but I just hope none of them are blowing up, because everybody is treating me good, Ted. I haven't got a damn thing in the world to worry about except that people will get the impression that I'm being mistreated or that I'm angry, and I'm not. I'm happy, people are good to me, and it's a so damn much better to me than I'm entitled to be, and I don't want them to think-certain White House advisors have never considered Lyndon a part of the team. Now that may be it, but I have not seen it in 18 months. They brag on me, they are nice to me, maybe they tell you different things, but I'm telling you about their reaction to me. Every little suggestion I made is -- now you say, Johnson for a time had trouble getting to see the President. That -- somebody -- I walked in there Friday afternoon with the head of the AFL. CIO from my state, he didn't even know I was coming --

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- TL Friday afternoon, & AFL-CIO President of my state walked in my office and I was getting ready to make a speech at the Equal Opportunity Committee, and I said I'm going right now, please go with me. He went with me, and I went over and made it, walked out, was going to Space Council, walked through the corridor of the White House, saw the President in there, and I said, "Ken, I want him to meet the head of the AFL --wonder when we could say howdy." He said right now." I walked in there and we stood there and talked ten minutes. He walked on over and talked to Ken O'Donnell, the President walked on over to the window to me and talked about Mississippi.
- TL Well, I was thinking about way back at the start.

LBJ Well, I've never had it. If you'll take my diary some day and see how many times I see him --sometimes as many as three or four times a day--

Johnson faction -- I don't know who that is -- blames a zealous clique of Kennedy worshipers for the Vice President being kept on the sidelines. Now, Ted, the truth of the business is, I want to be on the sidelines, I don't want to be enforcing these court orders, because I'm not an all wise person. I don't know, but I'm willing to contribute anything I can that is helpful, but I honestly -- I told the Attorney General and told the President and that I didn't have any suggestions I hadn't offered. I just -- that's it, and I don't know what to do about it. I don't know whether to call the President saying that this just didn't happen. I don't want to call the Attorney General. I don't want them to think that I'm a sneaking double-crossing lousy liar because they know the truth and they know they did talk to me, they know they did ask me, and I don't think they did it for the record. I think they were trying to get anybody's approach that they could. I talked to a good many people from the South to get their ideas and I just don't know what to do. You got men like Bell and Talmadge appointed, people like Tuttle and Walter George appointed, people like Hutcheson, Wilson appointed, all Southern judges issued this order. Kennedy didn't apply for it. I didn't -- they issued it and it had to be enforced or you had to pull out. Now, the last time a good many people said, well you ought to try marshalls before you try troops, and that's what they did.

- TL Well, of course, I was basing my thinking about the long series of phone calls to Barnett on Saturday and Sunday. It seems to me that you...
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- LBJ You know what's wrong with this?
- TL No
- LBJ We got to get together more often and quit being so busy on other things and pick up the phone and call each other. We got time to talk now and we ought to talk time about what's happening.
- I did tell George it could have been -- Wechsler could have got ahold of this thing -- finding out what you were down there and written a piece on how you'd run out on us. Maybe he thinks you wouldn't get involved in it, and that could have been written that way by somebody
- LBJ You're right. Somebody who didn't care about....
- TL Well, at least I had you...
- LBJ You did, and he could have done it, and I quite agree with you, but see what I did was this, Midland, Texas is close to El Paso. Austin, Texas is the center of the state. It's 800 miles from one to the other. I got up and made two speeches at Midland, Texas, one at 11:00 and one at 1:00. I came back and made one at Austin at 5:00 and I came back into Washington at 11:00 -- now that's not very far to go on Sunday, that's not on much of a vacation, is it?

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- TL Well, except for the Kennedy part of this thing, I don't think the column will...
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  I know that and I'm not complaining about you. I'm just
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- TL There's nothing malicious.
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- LBJ Thank you, Ted. Appreciate it.
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Yet if in this instance they treated Johnson like a second-class Vice President, they have certainly used him before and effectively. In 1960 he was picked as Kennedy's running mate to help carry the South for the national ticket, and he delivered the electoral votes as expected.

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And more recently, in the touchy civil rights field, Johnson has done yeoman service as chairman of the President's Committee on Equal Employment Opportunities. The Johnson committee has effectively lifted racial barriers in many businesses and factories in Texas, Georgia, Louisiana and Alabama.

