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January 29, 1960

TELEPHONE CONVERSATION BETWEEN J. PETER DREI BELBES
AND WALTER JENKINS

Pack Drei Belbes called and said as follows:

"I want to tell you that was a hell of a good meeting. I thought it was wonderful.

"The Senator asked me to do something about suggesting some sort of a compromise that would be acceptable in connection with interest and I have gone to work and I will send him something very soon. I have got some ideas.

"I wanted to tell the Senator that we have a hell of a good economist and he is going to testify before Douglas' Committee on Monday. Sometime I would like for us to get in a plane and come down and spend a little time with the Senator. His name is Roy Rierson and he is one of the best. I will see that you get a copy of his testimony before the Committee. I just thought that if Lyndon had a little time I could bring him down.

"I was so impressed by the Senator's appearance the other night and I talked with John Connally yesterday. I was wondering if Lyndon would like to come up here sometime and meet with our Advisory Committee. We could deliver him a captive audience of about 35 or 40 of the top industrialists plus our own Board of Directors. If he would like to come up to one of those meeting and do the same kind of job he did at the small gathering the other day, I think it would be wonderful. He may not get many votes, but it would do them good to listen to Lyndon and I think it would do him some good also. They could learn something about the facts of life. He could fly up here, talk for an hour, have lunch and then go on back. We have the meetings every month and it would be March 15 or 16. I will mail a list of some of the members. It would not be a complete list but it will give you some idea."

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TELEPHONE CONVERSATION BETWEEN TOM PICKETT AND WALTER JENKINS

"I have been hoping to run into you, but now I will just handle it over the telephone. Some of our friends are supporting our friend for the Presidency and while I recognize there is a limitation on what I can do from the position I hold, I just wanted you to know that I will do whatever I can to be helpful. I just wanted Lyndon to know, also, that I am ready and willing to do anything he wants me to do. You don't have to tell him because I know he is busy, but I wanted you to know it and act accordingly."

January 28, 1960

TELEPHONE CONVERSATION BETWEEN DUB SINGLETON AND
WALTER JENKINS

Dub Singleton called and said in order to get the women's organization moving in Houston, they felt they needed desperately to get Deanie Hofheinz lined up as one of the leaders. It is his understanding that Hofheinz has been "at outs" with the Senator lately and they have been unable to get either Hofheinz or his wife to return their call.

Dub feels that the one way they could get her to help would be a call from Speaker Rayburn to her. He feels that that would be effective when other things have failed. He has been trying to reach one of them for four days.

Please check with the Senator to see whether or not he would approve of this procedure and let Dub know.

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January 29, 1960

TELEPHONE CONVERSATION BETWEEN SAM LOW AND WALTER JENKINS

On November 17 I wrote you a letter for the attention of James Williams. It concerned the American Embassy in Mexico City. We have a very good friend in Mexico City, who is a contractor and wanted an opportunity to bid. His name -- Construcciones A. Zeevaert. I told him we would try to find a contractor that would work with him. It was his understanding that it would be necessary to be connected with an American contractor. Well, it turned out that he was one of the ten chosen to bid. Max Brooks knows all about him and is very much impressed and Jamie Odem has sent his brother down to Mexico City to look into.

Zeevaert got word from Washington, through Mr. Osborne, their representative that he has 48 hours in which to present an American contractor or he would be cut off. He also has to have a financial statement in that time. He got the message yesterday so time is running out. Jamie Odem is seriously thinking about going into the thing, but 48 ~~youxxx~~ hours is not long enough. This man is very reputable and there is no question about his financial ability. We want to help him as much as possible. In fact, I believe in his ability enough that he could go it alone even without an American company, but it is his understanding that that is necessary. What we want to try to get the State Department to do is to at least agree to about 10 days in order for these people to get everything straightened out. It seems very unfair to allow a man 48 hours in order to get everything straight or he will be cut off. I see no reason why he should be cut off until he presents his bid. It just doesn't make sense. There is nothing in the specs that said you had to have an American contractor to go with him. The bids are not opened until March 28. I don't know why they should want to rule him out at all if he is financially responsible to even go into it alone. If they take a different view that he is mistaken that he doesn't have to have an American contractor, then he is perfectly able to do it by himself. Actually, I don't see why he shouldn't be able to make the bid without an American contractor. We are working on just what the State Department wants but we can't do it in 48 hours."

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TELEPHONE CONVERSATION BETWEEN DICK BERLIN AND WALTER JENKINS

Dick Berlin called and said substantially as follows:

"Eddie spoke to me and said that Lyndon talked to him about the fact that we were treating him badly in San Antonio--that whoever we have there is a left winger, Commie, etc. and that our San Antonio paper was doing him no good. I am not conscious of that at all. It is awfully easy for me to get on the phone and start screaming at people and I would like awfully well to help, but Walter, I simply have to have some concrete examples of what is wrong. I have told these people before that if there is anything derogatory I will get on the phone and straighten things out and if they are as bad as all that I will have no hesitancy in giving them their walking papers, but I do have to have something to go on.

"If when you see something in the paper that is unfriendly if you will just shoot it on up to me, I will take care of it. We get all of the papers here and I could say that I had read it in the paper. They would not know where it came from. You know I just can't act on generalities. If you will find out from Lyndon just what is worrying him then I will try to straighten it out. You know you can't just go off willy nilly. It is hard for me to put my finger on it if you do not have anything to work with.

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File: Senator talked to Dick Berlin 1d NYC 2/1/60

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TELEPHONE CONVERSATION BETWEEN DONALD THOMAS AND WALTER JENKINS

Don Thomas called and said as follows:

"I had a call from my good friend Lou Reits, who for all intents and purposes, runs the Great Southern Life Insurance Company. The Texas group is going to be the host to a convention of 262 of the larger insurance companies in Dallas on May 18. I don't know exactly the name of this organization, but it is something like the American Health Convention. It is consisted of the bigger companies. Only five Texas companies are in it and one is the Great Southern.

"Lou wanted to invite the Senator to be the principal speaker at a luncheon on Wednesday, May 18 and just called me to find out what my thought would be as to whether or not the Senator could come. I told him that I did not know but that I knew he was awfully busy. I assured him that he liked to take all of the speaking engagements in Texas that he could but sometimes with the rush of business it was just impossible.

"Lou said it would average out at least two representatives of each company and counting the wives there would be about a thousand people. It will be at the Sheraton Hotel in Dallas. I told him that I would try to find out and let him know."

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January 27, 1960

TELEPHONE CONVERSATION BETWEEN LARRY BLACKMON AND
WALTER JENKINS

Larry Blackmon called and brought out the following points:

- (1) Wanted returned to him as soon as possible the material that was mailed up here for approval. They need an OK on it at the earliest possible time.
- (2) When can they expect the biographical sketch that Buzz was supposed to be working on. They need that promptly.
- (3) He reports that he and Jake have been working almost every night to get their schedule all worked out--what their people are going to be doing, such as in the precinct conventions, women's organizations, etc.
- (4) Larry says that he got a call from Milton Wildman, State Chairman of Utah and he said that the First President of the Mormon Church had made the statement that Johnson looked like the man that could lead the free people of the world. Wildman said he was ready to start to work and if we were ready to start having Johnson clubs formed then they were ready to go ahead. He was told to go ahead. On March 19 They are having their Jefferson-Jackson Day Dinner and would like very much to have Senator Johnson as their speaker. Cal Rollins had come back and said he was very impressed with the talk that he heard Senator Johnson make. He was a Stevenson man in the days gone by but now he was for Johnson. They could extend their activities over into Idaho because they had a lot of Mormons there. They would like to get Utah in the Senator's schedule when the Senator might be visiting Colorado--thought it would be good for him to make three or four stops in surrounding states.
- (5) Larry said that Bill Whiteman, who has considerable holdings in Oklahoma City and who was a strong Stevenson man in the past is ready to start working for Johnson. It was suggested he get with Wimberly.
- (6) Larry would like very much to go home this weekend if the Senator is not going to need him. He has several guests coming in and has not been ~~home~~ ^{home} but just on Thanksgiving and Christmas. He would like to have an answer on this.