As we get it, Johnson was ready, willing and able to act in the Mississippi crisis in any big or little way the President might have had in mind. And while he got the complete brushoff, he is neither angry, upset nor hurt.

As long as he was on the sidelines in this sad sectional scuffle, he was reluctant to project himself at all, even on the fringes.

This is as good an explanation as is obtainable here for the Vice President's delay in speaking out on the Mississippi issue. His only statement on it was issued on his return here from Texas early Monday. It was along the customary line—that "our government cannot long endure unless responsible Americans abide by the decision of our courts."

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The Vice President, if chosen by Kennedy as his second-term running mate, will certainly now be in a more solid position to help the President in the South in 1964. It would be otherwise if he were tarred with the same brush as the Kennedy team for the troop crackdown at Oxford, Miss.

Also by not being embroiled in the present racial crisis, Johnson gains an advantage in his hopes for the Democratic Presidential nomination in 1968. The basic delegate appeal he must make then must be his ability to carry much of Dixie, while being at the same time acceptable to the North for his civil rights record.

Those who know Johnson best say that he has not spoken out even privately in criticism of the President's handling of the Mississippi problem. It is known that before he left for Texas last Friday the President brought him up to date on the situation. But he was not asked for his advice, only filled in on the Kennedy plans.

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at the 1960 Los Angeles convention about Kennedy's youth, etc.,
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There is a sense of resolution in America's leadership now
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We are resolved to perform what we ought -- and to perform what we resolve without fail.

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Faults have been committed. Other errors will be made. But as no man is worthy of your respect who tells you we have not erred, so no man is worthy of your trust who tells you we have never succeeded.

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This failure to use Johnson is in some aspects a mystery, Lyndon's powers of persuasion, both honeyed and cussing types, are of renown. If anybody in Washington could get through to stiffnecked Gov. Ross Barnett and get him to ease up, it was certainly Johnson, another drawling Southerner with far more personal appreciation of the racial problem than a couple of Boston Irish Brahmins.



THE VICE PRESIDENT

Why then was Johnson's advice unsought and his services unwanted as the

Mississippi crisis began to blow up until it temporarily went out of control? As fair a guess as any is that the Kennedys wanted to play it their own way, with no extra quarterback gumming up their style.

Yet if in this instance they treated Johnson like a secondclass vice president, they have certainly used him before and effectively. In 1960 he was picked as Kennedy's running mate to help carry the South for the national ticket, and he delivered the electoral votes as expected.

It should also not be forgotten in connection with the present snub that it was Johnson, as Senate party leader, who cleared the way for passage in 1957 of the first civil rights bill since the post-Civil War Reconstruction era.

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As long as he was on the sidelines in this sad sectional scuffle, he was reluctant to project himself at all, even on the fringes.

This is as good an explanation as is obtainable here for the Vice President's delay in speaking out on the Mississippi issue. His only statement on it was issued on his return here from Texas early Monday. It was along the customary line — that "our government cannot endure unless responsible Americans abide by the decision of our courts."

## Maybe It Was a Favor to Vice President

On a long-range basis it is probable that the Kennedy's did Johnson a service by not making him a key figure in the Mississippi maneuvering. It is questionable that this was their intent, although in political operations their imagination stretches far ahead.

The vice president, if chosen by Kennedy as his secondterm running mate, will certainly now be in a more solid position to help the President in the South in 1964. It would be otherwise if he were tarred with the same brush as the Kennedy team for the troop crackdown at Oxford, Miss.

Also by not being embroiled in the present racial crisis, Johnson gains an advantage in his hopes for the Democratic Presidential nomination in 1968. The basic delegate appeal he must make then must be his ability to carry much of Dixie, while being at the same time acceptable to the North for his civil rights record.

Those who know Johnson best say that he has not spoken out even privately in criticism of the President's handling of the Mississippi problem. It is known that before he left for Texas the President brought him up to date on the situation. But he was not asked for his advice, only filled in on the Kennedy plans.

The vice president's reticence is in keeping with the firm decision he made when he decided to accept second place on the Kennedy ticket. He intended to be a loyal lieutenant, ready to take any marching orders received and accept without a murmur when they were not forthcoming, even if he thought he had valuable help to offer.

## Johnson's Friends Resent Treatment

While Johnson is determined to stay aloof from the petty inner-circle knifing that is going on in this Administration, this does not mean that his closest political advisers don't occasionally blow up off the record.

Certain White House advisers, particularly those who have been in the Kennedy political entourage since way back, have never considered Lyndon a part of the team. Their rancor over his cracks at the 1960 Los Angeles convention about Kennedy's youth, etc., remains undiminished. As a result Johnson for a time had trouble getting in to see the President.

The Johnson faction blames the zealous clique of Kennedy hero-worshippers more than the President and Bobby for the mess.



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MEMOR ANDUM October I, 1962 TO: THE VICE PRESIDENT FROM: Charles Boatner Mr. Vice President: Louviere returned my call while I was talking to the Vice President. He said his story had already moved and I asked him if he would outline it for me. The first portion read: The man who might have prevented the vicious racial flare-up in Mississippi is apparently playing little or no part in the White House handling of the explosive situation. That man is Vice President Lyndon B. Johnson of Texas. Over the weekend -- one of the tensest in the nation's history -- Johnson was not in Washington in close personal contact with the White House. He was relaxing at his ranch in Texas, a three day respite from the affairs of Washington, broken only by two non-political speeches on Sunday. Johnson, it should be remembered, was responsible for carrying the South for the Kennedy-Johnson ticket in 1960. Johnson, it also should be remembered, is the man who is credited with paying the way for passage of the first Civil Rights bill in the Senate since the Civil War. Vernon said he was in a hurry to get the Vice President's statement off and outlined the rest of his story as describing Johnson's ability in the Senate to get the Southern proponents and opponents together. The story then cited the Vice President's work in bringing results in the Equal Employment Opportunity Committee, with figures. And wound up:

A question now being asked is whether Kennedy will call on Johnson to bail him out of his worst domestic predicament.

I asked Vernon to whom the story was filed and he replied, "Dallas, Fort Worth, Houston, New Orleans and Baton Rouge."

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LBJ: Ted.

TL: Yes, Mr. Vice President.

LBJ: How are you? I'm just grief stricken at this column of yours.

TL: Well, I'm awfully sorry.

LBJ: Someone should apologize because it's just so completely far from anything in the truth and I just don't know why you'd print an irresponsible story.

Let me just take it paragraph by paragraph and then you tell me what we can do about this. This is a serious thing for me because I want to be honorable and fair with people and I want them to be fair with me and I don't want the President or Attorney General to get any such impression as you communicate by your column. You have me relaxing for three days -- of course, that's just not true at all, I haven't had a fishing pole in my hand in twenty years. I don't know where you got that. Just completely out of the air. You couldn't get a boat on the Pedernales River, anyhow. I worked all Friday morning in Washington. I held a Space Council meeting at 2:30. I got to Texas on Friday evening at 5:30. Saturday I talked to Washington two or three times; worked in my office all morning long; didn't get out. Sunday I got up at daylight and flew five hundred miles to Midland and made a speech at 11:00; then made another one at 1:00 to 16,000 people on Cuba. I flew back to Austin and made one to 1,500 school administrators. I flew back to Washington that night. Now would you say that's three days of relaxation and fishing?

TL: Well, now, I wouldn't.

LBJ:

Now you say: "He was so sure that neither the President nor the Attorney General wanted him, that for long hours he was not within emergency phone reach." That's not true at all. I was on the phone, I talked 20 times to Washington from the time I left here. I was gone only Saturday and Sunday. I was never out of phone reach at any time and I was never on the Pedernales River. You say 'so sure that neither the President or Attorney General wanted him.' Now let me tell you off the record about that. The Attorney General talked to me at least two -- and I believe -- three times about this. We exchanged views, made suggestions; we discussed what might be done and what they might not do and what the government should do and how unfortunate it was. The President did the same thing. Now there's not anything in the

President of the Senate's job or Chairman of the Peace Corps, or Chairman of Space Council or Chairman of the Equal Employment Opportunities Committee that requires the Attorney General or the President to consult and converse with me about enforcing a court order. But it happened that we did confer at length and I was with the President several times on Thursday and Friday. I talked to Washington three or four times Saturday. I came here after my speeches Sunday. I don't think it's their business to call at all. It just happened that they did. You say "using Johnson's power of persuasion" --- now I never had any power of persuasion on Ross Barnett. Ross Barnett has been very bitter towards me. Ross Barnett refused to cast his votes for me in Los Angeles -- voted for himself. You say: Why was Johnson's advice unsought?" Well, it wasn't unsought. It was sought and discussed in every proper way a man could. You say: "The Kennedys wanted to pave their own way with no extra quarterback gumming up their style"--well now, I don't think they had that feeling at all.