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(7) Larry reported he had had a call from Walter Hall who had this to say.

"I am disturbed at what some of our people have been told. We had a meeting the other night and one man got up and said he had heard Fricc Daniel was going to be Chairman of the Delegation and he did not want to support anybody that had not been true to the Democratic Party." Larry told him that Governor Daniel had said he would stand behind the Senator all the way. Another man got up and said he had heard the same thing and that Rayburn had publicly endorsed Daniel to be the Chairman of the Delegation.

(8) Larry says he is going to try to give us a very detailed every week so we will know what they are doing.

(9) L. M. Polan, of the Polan Industries in West Virginia has expressed a desire to help the Senator. He was a Kefauver man and he has a lot of money, according to Larry, and he is ready to go to work.

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TELEPHONE CONVERSATION BETWEEN LEONARD MARKS AND
WALTER JENKINS

Leonard Marks called and said substantially as follows:

"I was talking with Abe Moulter and he said that the Senator made a wonderful impression in New York and that it now looked as though he would get the entire New York delegation.

"I was a group of fellows the other night and the only thing they thought should be made clear was the state of the Senator's health. They felt that something dramatic should be done to show that the Senator is fully recovered. I know just working 18 hours a day should prove to them that he is recovered, but they felt that a lot of people don't know that.

"I was talking to McKinnon. You know he beat out Paul Ziffirin as Vice Chairman and when McKinnon won then Ziffirin was made National Committeeman. He thinks he will be a member of the delegation. I asked him if he would help in Arizona or California. He says he can't make a commitment until he knows for sure that Johnson is a candidate. He says when I ask him to help Johnson I am talking about some very practical things in his life and something that might affect his future so he wants to be sure that he is a candidate before he makes any public announcement that he will be for Johnson.

"McKinnon is very close to Labor. Labor put up the money for his newspaper in San Francisco. He says that in Arizona he feels that Kennedy has that delegation. He does feel, however, that there is a lot of work that could be done there. He is pretty confident that Pat Brown will not go to Kennedy.

"I have a proposed letter about Johnson for President Club in D. C., Maryland and Virginia that I will send out at the proper time. I will mail you a copy. I am going to get some stationery printed and then we will decide just who will sign it. It will possibly be signed by several."

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January 26, 1960

TELEPHONE CONVERSATION BETWEEN CONGRESSMAN HAYS
AND WALTER JENKINS

Congressman Hays called expressing the hope that the Senator would soon be able to give him an answer as to whether or not he can come to Ohio for a speaking engagement. He is in hopes that he will be able to and the Senator has already received an invitation.

Congressman Hays says that he had a friend in Ohio who will be one of the delegates to the Convention. He says that the delegates will be pledged to Kennedy on the first ballot, but after that time they can go any way they want to. This man has a lot of influence.

Hays says he is trying to set up a couple of date in his district and he hopes he will be able to get an answer soon.

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January 26, 1960

TELEPHONE CONVERSATION BETWEEN TOM MILLER, JR.
AND BOB KINAN AND WALTER JENKINS

"On March 2, which is a Wednesday, the Third District of Texas Bankers Association is having their annual convention in Austin. This third district is made up mostly of Senator Johnson's old 10th Congressional District. All of the bankers are going to know him. We are going to have bankers from all over the United States. We sure would like to have the Senator come down and say a few words that night at the auditorium. I talked to Jesse and he said he felt sure the Senator was going to be here this Saturday. Please take it up with him and let him be thinking about it and then maybe we can see him when he is here.

"This is what we will do. If he thinks he can say yes, we will get him in the program. If he doesn't know--let's leave it an open invitation. We want him on our program to say what he wants to say and Bob and I and the rest of the Committee will make sure it is well publicized. We would have a good crowd."

Bob Kinan then came on the phone and said:

We surely would like to have Senator Johnson come down. There are so many people that would like to hear him and visit with him. He has a lot of friends among the bankers. There will be bankers from all over the country so whatever you can do we will really appreciate.

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TELEPHONE CONVERSATION BETWEEN FRED HARRIS, OF ALBUQUERQUE,
AND WALTER JENKINS

"There is a New Mexico Business and Manufacturers Association with about 425 business firms as members. They are all over the state of New Mexico and they are opposed to the Kennedy Bill S. 1046, more especially from an inflationary angle, irrespective of whether you ought to pay it or not. I have been doing a little bit of talking and have been over in Tucson and Salt Lake and elsewhere at the request of these trade organizations.

"It looks like I am killing two birds with one stone. It looks like out here in the west things are not going too well for the Senator from Massachusetts. I want to talk with the Senator when he comes out here to the Western Conference. Kennedy is going to be here also to speak. We have him pretty well boxed in though. I want to ask the Senator just how he wants me to do this job behind the scenes. I have no pride of authorship; all I want to do is to get the job done. I want to know who is going to head this up. Our folks are ready to go. I am in 318 Corber Building. I am getting all of the stuff daily and everything else from Austin. I have in a batch of stuff today and a bunch of folders and I will have them around behind the scenes. Maybe before he gets here we might have a pretty good sized organization built up. I won't swear to it, but I will do the best that I can. I want to tell him what we are doing--just mention the fact that this Kennedy bill is inflationary and that can be spread around pretty easily. We are passing the word around that business should take a good look at it. That is all that will be necessary.

"Give Speaker Rayburn my regards. All you have to do is buzz me and tell me how to get going."

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January 26, 1960

TELEPHONE CONVERSATION BETWEEN CHARLES SKILLEN AND
WALTER JENKINS

Charles Skillen, State Democratic Chairman for Indiana, called and asked several questions:

(1) If Senator Johnson would be willing to have a press conference.

(2) If he did not have an official press conference, would he be willing to just see the press informally.

(3) Whether or not they would be furnished advance copies of the Senator's speech. He certainly hopes that they will be available beforehand.

(4) Approximately what time Senator Johnson will arrive. The President of the Editorial Association wanted to invite him to a luncheon. (He was told that the Senator would not arrive in time.)

(5) Do we want him to meet the Senator. We are to let him know when Senator Johnson leaves Albuquerque so they can make arrangements for him to be met. He will also make arrangements for the rooms. His number is MEIrose 5-8581.

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January 26, 1960

TELEPHONE CONVERSATION BETWEEN CARL PHINNEY AND WALTER JENKINS

Carl Phinney called and said as follows:

"On the 3rd of February I would like to try to arrange a conference with the Senator for the President of Chance Vought, Fred Detweiler, and myself. It is about the matter we were talking about before and they have a little brochure out and I think it would be extremely helpful if he could give us fifteen or twenty minutes. I know sometimes I have been able to catch him around 4:30 better than any other time. We cannot come around 4:30. We could come before that time or around 5:30.

"Please check with Lyndon as to when would be the most convenient time and then call me back collect. My number is Riverside 8-3341."

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January 26, 1960

TELEPHONE CONVERSATION BETWEEN MR. FOUTS, OF LOS ANGELES,
AND WALTER JENKINS

Mr. Fouts called and said substantially as follows:

"We are having lunch with Mr. Manell, of the Democratic State Central Committee and also head of the Executive Committee for Pat Brown. We feel that we cannot wait much longer for an answer as to whether or not Senator Johnson can speak before the clubs here. They are anxious to go forward with their plans.

"Of course, the idea was to make the speeches before the Clubs of a non-political nature. They have a Texas Club at San Diego also. You are probably right that they would put a political connotation on the Senator coming out here, but of course we would not want in any way to leave the impression that he was working against Brown. Of course it could be interpreted that way, but I am not certain that it would be. Certainly there was no thought on our part to be competitive with Governor Brown.

"I hope that it will be possible to work out something later when we see how things are stacking up. We will continue on our clubs. I got a letter from Larry Blackmon and he said that he would be out here in about two weeks. In connection with the Johnson for President Clubs, we want to run an ad and use the quote that he has used on one or two occasions about there should be no prejudice against a person because of race, religion and the section of the country he comes from. Please send me the exact quote as I have seen it a little different in different papers. We want to run a picture with that quote.

"I have a meeting in San Diego with Senator Hugo Fisher, who is a definite supporter of the Senator's. We now have six clubs and we will continue on with those. We will keep those going. We are not satisfied with the information we are getting on the Senator's voting record. We simply must point out his liberal votes and I would appreciate it if you would get something to me right away. The pictures that we have gotten of the Senator do not do him justice. I wish it were possible for him to have a good picture made by one of the commercial photographers that would do him justice. These photographs are not so good. He is a striking man and some of these pictures do not do him justice.

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"In the setup of the delegates on the Pat Brown slate, Manell said he thought they should have delegates on that will represent the various candidates and when Pat Brown releases them there will be support for Johnson. Healy will probably be a member of the California delegation. We will work on that without any statement as to what the purpose and intent of Healy being a delegate is. We want to be careful not to cross up in any way anything that is being done. I wrote Blackmon again yesterday and he said he would be here the first of February. It is my feeling that the sooner the Senator gets here the sooner we can get interest created. "

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January 26, 1960

TELEPHONE CONVERSATION BETWEEN KAY FOLGER AND WALTER JENKINS

Kay Folger called and said:

(1) Utah is very anxious to have Senator Johnson come out and speak to their State dinner. He will get a formal invitation and Senator Moss' assistant has already talked with Bobby Baker about the matter.

(2) They are having a meeting of the State Democratic Committee this Saturday to try to decide on a date, but they think it will possibly have to be on April 23 because it seems to be the only time they can get the hall which they will need. They wanted to check the Senator's calendar to be sure that he would have April 23 clear in case he could come.

(3) Senator Moss is going to write the Senator a letter inviting him.

Please check with Senator Johnson and let Kay Folger know.

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January 25, 1960

TELEPHONE CONVERSATION BETWEEN WALTER ELY, LOS ANGELES,
AND WALTER JENKINS

"I understand the Senator is coming out here. Well, a bunch of political hacks came up to see me yesterday saying he is coming to address the Texas Society. Oh, they were Redding, Fouts, and others. My recommendation is: I think he ought to talk to me first. These people are not the best people that he could have behind him, Walter. There are a lot of pretty powerful Democratic people out here that if I could bring Lyndon in contact with them he would own them like he does everybody he meets. Elizabeth Snyder, former Chairman of the State Democratic Central Committee. She is the kind of support that he ought to have. These people that came to see me--hell, they ought to belong to the American Manufacturers Association. They are reactionary. They don't have any standing among Democrats.

"Now there is Joe Wyatt in this building. He is President of the California Democratic Union. That is the kind of guys that Lyndon needs. He needs liberal people. Well, I think he ought to come out here. I think he ought to make the speech to the Texas Society, but I think he ought to give me one free night and let me get the people that really amount to something and it won't be given any publicity. I think we should avoid publicity. This other group are only interested in money. They have no dedication to public interest. They are a bunch of leaches. I don't know what you should say to them. Clair Engle will know the answer, but he will tell you these people are really not the right kind. However, I do think the Senator should come on out and if he spoke to the Texas Society, we could see to it that he met the really important leaders also. I think he ought to come, but I don't think there should be a lot of fanfare. He ought to meet Elizabeth Snyder, Joe Mott and other leaders in the liberal element. The Commonwealth Club has a good group of men in it, but it is reactionary. Joe Wyatt is President of the CDC and he seems to be friendly toward Lyndon. When all of the candidates got an invitation to come up here and Lyndon did not accept, he expressed the belief that it was good that he did not come. I think that kind of contact ought to be followed up and I know all of the leaders out here. I would suggest that he come and give me that free night and I will guarantee that he will meet the right people.

"I believe I can help Lyndon a lot out here and I want him to meet the people that I think can help him because he is a great man. My number is MAdison 4-4181. Please thank him for putting my little old remarks in the Record. It really was nice. I got his letter this morning."

January 25, 1960

TELEPHONE CONVERSATION BETWEEN HOUSTON HARTE AND
WALTER JENKINS

Houston Harte called in behalf of Lee E. Whittaker, who has worked for the Internal Revenue Service for 23 years and out in San Angelo for 12 years. He is due to retire on May 31, 1960, but he would like to have a one year extension. Bill Griffin wrote Frank White about it and White wrote back that the regulations of the Civil Service Commission were good rules, etc. and that he would have to retire.

Harte reports that Mr. Whittaker may be old in years, but he still can examine a return and come up with the right answer a lot better than some of the younger ones and he hopes that it will be possible for Mr. Whittaker to be kept on for another year. He feels that Whittaker has done a good job and should be retained for at least one more year.

January 25, 1960

RESUME OF TELEPHONE CONVERSATION BETWEEN MARTIN HARRIS
AND WALTER JENKINS

"Do you know what happened this last week. In substance we got all set and ready to go and Senator Kerr ~~came~~ came down with the flu. I never ran a horse race without a horse in my life so we decided we had better wait until Kerr got well. I heard this morning that he was feeling better and anticipated that he might be back Wednesday and that it would be taken up then.

"Some time last year Senator Sparkman, who was on the Banking and Currency Committee at the time the FNMA Bill was being considered in 1954, wrote a letter to the Treasury Department in connection with its reconsideration of the ruling which is the subject of this bill saying in substance that it was not the intent of the Banking and Currency Committee at that time to have the contributions to that Agency considered as capital assets at all. I don't think it had that particular effect as far as the Treasury was concerned, but I would anticipate it might have some effect in the deliberations that the Finance Committee is having.

"Senator Frear was a member of the Banking and Currency Committee at the time the bill was passed. What I suggest is that Senator Frear's Administrative Assistant get hold of Senator Sparkman's Administrative Assistant and if my advice is correct, and I am sure he will find it is correct, that he brief his boss on it so ~~as~~ if it comes up for deliberation, Senator Frear can say he checked this with Senator Sparkman and as far as he is concerned, it would not be considered to be capital assets. Would you talk to Senator Frear's Administrative Assistant. Now I may be up there in the morning, but I did want to talk to you about this."

January 25, 1960

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TELEPHONE CONVERSATION BETWEEN COLONEL THEODORE
VOULTER AND WALTER JENKINS, JANUARY 25, 1960

Colonel Theodore Voulter called and said:

"I was down to see you last year with Colonel Peacock. Don is coming up next week to Washington and we are interested in this bill that Senator Johnson puts in the hopper for us. It is S. 1027 and the companion bill is H. R. 5355. Don tells me that General Benson has written to Senator Johnson to see if the bill can be gotten out. It has cleared through the Army, Navy and Department of Defense and is now waiting the Bureau of the Budget's approval.

We would deeply appreciate it if you would see if it can be pushed through and not wait for the Bureau of the Budget if it is going to take too long. If you can contact the Committee to help rush it along, it certainly would be appreciated."

January 25, 1960

TELEPHONE CONVERSATION BETWEEN JOHN YOUNG AND WALTER JENKINS

John Young called and said as follows:

"I have got something I want to talk to you about and maybe have a talk with Lyndon, but possibly you could talk to him better than I could. He might be franker with you. Dudley Dougherty is thinking about announcing against me. I had a call from Paul Nye and also one from Blake Gillen. He is being encouraged to run by the labor group. I don't know whether it would help or not, but I thought maybe Lyndon could give Dudley a ring and say that he sure was depending on his help in this Presidential thing, that it looked real good, etc. I think Dudley is torn between running against me and helping Lyndon. He said he realized he could not join any Johnson clubs, etc. but that he might could help him. Those are the two things he has in mind and I thought if somebody could call him, it might just possibly take him off my back.

"I understand the labor people had a meeting in Beeville last Friday when about 40 people were present. I was told Jerry Holleman and Fred Schmidt were there and they told Dougherty that they would guarantee him about 10,000 votes, as well as some financial assistance. The rush on this is that Dudley is going to decide today or tomorrow whether or not he will enter the race or take the other course.

"If you would check with Lyndon and then let me know, I sure would appreciate it."