I think the President and Attorney General listen to a person and if they think the ideas are good they follow them if they don't, why, they do what they think is best. You say: "They treated Johnson like a second-class Vice President." Now I don't think that's correct. I never have known a Vice President that has been called in by the President and the Attorney General to the extent that these people did in this instance with me.

TL: I didn't think I was hurting you.

LBJ: Well, you just imagine how the President and the Attorney General feel when they read this.

TL: Oh, they don't bother to read what I write.

LBJ: Now, that's not right. You just have no idea what people talked to me today about this story and how many wanted to know if this is a fact. Then each one made me spend an hour explaining it to them.

You say: "He was not asked for his advice"---. Now Ted, I didn't have any valuable help to offer. I told them everything I knew. I made every suggestion I could. I was asked for advice. The President turned and walked around the room again and said: "now what would you think if we did this" and I made a suggestion and he said: "we've already done that. We've already got people

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You say: "While Johnson's determined to stay aloof from the petty inner circles going on, this does not mean his advisors don't blow up." I don't know who "my advisors" are; I just don't know, but I just hope none of them are blowing up, because everybody is treating me good, Ted. I haven't a thing in the world to worry about except that people will get the impression that I'm being mistreated or that I'm angry, and I'm not. I'm happy, people are good to me, and much better to me than I'm entitled to be, and I don't want them to think "certain White House advisors have never considered Lyndon a part of the team." Now that may be, but I have not seen any signs of it in 18 months. They brag on me; they are nice to me. Maybe they tell you different things, but I'm telling you about their reaction to me. Now you say: "Johnson for a time had trouble getting to see the President."

TL: I was thinking way back that there was.....

LBJ: Friday afternoon, an AFL-GIO President of my state walked in my office and I was getting ready to make a speech at the Equal Opportunity Committee. I said: "I'm going right now, please go with me." He went with me, and I went over and made the speech, walked out, and, on my way to the Space Council, walked through the corridor of the White House. I saw the President and Ken O'Donnell in there, and I said: "Ken, I want you to meet the head of the AFL -- I wonder when he could say howdy." He said, "right now." I walked in there and we talked for ten minutes. He walked on over and talked to Ken O'Donnell, the President walked on over to the window to me and talked about Mississippi.

TL: Well, I was thinking about way back at the start.

LBJ: Well, there has never been any problem. If you'll take my diary some day and see how many times I see him -- sometimes as many as three or four times a day -You say: "Johnson faction" --(I don't know who that is) "blames a zealous clique of Kennedy worshipers for the Vice President being kept on the sidelines." Now, Ted, the truth of the business is, I want to be on the sidelines, I don't want to be enforcing these court orders, because I'm not an all wise person. I'm willing to contribute anything I can that is helpful, but I told the Attorney General and told the President that I didn't have any suggestions I hadn't offered. That's it, and I don't know what to do about it.

I don't know whether to call the President saying that this just didn't happen. I don't want to call the Attorney General. I don't want them to think that I'm a double-crossing liar because they know the truth and they know they did talk to me; they know they did ask me, and I don't think they did it just for the record. I think they were trying to get anybody's approach that they could. I talked to a good many people from the South to get their ideas and I just don't know what else could be done. All Southern judges issued this order. Kennedy didn't apply for it. I didn't. The court issued it and it had to be enforced or you had to pull out. Now, the last time a good many people said: "well you ought to try marshalls before you try troops," and that's what was done this time.

- TL: Well, of course, I was basing my thinking about the long series of phone calls to Barnett on Saturday and Sunday. It seems to me that you....
- LBJ:

  I had a good many phone calls myself on both Saturday and Sunday.

  A reporter wrote his story and called one of my Assistants to ask if I had -- or would -- give him a quotation. The Assistant called him back to give him the quotation, and he had gone to lunch.

  He didn't get back until 2:00. My Assistant got hold of him, and he saw his story in the typewriter and it read like this:

  "The man who might have prevented the racial flare-up is playing little or no part in the White House situation. Over the weekend, one of the tensest....in history, he was relaxing three days over the weekend -- broken only by two non-political speeches on Saturday." Well, there were three and there were 2,000 miles of travel. So that's the relaxation.
- TL: Well,
- LBJ: The reporter said he was in a hurry to get the Vice President's statement and he outlined the rest of the story describing Johnson's great ability and how he could bring Southern opponents together. "The question now being asked is will Kennedy call him to bail him out?" I asked the man to whom the story was filed -- he replied, "Dallas, Fort Worth, Houston, New Orleans, and Baton Rouge." I told him that he certainly was getting out on a limb and I didn't want him to get out on the limb -- that the President

and the Attorney General and others had had many discussions with the Vice President about the Mississippi matter. He replied: "It's 1:30 and that's too late to make any changes in my story now."

- TL: Well, I ran across this whole thing and not from him actually

  -- it was Frank Holeman who was over at the White House -he brought it up, and it just happened. I ran into Vern and that
  seemed to substantiate what Frank had told me. So it wasn't
  entirely what he said. I just asked him for a fill-in on that
  weekend. He showed me his copy. Well I'm awfully distressed
  about this.
- LBJ: I am too. What do I do? That's the only thing. Now I want to be an honorable man and I want to be a fair fellow and I want to be one that you can trust to sleep with, in the room without picking your pockets, and I hate for people to look at this and get the imang impression. Now I don't know Holeman. What paper is he with?
- TL: Well, he's with us -- I was going to call him up after this conversation. And ask him where he got that tip.
- LBJ: I haven't said anything like this to anyone.
- TL: No, he hasn't talked to you.
- LBJ: Now what I want to do, Ted, is this. You have a lot of protocol and formal people answering the phone, etc. But you can get me in ten minutes whenever you want me anywhere. That....
- TL: That's what George told me.
- LBJ: You can ask me: "what about Mississippi as far as you are concerned." This is a matter for the Attorney General and for the President -- they enforce court orders and the President of the Senate hasn't anything to do with it. But they have given me their views and they have given me an opportunity to make any suggestion that I wanted to -- and I have done that, but I don't want to be off advertising it because I don't want the people of the country to think that the presiding officer of the Senate is cutoffing

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the law of the land. That's not my function.

- TL: I didn't go into that part. I was basically talking about who could talk to Barnett and get some sense into his head, and I suggested to somebody that you seemed to be the ideal man to do that.
- LBJ: Well, you're generous. But the question is you put yourself in the President's position and just assume you're reading about your Vice President -- or just assume you're reading about one of your newspaper colleagues that works under you -- out talking this way and what do you think? Do you see my point?
- TL: Yes, I do.
- LBJ: And I don't want to be looked upon as a traitor, because I'm not. I'd rather go back to Johnson City and shine shoes than for anybody to think I can't be trusted or be loyal. Well, I.....
- TL: From the point of view of the column, I guess it would do more harm than good to go ahead and write a retraction.
- LBJ: It would.
- TL: I could call up Ken O'Donnell.
- LBJ: The President gave me every opportunity to say anything I wanted to. I thought that he did everything that I could or would have done -- I told him that and I doubt it could have been done as well. I told him that yesterday. I told him that Monday. I told him that Saturday. I just don't want anybody to think --
- TL: Well, I won't call Andy Hatcher, he doesn't know anything, I'll try to get Ken O'Donnell, it seems to me. Don't you think he....
- LBJ: Whoever you think or whatever you think. I don't want to ask you to do anything wrong.
- TL: You didn't ask me to do it, I offered to do it.

LBJ: You're a fair man and I just don't want anyone to think -this is the President's decision, it wasn't mine, but he went further with me than I would have gone with a Vice President.

TL: Mr. Vice President. I feel bad about this thing.

LBJ: I don't want anyone to think that I'm disloyal because I'm not. You just handle it anyway that your good judgment tells you to handle it and please pick up the phone next week and ask me if you want to speculate on my feelings.

TL: Right to you?

LBJ: Yes sir, yes sir, and I'll tell you this -- I have never asked Ken O'Donnell in 19 months, or whatever time it's been since the President's been there, to see the President that I haven't seen him that day and most of the time within the hour. So, the truth of the business is, Ted, whatever else people say, he has treated me better, I think, than any President has ever treated any Vice President. On the Mississippi crisis, the Cuba crisis, or anything else, you pick up the phone and call me and tell the girl: "get your boss on the phone." I'll do the same thing with you and we'll forget this and start over.

TL: Well, I won't bother you unless there is really something. Except for the Kennedy part of this thing, I don't think the column will hurt anyone. Dont' misunderstand me. There's nothing mali-LBJ:

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Yes, yes I do.