January 20, 1960

TELEPHONE CONVERSATION BETWEEN GENE CHAMBERS AND
WALTER JENKINS, 7:30 P.M. January 19, 1960

Mary Elizabeth Mecom is going to do some good for us. I have talked to John Connally--he was down with me at Mrs. Armour's ranch. Mary Elizabeth Mecom is going to fly up there Friday from Colombia, South America. They are good friends of Lyndon and I really think we ought to be extra nice to them. I feel this would be a real opportunity. Mary Elizabeth is really going to run things. I don't know where they will be stopping, but I think it is important enough to check the major hotels. I thought if the Senator were going to be in town that he might want to do something for them. If he is not there then maybe Lady Bird could have them to lunch or show them some attention. I think if they could just pat him on the back and be nice to them it might pay off.

January 21, 1960

TELEPHONE CONVERSATION BETWEEN WARREN WOODWARD AND
WALTER JENKINS

In the course of a conversation with Woody a day or so ago he said that he had been checking on the Houston situation and that he intended to go back soon and do some more work there. He said that the Mayor of Houston would not agree to an honorary co-chairmanship of the Johnson for President Club. "This poses some little problem, but we will try to get the matter straightened out. He proposes great loyalty to the Senator, but says he has a ruling that he does not involve the Mayor's office by endorsements and he is all 'shook up' about the situation. The Mayor is supposed to call me and I am going to talk with him some more. I might try to be somewhat persuasive, but can't afford to put on any pressure. I am not going to 'lower the boom' but I am going to review the matter with him. He talked to Jack Valenti for an hour and said he wanted to do it, but didn't think that he could. I am going to explore the possibility of saying it is done as an individual and not as Mayor, but I don't know how far I will get with that line. They are moving along and getting their office set up in Houston and I don't think we will have any real problem there.

"Our real problem lies in Dallas and I really don't have the answer to that situation. After all he has been told by the 'boss' to let people help and it hasn't helped a bit, but something just has to be done there or it won't work. Cliff and I are going up there and try to get the thing off dead center. We will report to you when we get back."

WJ:MS

January 20, 1960

TELEPHONE CONVERSATION BETWEEN GENE CHAMBERS AND WALTER JENKINS, 7:30 P.M. January 19, 1960

"I haven't done anything actually on Mrs. Armour. Think things will be kicked off pretty good. That is not what I was actually calling about though. Mary Elizabeth Mecom is going to do some good for us. I have talked to John Connally--he was down with me at Mrs. Armour's ranch. Mary Elizabeth Mecom is going to be in Washington the latter part of the week and John Mecom is going to fly up there Friday from Colombia, South America. They are good friends of Lyndon and I really think we ought to be extra nice to them. I feel this would be a real opportunity. Mary Elizabeth is really going to run things. I don't know where they will be stopping, but I think it is important enough to check the major hotels. I thought if the Senator were going to be in town that he might want to do something for them. If he is not there then maybe Lady Bird could have them to lunch or show them some attention. I think if they could just pat him on the back it might pay off.

"I gave John some you know what to bring along with him when he meets Lyndon in Chicago. It is sizeable. I haven't actually gotten things moving yet because I have been home only two days in the last few weeks, but I am going to get things rolling."

WJ:MS

January 20, 1960

TELEPHONE CONVERSATION BETWEEN MR. FOUTS, OF LOS ANGELES,
AND WALTER JENKINS, AT 11:30 A.M., JANUARY 20

Mr. Fouts called and said substantially as follows:

"I don't want to bother the Senator. I wrote to him the other day in regard to his coming to California. We have found that in order to get the best audience possible in San Francisco, the advisable thing to do would be to speak before the Commonwealth Club. There would be a minimum of 1,000 there. It is a luncheon meeting and the only hitch is that it meets only on Fridays. If he can come into San Francisco on Friday, then we would hope that he could come into Southern California on Thursday. That could be on March 17, 24th or 31st and the next day he could speak at the Commonwealth Club.

"If the Senator could come into Southern California on the 17th, then we could plan a luncheon in San Diego that day, a dinner in Los Angeles that night and then go on up to San Francisco for the luncheon next day. We do need to set a date as quickly as possible so we could get the work under way. We want to do a tremendous job for him and do several mailings so it is important that we know as far ahead of time as is possible.

"I presume you saw the statement by Pat Brown, also the one by the National Committeeman. Pat Brown has decided to head up the delegation as a "favorite son" candidate. ~~Congressman~~ ^{Senator} Clair Engle will probably pick a Congressman to take his place on the delegation. There will be ten that will select the delegation. There will be Ziffirin, of course, Head of the CPC - who are the Stevenson forces in California and the Chairman is William Manell. Bill Manell is 100% Johnson. He is going to insist on having a sizeable group who are for Johnson.

"The leaders of the Kennedy forces met with us. It is almost certain that they are going to bring in a slate of delegates out here that will be different from the Brown group. Their reasoning seemed to be that the three strongest potentials were Kennedy, Johnson and Symington. They don't feel that if Johnson got the nomination he would take Symington because of the location of Symington's state, but that Kennedy would be acceptable and that if Kennedy could not win, then Kennedy would be willing to accept the second place with Johnson. They left the impression that they wanted to work with us. They think they could beat Brown with their slate of delegates. As a matter of fact, we are being "wooded" by both sides. The reason that Ziffirin and others oppose the Senator - you just don't fight a weak man and they realize his strength and that is the basis for the attacks.

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"We hope that this will be the end of Ziffirin. We are going to try to knock him off.

"In checking with the Austin ^{Office} in Texas, it seems they just don't have the information that we need out here. We need right away the highlights of the Senator's voting record—possibly some during Roosevelt's term and also Truman. The main thing is social security or anything that is a liberal vote, things of that nature. Manell thinks that if any type of civil rights bill is passed during this session of congress, California will be "in the bag."

"Please call me back and let me know what you find out. My number in Los Angeles is Hollywood 9-5134 - 6000 Sunset Boulevard."

January 18, 1960

TELEPHONE CONVERSATION BETWEEN CONGRESSMAN HAYS AND
WALTER JENKINS

Congressman Hays called and in the course of the conversation said that it was a feeling that if Kennedy did not win on the second ballot that he would not win at all and that DeSalle would go along up to that point and after that time the delegates would be for the "taking". He (Hays) said that he was supposed to be a delegate and he told them that after the second ballot he would be on his own and vote the way he wanted to and he felt that others might do the same thing. He says that DeSalle had no alternative. He knew that if he did not come out for Kennedy that Kennedy would come into his state and probably beat him. Kennedy was holding a "gun to his head."

"The real reason for my call is this--I wonder if Lyndon would be interested in speaking to the biggest Democratic dinner in Ohio. It would be in my district and we could fill two school houses - about a thousand in each and they are just across the street from each other. It would be a fund-raising Jefferson Jackson Day dinner. It is a very high calibre event and in the past we have had such speakers as Speaker Rayburn and that is where Senator Kefauver actually made his opening speech when he ran.

"We would prefer it be held the latter part of April, but they are anxious to have Senator Johnson and he could pick his own date. We would also prefer that it be on a weekend. We have had outstanding speakers for the last eight or ten years and usually it is a Member of Congress so we have tried to have it on weekends.

"I would appreciate it if you could check with Lyndon and let me know. I hope that it will be possible for him to come. Please give me a ring when you have some word on it."

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January 18, 1960

TELEPHONE CONVERSATION BETWEEN TED MANN, CHANCE
VOUGHT, AND WALTER JENKINS

'I mentioned to you that Fred Detweiler was coming up and we were planning to have a chat with the members of the Texas Delegation along about the first week in February. I realize that Mr. Johnson's schedule is a difficult one, but I just wanted to tell you that Fred is coming up Monday night, February 1 and will be here the 2nd, 3rd, and 4th. He would very much like to see Senator Johnson and if it could be worked out, Tuesday morning would be an ideal time for us. After you have checked with Senator Johnson, please let me know. My number is RE 7-1655."

January 15, 1960

TELEPHONE CONVERSATION BETWEEN TOM CORCORAN AND
WALTER JENKINS

Tom Corcoran called from the Statler Hotel where he was with Judge Campbell from out in Chicago. He says that he was head of the Youth Administration in Illinois the same time that Senator Johnson was head of the NYA in Texas. Judge Campbell then got on the telephone and said he would be glad to do anything he could to be of assistance out in Chicago when the Senator comes out there. He said that if the Senator would like to meet Archbishop Shield he could also arrange them.

Judge Campbell says he doesn't in any way want to intrude on any plans that have been made for Chicago, but if he could meet the Senator or do anything else, he will be glad to do it.

According to Corcoran, he is a very important person in Chicago and referred to him as the "universal joint" of Chicago. Judge Campbell said that by Monday the Senator's plans should be pretty definite and suggests that WJ call him on Monday. His number is HA 7-2997 - Chicago.

In referring to the Senator when he was NYA Director, Judge Campbell had this to say:

"He is almost as good a Senator as he was a National Youth Administrator. The only objection I had to him then was that he would work around to where he would get all of the money for Texas and I would wind up with just 'chicken feed' for the good state of Illinois. He would pick up most of the change and I had nothing."

WJ:MS

January 15, 1960

TELEPHONE CONVERSATION BETWEEN FRENCH ROBERTSON AND
WALTER JENKINS

' Say Walter, I wish you would look into something for me. The Atomic Energy Commission is drilling some large diameter holes. Some of them are in Nevada and possibly some in New Mexico. It is a new development in rotary drilling and there is a company in Dallas that his making this heavy equipment and rotary bits. They are drilling 40" and 44" holes.

' What I need to know is who I can talk to in the right spot in the Atomic Energy Commission to discuss probable employment in the drilling program. I have a drilling magazine before me which says, among other things, that the AEC test holes appear to be just the beginning of a big program, which will be a very large process. It may be in connection with the AEC "Plow Share Program" and they are drilling some in Nevada for underground tests. They are also drilling holes by mine shafts to be used as escape hatches, under a new Federal law.

"One of the companies that manufactures the large machinery is Moran and Moran in Wichita Falls. We believe this will be very good for the drilling contractors and I want to know who I could talk with about employment in this field. I have the equipment for this type of work. Oh, I might have to get some larger drills, but most of the equipment I already have.

"Please check and wire me what you find out."

January 15, 1960

TELEPHONE CONVERSATION BETWEEN DEAN ACHESON AND
WALTER JENKINS

Dean Acheson called and had the following to say:

"I had a talk with Harris Wafford the other day. He used to be Counsel for the Civil Rights Commission and is now Counsel for Father Hesburgh, President of Notre Dame University. He is coming to Washington on January 20 and will be here for several days and would like to talk with Senator Johnson. It could be over a little lunch or just a meeting, whichever the Senator desires. He is coming to a meeting of the National Science Board. Of course, Indiana isn't too far from Chicago, but from what you say, Lyndon will have a pretty full schedule there. Possibly something could be arranged for the 23rd. I don't want to steer the Senator into anything with Father Hesburgh if he doesn't want to, but I do think it would be a good thing. Father Hesburgh and Mr. Hanna had a long session on the Federal Register plan. It would be wonderful if he could do anything about that. That causes perfectly good Presidents of Colleges a lot of trouble. There is always a leader that says this is a matter of principle, etc. Congressman Rooney, of course, is one of the ones that always tried to block it. I sat next to his wife at a dinner not long ago and I told her that he sometimes did things that were displeasing and she laughed and said that he made her mad sometimes also. I asked her what she did when that happened and she said she told him so. I could see Congressman Rooney watching us--he knew something was going on, but he didn't quite know what. If the Senator could accomplish this, he might be able to use it as a whip on some of his Southern Colleagues. I don't have to tell him what to do though.

"Please let me know whether or not it would be convenient for Lyndon to see Father Hesburgh--if he would like to."

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January 15, 1960

TELEPHONE CONVERSATION BETWEEN MR. DESAPIO AND WALTER JENKINS

Mr. DeSapio called last night and said substantially as follows:

"I have talked to Ed Weisl and I told Ed that we would get together over this weekend on specifics. I would like to leave one thought with you. When will Lyndon be going back to Washington--at what time? We can get him a free TV half hour program if he wants it. I would like to leave that thought with you. It is a program known as "Between the Lines" where the commentator interviews some distinguished guest. He is a personal friend of mine and we can make it come out the way we want to if the Senator is interested. It is known as "Between the Lines". It is a well known program in the East and usually engages top flight personalities. This might be an excellent opportunity if the Senator is interested. We are only throwing these things out so that we can get all of the mileage he can up here."

Mr. DeSapio called back a little bit later and asked if we had any idea what the Senator would be doing around February 13--any idea of his schedule. He reported that there were some things going on up there around that time, but he did not identify them. He just wanted an idea, he said, as to what he would be doing around that time.

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January 13, 1960

TELEPHONE CONVERSATION BETWEEN BUCK HOOD AND WALTER JENKINS

In the course of a conversation with Buck Hood, he asked if an editorial in the Galveston paper might help the Senator. Judge Heath is friendly toward the Senator and is in a position to do what you need done.

"Tell Lyndon that I am getting the pictures for him that he requested of the Blanco Centennial in 1958. It has not been easy because we did not know who took the pictures, but I have now tracked it down and will have it shortly. I believe either Cliff or Lloyd called me about having the pictures made. They should be ready soon."

January 13, 1960

TELEPHONE CONVERSATION BETWEEN ED JOHNSON AND WALTER JENKINS

Ed Johnson called inquiring whether or not Senator Johnson was going to be able to attend the W. O. Bankston ceremonies when he was to be honored. He said that he had noticed in the paper that Senator Johnson would probably be in Austin at the Headliners Dinner. He was told that that was correct and he then said that in that event if the Senator could not come that they would possibly ask Tom Clark but they much preferred to have the Senator if he could come. They wanted to give him the first chance and in the event his schedule would not permit his being present, then they would try to get somebody else.

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Turned over to Mr. Jerry

TELEPHONE CONVERSATION BETWEEN MARVIN WATSON
AND WALTER JENKINS ----- January 13, 1960, 6:40 p. m.

A lot of dissension is being caused in the Ferrell's Bridge area, Marvin says, because individuals who are hopeful of entering into private development building at the lake cannot get the required permits to cross Federal land.

About 6 or 7 months ago, Marvin says, the District Engineer in New Orleans sent in the first request. Hoping to use this one as the example, other applicants have been notified to hold off.

Rain has, apparently, further complicated the situation in that the gates have been opened without first announcing that they would be.

Marvin asks that we look into the problem and see if there is any way to get the permit process under way.

Marvin plans to be in Washington for the Democratic Dinner on the 23rd. Has invited Walter Rogers and his wife to be his guests.

Said he was up in the first district for organizing the 276 precinct workers ---- "it's not one of those things you can do real quick but it is fun." Got the cards of the people in that district who are on the Senator's mailing list and reports them very helpful.

Asked if there was any money to help Jesse Price ----- needs four hundred plus dollars on bus costs, etc. Marvin understands Price got no encouragement on expecting help in this regard prior to making the debts or at any other time.

January 13, 1960

TELEPHONE CONVERSATION BETWEEN KAY FOLGER AND WALTER JENKINS

"I have an invitation for Senator Johnson that I want to pass along to you. Mr. J. W. Hubbard, of Pittsburgh, who had talked with Joe Barr (Mayor) called and asked if Senator Johnson would be one of the speakers for the AMEN CORNER. It is made up of businessmen. They have one big annual dinner. It is supposed to be honoring the return President but it is never really that. They have four people who will say a few words, but two of them are main speakers. There are two Democrats and two Republicans. The second Democrat and Republican will be Senator Clark and Senator Scott in all probability. They are asking Thruston Morton to be the Republican speaker and Senator Johnson as the Democratic speaker. Some of the speakers in other years have been Senator Smathers, Senator Sparkman, Senator Kerr and many others. It is to be held on April 9 and it is to be a dinner meeting with from 2,000 to 2500 people. It would almost have to be bipartisan. He can talk on anything he wants to. The invitation comes from Mr. Hubbard, who is a commissioner in Pittsburgh. He says it has all been cleared, which means that it has the approval of the Governor and other leaders. Mayor Barr said it was cleared and that is what he meant.

"After you find out whether or not Senator Johnson can go, please give me a ring."