LBJ

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LBJ I had a good many phone calls myself on both Saturday and Matter of fact, I ditched these reporters for 2 hours -- actually sent them over to the Headliners Club -and sent a boy along to pick up their check, so I wouldn't have them sitting in on it. Another Sunday afternoon - -I don't know why they -- this boy came back here and decided he would write a story. He wrote his story, Trefester . Sant

be called one of my fellows to ask if I had -- or would give him a quotation the boy called him back to give him the quotation, got me at lunch, and he had gone to lunch. He didn't get back until 2:00, my be got hold of him, and he saw his story in the typewriter and it read like this: The man who might have prevented the racial flare-up is playing little or no part in White House Situation. Over the weekend, one of the tensest .... in

LBJ history, he was relaxing three days over the weekend (record not clear) broken only by two non political speeches on Saturday. Well, there were 3 and thexe were 2,000 miles of travel, So that's the relaxation.

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LBJ Vernen said he was in a hurry to get the Vice President's statement and he outlined the rest of the story describing Johnson's great ability with the Vice President bringing and he results in Equal Opportunities, he would bring Southern opponents together. "The question now being asked is will Kennedy call him to bail him out?" I asked Vernen the man whom the story was filed -- he replied Dallas, Fort Worth, Houston, New Orleans, and Baton Rouge. I told him that he certainly was getting out on a limb and I didn't want him to get out on the limb, that the President and the Attorney General and others had had many discussions with the Vice President about Mississippi matter. He replied; "It's 1:30 and that's too late to make any changes in my story now."

- Well, I ran across this whole thing and not from him actually, it was Frank Holman who was over at the White House. --he brought it up, and it just happened. I ran into Vern and that seemed to substantiate what Frank had told me. So it wasn't entirely what he said. I just asked him for fill-in on that weekend. He showed me his copy. Well I'm awfully distressed about this.
- LBJ I am too. What do I do? That's the only thing. Now I want to be an honorable man and I want to be a fair fellow and I want to be one that you can trust to sleep with, in the room without him picking your pockets, and I hate for people to look at this and get the impression. Now I don't know Holman. What paper is he with? Well, he's.

TL Well, he's with us -- I was going to call him up after this conversation. And ask him where he got that tip.

LBJ Idon't think I've talked to anybody.

TL No, he hasn't talked to you -

LBJ Now what I want to do, Ted, is this. You get a lot of protocol and formal people answering the phone, etc.

But you can get me in ten minutes whenever you want me anywhere. That..

- TL That's what George says told me,
- You ask me way, say what about Mississippi as far as you are concerned." This is a matter for the Attorney General and for the President of the Senate havn't got anything to do with it. But they have given me their views and they have given me an opportunity to make any suggestion that I wanted to -- and I have done that, but I don't want to be off advertising it because I don't want the people of the country to think that the presiding officer of the Senate is enforcing the law of the land. I want that's not my function.
- TL I didn't go into that part. I was basically talking about who could talk to Barnett and get some sense into his head, and I suggested to somebody that you seemed to be the ideal man to do that.
- Well, you're a partisan of mine and you're a friend of mine and you're generous, with me and anyou're that's get enough sense to the side of a boot knows from reading your story that you want to help me and not hurt me, but the question is you put yourself in the Kennedys position and just assume you're reading about your Vice President or just assume you're reading about one of your newspaper colleagues that works under you -- out talking this way and what do you think? Do you see my point?
- TL Yes, I do.
- And I don't want to be looked upon as a traitor, because I'm not. I'd rather go back to Johnson City and shine shoes than for anybody to think I can't be trusted to be loyal. Well, I....
- TL From the point of view of the column, I guess it would do more harm than good to go ahead. and write a retraction
- LBJ It will, would,
- TL I could call up Ken O'Donnell,
- LBJ Just tell him that this is -- the President gave me every opportunity to say anything I wanted to. I thought that he did everything that I could have done -- I told him that.

- I told him that since. I told him that Monday. I told him that Saturday. I just don't want anybody to think -- tell Andy Hatcher, just tell somebody that
- TL Well, I won't call Andy Hatcher, he doesn't know anything, I'll try to get Ken O'Donnell, it seems to me. Don't you think he ...
- LBJ Whoever you think or whatever you think. I don't want to ask you to do anything wrong, but you're a good man and

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- TL You didn't ask me to do it, I offered to do it.
- LBJ You're a good man and you're a fair man and I just don't want to be any -- any to think -- this is the President's decision, it wasn't mine, but be was -- he went further with me than I would have gone with the Vice President.
- TL \_ Itold George, I said I realize Charlie ...
- LBJ You know what's wrong with this?
- TL No
- LBJ We got to get together more often and quit being so busy on other things and pick up the phone and call each other.