WJ:MS

January 12, 1960

MEMORANDUM:

Joe Ræm called from New York saying that he had contacted the people on the West Coast trying to get an entertainer for the Headliners party and had been turned down on all of them. He thinks that he would also get a turn down on Ed Sullivan, Gary Moore and possibly Arthur Godfrey. Ed Sullivan has the Sunday night program which would probably interfere with his coming, Gary Moore broadcasts almost all Friday night and is not worth much the rest of the weekend and he feels that we should not ask Arthur Godfrey since he is devoting his time to recording and trying to conserve his strength.

He said that in the event these failed, and he thought they would say know that Goddard Lieberman and suggested we might possibly be able to get one of the next three - Monty Robbins, who has the hit tune on records at present - EL PASO, Johnnie Cash, and Frankie Lane. He does not know whether or not any of these people are available but is willing to try if you think they would be acceptable. He wants you to check and then let him know.

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January 12, 1960

**TELEPHONE CONVERSATION BETWEEN GERRY MANN AND WALTER JENKINS
1/12/60**

"I do not think there will be any problem at all in the schedule of Senator Johnson in getting from the Stockyards Inn out to the airport in time to make the plane for New York. It is thoroughly understood by the people here that the Senator has to make that plane and they are planning to carry him by helicopter in order to be there by 2:00 P.M. They are fully aware of the time difficulty. Ordinarily before these lunches they have a cocktail hour, but they are planning on doing away with it before lunch this time and will have it after lunch. They do not think there will be any difficulty at all. I will call them and double check, but I am sure everything is going to be all right."

WJ:MS

January 11, 1960

TELEPHONE CONVERSATION BETWEEN ROD MARKLEY AND
WALTER JENKINS

"You know what we went through on H. R. ⁸²²⁹~~8226~~. You had a commitment from the Chairman to get it out on the first order of business. The Finance Committee was all loused up and you did not want to put the heat on it. I see from the paper that the Finance Committee is starting to work on these this week.

Please check up on it and call me back.

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January 11, 1960

TELEPHONE CONVERSATION BETWEEN MR. DESAPIO AND WALTER JENKINS

"I had dinner with Ed Connally and we went over a few things and I had to leave. I tried him at the St. Regis, but apparently he was out for awhile. All I wanted was a specific program on what is Lyndon's schedule when he comes here as we have had a variety of information as to what his schedule is going to be. All we want to do is to try to coordinate with it.

"We want to get together. I don't know whether they are going to try to do it after the Mayor's reception or whether it would be for the following morning. I think possibly the following morning would be better. I would think that something could be arranged after the breakfast you mention. When is Lyndon planning on returning to Washington? After talking with Ed, the way we left it was we would check again on some aspects -- just who we would like to have there with Lyndon. Before we finalize any plans, however, we will come back to you. We just want to make sure as long as he is going to be there for several hours that he gets in to see the right people. If you hear from Ed in the meantime tell him that we have touched base on this and I will come back to him."

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January 11, 1960

TELEPHONE CONVERSATION BETWEEN JOHN PEACE AND WALTER JENKINS

"As I predicted earlier, the failure to get a quota practically put these people out of business. The judge held he did not have jurisdiction because he could not get the people before him. We have \$110,000 barrels of oil sitting down there and there is \$175,000 against it that was financed by Jess Sanders. The warehouse charges are eating us up and we must have some relief from it. Everybody is afraid to buy it for fear it will be declared that it was brought into the country illegally. All I can say is that we need some relief and need it quickly. I think the matter is before the Oil Import Administration. No one will take title to the oil because they are afraid it might be declared it is not legally theirs. We have about \$25,000 or \$30,000 equity in that oil which is being wiped out in storage charges. It is just sitting there. It has been there two or three months since they amended the order. Of course, they have the warehouse receipts and could probably deliver good title. The plant is just sitting there. They could do on a quota of 800 barrels a day which they could get locally and which would put the plant in operation. We could sustain one plant on that local oil.

"There is a tax lien on it for about \$10,000 for withholding taxes. They are in an awful fix. Surely there is some way to break it loose. The Court has since written its final order and in effect they say that they will leave it up to the Oil Import Administration. Under the Court's order they can do anything they want to do with it. I would appreciate it if you could again talk to Captain Carson and see what can be worked out. It is just ridiculous. As we have always argued, that oil is just a drug on the market. Nobody except people that might be in our business could possibly want the oil. Please do what you can to help get this straightened out as we stand to lose a whale of a lot of money. Please report back to me after you have talked to captain Carson."

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January 9, 1960

TELEPHONE CONVERSATION BETWEEN CONGRESSMAN RUTHERFORD
AND WALTER JENKINS

Congressman Rutherford walled and said there had been some complaints out in El Paso about Larry Blackmon. It was the feeling there that he was running under John Bean and trying to go over John Bean's head. It seems that Blackmon had been out there trying to collect some money that they felt was rightfully John's place to do and it had caused a little trouble out there and had people stirred up a bit.

"I told them that if Johnson has named a No. 1 there that that means he is the No. 1 man in El Paso and in this case that is John Bean. I told them that Johnson named Bean, but Johnson is not naming his organization and he is not responsible for everything that is done by some of the people in the organization. After all, Blackmon is not a constituent of mine, but has heavy investments in my district. I just don't want Blackmon to disrupt the setup out in El Paso. I don't know what can be done--I am just reporting the situation with the knowledge something might be done about it in a way that there won't be a 'bull in a china shop' situation."

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January 8, 1960

TELEPHONE CONVERSATION BETWEEN JACK COX AND WALTER JENKINS, January 8, 1960

"I wanted to call and visit with you for a minute. You recall our conversation in Austin. I am a little disturbed. I was with James Barnett in Wichita Falls and some people in Houston and the word I get is that Lyndon is working to get them to endorse Price. They had earlier indicated that they would endorse me. Walter, I can't run against Lyndon and Price at the same time. If that is the case, then I just as well have taken on the 'top dog'. I can't do that. James said you were present when the Senator talked to Howard. They have an editorial all ready to be released, but are holding it up - possibly because the Senator has told them to do it.

"I don't know how these things are coming back, but they are people whose word you can believe. It may be that they are just anticipating. Most of the people are Lyndon's friends and they can't understand it. This is something that I don't want to happen at some crucial point to have Lyndon and Sam get up and say 'for the sake of harmony, you ought to vote for Price Daniel'. I can't get anywhere with all the cards stacked like that. I don't want to beat around the bush talking to anybody else and that is why I am calling you direct. I just got the feeling --well, I just wanted to talk to you about it. I just hate to feel like I have to run against Lyndon and Price at the same time - I wouldn't have a prayer.

"I haven't forgotten about the invitation that was withdrawn by Midcontinent on the suggestion and insistence of one of the Senator's former employees. Yes, I do know his name - it was a man by the name of Mooney. I just don't want things like that happening. You can understand my position. I just hope it isn't true, but please see what can be done to prevent this from happening."

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January 7, 1960

RESUME OF TELEPHONE CONVERSATIONS

JOSEPH JENKINS

Joseph Jenkins called and said that he was talking before the Texas Manufacturers Association on January 14 on the new legislation and would like to know whether or not there was some "message" the Senator would like to pass along to him as to what he might like said.

He also wanted to pass along that if new legislation that might be suggested creates new judgeships, he would like very much to be appointed a judge. He says the Senator told him once that he would vote for confirmation for him on anything he could get nominated to so he wants the Senator to just put back in his mind that he would be interested in a judgeship.

JAKE PICKLE

Jake Pickle called saying he had had a talk with Jim Griffin and what he would like the Senator to do is to stress agriculture. He says the GOP has done a lot of harm by putting a scare into people like cranberries and some meats, etc. Griffin has also been talking with the cattlemen and others and they would like to see the Senator work up an affirmative program. They feel that the GOP is going to try to keep the Democrats on the defensive and we should not allow ourselves to stay in that position. Griffin says that the Farm Bureau in Texas is getting very much interested. They are going to form a Committee in Dallas when they have their meeting next week and if there is something that could be sent to them outlining what the plans are and what they could expect, etc. it would be very helpful. He says they are doing a lot of work for the Senator. They would like to have anything that would be helpful to them.