  We got time to talk now and we ought to talk time about what's happening.
- I did tell George it could have been -- Wechsler could have got ahold of this thing -- finding out what you were away down there and written a piece on how you'd run out on us.

  Maybe he thinks you wouldn't get involved in it, and that could have been written that way by somebody
- LBJ You're right. Somebody who didn't care about ....
- TL Well, at least I had you. . .
- You did, and he could have done it, and I quite agree with you, but see what I did was this, Midland, Texas is close to El Paso. Austin, Texas is the center of the state. It's 800 miles from one to the other. I got up and made two speeches at Midland, Texas, one at 11:00 and one at 1:00. I came back and made one at hustin at 5:00 and I came back into Vashington at 11:00 -- now that's not very far to go on Sunday, that's not on much of a vacation, is it?

it isn't, Mr. Vice President. I feel bad about this thing. TL You don't need to be, I don't want you to feel bad, I just don't LBJ want to be -- I don't want any people to think that I'm disloyal Because I'm not, and you just handle it anyway that your good judgement tells you to handle it and please pick up to whether Picht to you?

TL Right to you?

LBJ Yes sir, yes sir, and I'll tell you this -- Ken O'Donnell, I have never asked him in 19 months, or whatever time it's been since the President's been there, to see the President, Ken O'Da seen him that day and most of the time within the hour. So, - the truth of the business is, Ted, whatever else people say -- whatever else the President may intend, he has treated me better, I think, than any President has ever treated any Vice President. On the Mississippi crisis, the Cuba crisis or anything else, you pick up the phone and call me and tell the girl; "get your boss on the phone," I'll do the same thing with you and we'll forget this and start over, and if they don't understand it, why

> TL Well, I won't bother you unless there is really something

Well, bother me, come up here and have a cup of coffee with me and let)s visit. We don't have an eccommunication, you write to a big publication and it's all over the country, and I'm not much nows, but I don't mind ...

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EBJ Not a bit, not a bit, and you've tried to help me, I know that. I know that and I'm not completning about you. I'm just trying to tell you how this box interpreted something and he was trying to help me. Don't misunderstand me.

THE There's nothing malicious.

Not a bit. Not a bit and I know it and I told him so. LBJ I just don't want to be looked upon as being disloyal and you'll help me any way you can and I'll appreciate it and. I won't forget it.

LBJ Thank you, Ted. Appreciate it.

TL Bye. EXCERPTS OF REMARKS IN A TOLEPHONE CONVERSATION BETWEEN LYNDON JOHNSON AND FRANK ERWIN, December 3, 1962, 11:45 am

Mr. Erwin said that Sonny Davis told him that they employed Truman O'Quinn's political influence in Travis County. They gave him a contingent interest in the deal if he could get this thing. No people identified except Dick Brown and Tubby Flynn. He told me that Dick Brown was unfriendly to you, and Sonny said that Dick thinks that Johnson is a crook just like I do. I said, 'That's difficult to believe. 'Sonny said, 'Well, that's the way it is. Dick thinks these papers ought to be divorced from the Johnson interests and from Johnson himself. ' I couldn't believe they would try to bluff or fight Johnson. Sonny said that Dick has cleared it with his uncle and the paper will go all out to help. I told Sonny that I could not believe the Council would ever give the contract to Dick and him as long as Mr. Johnson had the application. Sonny said, "Well, we 've thought about that. That's why we got Truman O'Quinn. If the Council gives the contract to LBJ Co., or if they don't do anything, then we'll call up a referendum. The Charter provides that if they can get a required number of signatures they can initiate ordinance and the Council will have to call election to vote on the ordinance. We don't believe that Lyndon will get in a fight here in Austin. '

Mr. Erwin said he just left it like that -- and passed this information on personally because he didn't want the Vice President to receive it second or third hand.

The Vice President thanked him and explained his position on the matter. Mr. Erwin said that he was not asking for an explanation, and he wanted the Vice President to talk to Homer Thornberry about it because Homer has the feeling that the attitude attributed to Brown by Sonny has some basis.