ED CLARK

Ed Clark called saying that Mr. Hill talked to the Senator and he told he he wanted him to raise some money. Hill doesn't know how much to ask people for--whether for a few hundred or a few thousand or how much. He would like to have some idea what the guide should be. He was told to use his judgment on how much he thinks a man could pay and it would have to be decided by him just what he thought should be asked. Somebody mentioned it to H. E. Butt and he has already sent Clark \$1,000. Mr. Butt said this was just a starter to be given to the Senator. Hill needed to know how many people to contact and whether he should ask for "moderate" sums or a little more. One reason he

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January 7, 1960

RESUME OF TELEPHONE CONVERSATIONS

EDDY JOSEPH

Eddy Joseph called to see whether or not Senator Johnson could accept the invitation to speak before their group. They were hoping to have it at the same time the Coca Cola party was held and that is on the evening of the 11th of February. It will be held in Dallas at the Sheraton Hotel. If the Senator cannot accept, then some of the group want to try to get Kennedy. "You know Lyndon has put us off two or three years. I think it would be helpful to him if he could come this year. Last year he said he could not come and on the very night they had the party he flew in. I would very much like if he could do it if he could arrange his schedule. I do not know that it means very much to him but it means a lot to us and we hope that he can come. There will be several hundred there that the Senator has never reached before and I do think that it is very important that he come. Please check and let us know."

BILL DEASON

Bill Deason called about a matter which he thought the Senator should know about. He says there was a bad incident over at San Augustine around New Year's and that there may be something made of it. They are trying to keep it quiet, but LIFE, TIME, and the NAACP have representatives down there. The situation is this--one of the residents of San Augustine (Bill did not remember his name) was carrying his 16 year old negro babysitter home and apparently he was drunk and on the way home he tried to rape her, a fight followed and he killed her, dumped her body out and repeatedly ran his car over her. They have not proved that is what happened, but everybody - colored and white - think that is what happened. The man says he does not remember anything. They have been trying to drag Jim Lindsey's name into it-- and his brother was first going to be the attorney to defend the fellow, but he has withdrawn. Bill thinks they might mention the Senator's name as well as Sam Rayburn so he thought he ought to know about it. They would be brought in only in the articles that will possibly be written.

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GENE CHAMBERS

"North Texas Oil and Gas, which is a pretty good organization, has decided that they would like to have Attorney General Rogers down here for their big banquet. Marvin McCullough talked to Frank Ikard and he was to extend the invitation. Walter, I am not sold on this idea at all and I would like to see somebody else invited. I just don't think it is a good idea and should not be done at this time. I had rather see your or Frank or Lyndon or somebody. Please talk it over with the Senator and Frank and then report back to me.

"Rudy is going to fly me to Houston and then to San Antonio and check out your plane and then take it back to Austin. He is going to be there and Red is going to be here. Here is what he did. Somebody asked him to turn those bills in and he did not want to. The Senator asked me what I thought. The way I feel is that with the blue cross, etc. just to let it go and it will be made up in other ways. I think they have worked out something around \$600. When he talked to Woody and Jess, they said they had talked to him about 6. I told him then you are not going to turn in any bills. I told them that you were going to make the deal. When Red was working for me I was paying him \$600 a month and he said - 'well that is fine, we will take the ball and run with it'. I think Red is going to be completely happy. Rudy is going to be up and ready to go and if and when you do not need the plane for four or five days, it will work out OK."

JACK KULTGEN

Jack Kultgen called about an invitation Senator Johnson had received from the Texas Surgical Society. They are anxious that the Senator accept and Wilson Crosswait is a very influential doctor and feel that he could do a lot of good among the doctors. I think he carries great weight among the doctors in the medical profession. I wish you would check on that.

"Did Harlon call you about Collins out at the base? The problem is that we are going to have a big day for him down here. He is the one that pushed the Capehart and Wherry Housing. We are wondering if there is any chance to get Colonel Collins a raise. He is now a full Colonel and he has done such an excellent job. He has a lot of money and will return fairly soon, but we would like to get that promotion. Twining and others know him well. He is a wonderful man.

"I don't know what is the matter with a lot of people. They don't give Lyndon credit for all of the many things he has done around here. I just

United States Senate


MEMORANDUM

Walter

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TELEPHONE CONVERSATION BETWEEN JOHN HORN, IN SENATOR
SPARKMAN'S OFFICE AND WALTER JENKINS, January 4, 1960

"There is another club in Alabama that is ready to extend an invitation to Senator Johnson and I don't know whether he is going to be able to accept or not. Just between us, this one is not as important as some of the others he has turned down, such as the Young Democrats, but I firmly believe that Senator Johnson should come into Alabama at some point. So far as Alabama delegates are concerned, we are not going to try to get them pledged to any candidate as they are elected at large. Since the Governor is for Kennedy, you can see what the situation is going to be.

"Now if you repeat this I will deny ever saying it, but because of the election, etc. we are about to develop an opponent and the Senator is going to have to help himself some as we cannot actively do much. You know what I mean. We can go just so far and then Senator Johnson is going to have to go part of the way.

"There are three or four groups down here and Senator Johnson has turned all of them down. I do wish he could have accepted the Young Democrats invitation. I understand they do not yet have a speaker and they would have set the date to meet Senator Johnson's convenience. The particular invitation Senator Johnson is going to receive is from Charles Morgan, Jr., dated December 22 and sent to Johnson City. It is from the Young Men's Business Club in their Man of the Year program. They have an annual dinner each year. I should imagine if he wanted to go they could probably arrange a television coverage. It is my opinion, and of course I would not want to be quoted, that this is not the invitation to accept, although it would be fine if he wanted to go. It is not statewide coverage and I think it would be better if he could accept something that would be statewide.

"I think there will be one thing that will hurt the Senator and that is his stand on Civil Rights. Of course, I understand that he could not afford to take the position we take if he had any idea of being a candidate, but I do think the people of Alabama will not understand his position. I do feel that it would be a good thing if Senator Johnson could come into Alabama because I feel that if they got to know him, he would be in a better position."

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TELEPHONE CONVERSATION BETWEEN JOE KILGORE AND WALTER JENKINS, JANUARY 4, 1960

Joe Kilgore called and said that he had had a call from Bob Segal at Brownsville in connection with a Charro Day celebration which is an annual affair. They always have an honored guest and this year they would like to extend an invitation to Senator Johnson. It is a big affair and there would be a large crowd. They usually have a joint service club luncheon at noon, at which time the honored guest for the night occasion usually is a speaker at the luncheon. The night guest is not the speaker.

If the Senator accepts he and Mrs. Johnson would be furnished beautiful Charro costumes in keeping with the occasion. They cost around \$700 or 800. Hers would be in white and his would be the traditional mexican costume with big hat, etc. The occasion will be on February 25 in Brownsville. It was Segal's feeling that this sort of thing would be something that would attract considerable nationwide coverage. This is not a "corny" type operation. It is a reasonably sophisticated affair.

"After you have talked with Senator Johnson I wish you would give me a ring as I want to call Segal. Of course, if he can't come they will understand, but it might be a good one for him to consider."

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"Bobby Baker called me yesterday. He said Bob Waggoner invited the Senator to a cocktail party before the Brooklyn dinner and the Senator wanted me to ask Carmine whether he ought to accept. I talked to Carmine and he said to accept it by all means. Bobby also said to ask Carmine what the reaction would be if Harriman came out for the Senator. I talked to Carmine about that also and he said he thought it would be fine, but thought it best to wait in connection with any announcement on that--that it would be more helpful later on. Bobby said that Anfuso also wanted to come out strong for the Senator and wanted me to ask Carmine about that. I asked Carmine and he said the Congressman was a very influential fellow and he thought that would be good. Carmine is meeting either today or tomorrow with Ed Connally and Mr. Pendergrast.

"I am with Carmine almost every day. He said he just can't do anything politically right now. He says I am for Lyndon and we will have to find a way and he says he will talk to Lyndon about it. If he came out now, it would only mean that Lehman, Mrs. Roosevelt, Finletter and all of these liberals would make an issue of it and do Lyndon more harm than good.

"You did tell the Senator about Willentz, didn't you? He is very important in my book and the Senator ought to have a meeting with him.

"Bobby Baker told me that Corcoran was trying to get Lyndon to issue a statement on the steel settlement. In my opinion it would be very poor timing to do it at this time. He may say something later, but when everybody is rejoicing over the settlement, it would sound like sour grapes to try to say anything at this time. I certainly don't agree that this is the time. Johnson has got to maintain the image of responsibility.

"It is amazing how much sentiment there is up this way for Johnson. I went to a New Year's party where there were about 200 guests and I venture to say that about 195 of them said that if Johnson got the nomination they would support him. You have read all of these articles about Truman coming out for the Senator--I have a good friend in St. Louis who knows a fellow by the name of McAfee who is close to Truman. He says of course they say they are for Symington, but that Truman actually is for Lyndon Johnson.

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"I am trying to find some good speech writer for Lyndon. The Senator had indicated he liked Ted White. I am working on that speech for Lyndon and I will have it ready in about three days. I want it to be a good one. If Lyndon wants this fellow, I will undertake to pay his fees. I would do anything I could to help elect that man President if he wants it.

"Bobby Lehman sent you an article from the Economist. Bobby did not like it. He thought it was a half-baked article.

"I don't have to tell you what a good friend Dick Berlin is. He wants to do everything he can to be helpful. I am going to be down there a week before the hearings begin. I will be seeing you then."

RALPH FITMAN

Ralph Fitman called and said he had had a call from Kenneth Royall. He is trying to obtain a speaker for the Economic Club of New York. There are over 1,000 leading industrialists who will be present at their meeting. "You might tell Lyndon that the Board of Directors of the Economic Club just voted this morning and between Johnson and Nixon to be the speaker, they chose Johnson. It is a luncheon meeting to be held on March 8. I don't know but Lyndon will probably have made some pronouncement by March 8--if not it would still be an excellent opportunity for him. They will send a plane down and pick him up and then bring him back and he would not be gone from Washington over five hours. It is going to be at the Waldorf Astoria. I wish you would check and let me know."

GEORGE BROWN

George Brown called saying that he is mailing to the Senator some information he had asked for--having to do with Santa Fe. He is not yet ready to make a report however. That will be coming later.

"I have some money that I want to know what to do with. I was wondering if it should be sent to Jake Jacobsen or just who should be getting it and I will be collecting more from time to time. Please check and let me know."

BOB LONG

Bob Long called and said as follows:

"There are two things I would like to tell you about that I think would help Lyndon. I do not know who is misleading Lyndon on the negro

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situation but he certainly is being misled. I rather think it is the Mayor. Mayor Miller has messed into it and so has Cliff Carter and they just don't understand the situation. As between Dr. Givens and Arthur DeWitty, Arthur can do the Senator far more good. Dr. Givens is a 'white man's negro' whereas DeWitty is a 'negro man's negro'. You understand the difference, don't you? In order to get the negro vote, the Senator is going to have to have DeWitty completely on his side. Although it is not known, DeWitty is actually a lobbyist for the NAACP. He is the only negro around that is at the Capitol all of the time and he knows what is going on and can help Lyndon. Lyndon cannot get the negro vote without him. He is very influential. Mayor Miller is still trying to use the tactics that were used fifteen or twenty years ago by slipping some money to different ones and through Churches, etc. That helps a little, but in this day and time it simply will not get the job done. That won't get the votes and the thing that will have to be done if Lyndon expects to get the negro vote is to get Arthur solidly behind you.

"Another thing--they are going to have a big labor meeting in Washington next week. I think it is extremely important that Charlie Herring be there. People react differently when they are away from home and if Herring came up there and got with Petri, Holleman and the others, they could get him into these labor meetings. He could do far more good mixing with those boys away from home than he will ever do by seeing them in Texas when they are busy. I hope you will see that he can come up there as it would be of tremendous help to Lyndon among the labor boys. He could take some of them to lunch or he could talk with them in small groups. I know Charlie already has a meeting next week with Mrs. Randolph, but I really feel that if he could get to Washington he could do more good for Lyndon.

"Marcus Loftis is not going to Washington because Art Edwards is coming so he is leaving Marcus in Texas. This is confidential, but Petri and Jerry Holleman think it is very important that Marcus be up there in Washington. This could be arranged I believe by a call from you to Gordon Freeman, President of the IBEW and you could just say that you had been receiving letters from the different labor people who were going to be in Washington but had not seen a letter from Loftis and that you were wondering why he had not contacted the office. Marcus would like to go, but on account of Edwards being up there he is not going to get a chance to come. I think it is important that Marcus be there and that Herring be there --for the Senator's sake and I hope that you will start work on both matters right away."

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"I think the thing that is going to hurt Kennedy is his age. Most of the foreign leaders are 65 or better and I believe the people are going to feel that a man so young and looks even younger cannot cope with those leaders. I believe they will want a man more mature. I think one of the things Lyndon should really think about is trying to appeal to the people over 60 years of age. There are more than 16 million people who are over 65 years of age and they can all vote. These people do not have to pay poll taxes and most of them are going to vote. What Lyndon should do is to come up with something that is really appealing to them. Those people, in my opinion, are going to decide the next Presidential election. Lyndon is the only Democrat that has been able to answer Eisenhower on the spending issue. I think that if Lyndon would start now with something that would appeal to these people, it would be very beneficial. What they are particularly interested in is stopping inflation and stop spending the public's money. A lot of thought should be given to that idea.

"I think you will have done a good week's work if you can get Charlie and Marcus to Washington."

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GERRY SIEGEL

Gerry Siegel called back saying that he is definitely coming to work and that he will be here no later than Friday of next week. All the arrangements have been made and he has been extended a leave of absence from his present position. He is looking forward very much to his association with Senator Johnson again.

CONGRESSMAN PATMAN

Congressman Patman called expressing the hope that we would see our way clear to approve our card on the Atlanta postmaster. He says he is a good man and would like for us to release our card on this one.

"There will be a group of folks up here from Marshall soon (about four or five) and they want to go to a Texas Delegation luncheon on the 27th. Mr. Rayburn and I are having some special guests in on the 13th and I asked that that one be an open meeting and would hate to ask again so soon. I would you would ask that that be an open meeting on the 27th so they could be special guests on that occasion."

BOB SMITH

Bob Smith called about the invitation the Senator has received from the Dallas Council on World Affairs. They will set most any time he would come. "The letter I got back was declining it, but the dates were wrong in the letter. Since they are so anxious to have the Senator and since if the Senator does not accept, they will probably ask Kennedy, I wish he would take another very careful look at it and I am going to disregard the letter I received and just say that I have not yet received a reply. Kennedy has asked for a date and the Council is disposed to have him, but we want Lyndon Johnson to have a choice of dates and he, of course, is who I want to see come. Lyndon Johnson is my friend and my candidate for President. We have not yet given Kennedy a date. They will no doubt eventually ask all of the potential candidates to speak. This is just a damn frameup on my part--and I am not above it. I want Lyndon Johnson down here for this occasion.

TOM WEBB:

Tom Webb called and wanted you to check with Homer Garrison to try to find out what had happened on the Ward Bond deal. Bond's man has been waiting weeks to see Garrison and has not yet had the chance.

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ROBERT BRUCE

Robert Bruce called from Amarillo inquiring whether or not there was going to be a place for him on the staff--that he was quite interested in working in our organization. He was told that possibly we would not ~~be~~ be able to tell him anything until the middle of next week.

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TELEPHONE CONVERSATION BETWEEN JOE LEONARD AND WALTER JENKINS, January 4, 1960

"The main thing I wanted to call you about was getting the Senator to address the Texas Association of Broadcasters in Houston on March 14. I am President this year and it is going to be a real big meeting at the Rice Hotel and I think it will be long enough after Congress reconvenes for the Senator to be able to get away. It is going to be a luncheon meeting and a real good crowd.

"I think it would be good to bring the people up on legislation affecting radio and TV and of course they may have had some hearings completed by that time. I know that the industry will want to hear about that and the Senator may be able to give them a little more concrete information as to what his plans are for the future. He could really kick that off.

"I am holding this time open and I have him down on that date. We are surely counting on it. I would appreciate if you would check and let me know whether or not he will be able to make it."