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TELEPHONE CONVERSATION BETWEEN PAUL CASSEB, OF
SAN ANTONIO, AND WALTER JENKINS

"I have a client who is interested in the purchase of a surplus ship. He is going to be in Washington the latter part of this week and the first part of next week and he would like very much to have a ten or fifteen minute session with the Senator and I would also like for him to talk with you.

"My client's name is Paul Bush and he has the Ford Agency in Mexico City and the controlling stockholder in a number of banks down there. He thought we might have a ship in moth balls that the Government would be willing to sell to him. He has the money to pay for it. What he wants to do for the Government of Mexico is to hunt for sunken ships along the Mexican coast. The Mexican Government is all for it because in some instances they have found treasures on some of the old ships and also they have unearthed a lot of archeological treasures. He has been President of an organization that has been doing this work.

"Here is the way we are doing it. He is flying up from Mexico Wednesday, the 2nd and he is going to spend Wednesday here and he has to be in Dallas on Thursday so he is scheduled to fly to Washington on Friday. He is going up there on other matters also, but he is anxious to talk with you and the Senator while up there in order to find out how to go about buying this ship which he will need. It would not be an offense if he did not get to see the Senator. When he gets there he will call you, but when he is here on Wednesday we will call you then and you can tell us whether or not there will be a chance for him to see the Senator."

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TELEPHONE CONVERSATION BETWEEN ED JOHNSON AND WALTER JENKINS

"I want to tell you what the situation is. The Chamber of Commerce in Denver has invited or are going to invite Lyndon out here. Cooper was supposed to talk to you and Bobby Baker. He was going to extend the invitation to speak. They are planning to invite a Republican--preferably Dirksen--and a Democrat and they want the Democrat to be Lyndon. Each would talk for 30 minutes. The Subject would be 'What a Democratic victory would mean to the West' and 'What a Republican victory would mean to the West'. They wanted to have it not later than April 20 and would like to have it a few days prior to that time if possible.

"I understand Lyndon is supposed to be in Salt Lake on the 23rd of April and they wanted to meet no later than the 20th, but this is getting awfully close to the 23rd. They said they would leave the date of the week to Lyndon and Dirksen as to when it would be the most convenient.

"Of course, this is sort of a double barrel thing. I don't know whether or not it could be worked out, but it would be a fine thing if it could be. The Young Democrats in Colorado have come up with the other one--they want Lyndon to attend their Convention on May 29 or it could be on May 28. The 29th is on a Sunday and of course the 28th would fall on a Saturday. They would prefer to have it on Sunday, however. That is the Young Democrat Convention which will be held in Denver. They are awfully anxious to get Lyndon. I do think it has its value. We have a Young Democrat by the name of Van Dyke and he has agreed to take over the organization for Lyndon in Colorado.

"We are trying desperately to get some delegates and we will see what can be done. The reason they want a Republican and a Democrat in the first invitation is because the Chamber of Commerce is non-partisan. If they have one from each Party, there won't be any criticism. I was surprised that the Chamber of Commerce of Denver was as anxious as they are to have Lyndon speak before them.

"These people are anxious to get their meetings set up. If he could take both of them I would be the happiest man in the world. Things look much better. However, Kennedy has been going like a house afire, but I think he has now reached a point where his gain is slow. He may have started his campaign a little too early and it might not be too good for him. The Denver Post is backing Symington but not openly. Symington is the guy that is coming up at the present time. There are an awful lot of people

in Colorado that are mighty strong for Lyndon, but they are not the people that attend conventions and get active in campaigns and I was able to get this Young Democrat to head our organization and I think that is excellent. He is a boy that will get around and do things. He is in the insurance business and a bright young fellow and I think is ideal for what we want.

"It is a uphill climb here because Kennedy got such a head start and now Symington is making a lot of headway and, of course, Stevenson has support in organized labor. Anyway, that is the picture and after you talk with these folks and talk to Lyndon and find out what his ideas are, I wish you would let me know. We are trying very hard. We got started a little late, but maybe we can make up for it."

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TELEPHONE CONVERSATION BETWEEN ALBERT JACKSON
AND WALTER JENKINS

Albert Jackson called and said substantially as follows:

"I did a lot of missionary work while in Mobile. There were 52 papers represented. Very few of them were from Texas. As a matter of fact, Frank Mayborn and I were the only ones that I know of. Now I would say that Lyndon is preferred by 70% of those papers. The trouble is that the feeling of the people in those particular states has gotten so rampant that it is hard to reason with them. The feeling is just intense.

"The people in New Orleans are upset. They are watching the Mardi Gras very carefully. I talked with a friend of mine who is with the Times Picayune. He says it is unfortunate that this Civil Rights bill is coming up just when they are having all of this trouble. Of course, it probably was planned that way. He thinks that time will have a tendency to heal things. He says there is some feeling against Johnson and particularly against the people of the north. The feeling is in some parts that Johnson was with us and now he is a 'turn coat,' and has deserted us.

"What do you think can be done about it? Lyndon is in a position that he can't retreat. Another section that has very strong feelings is around Baton Rouge. The editor of the largest paper says that it is all political. I told him that Johnson's position was for a bill which would be a right to vote bill. He says those that refuse to vote for Johnson will vote for Symington. No it doesn't seem to have made any difference about Symington having refused to speak in Little Rock because the meeting was segregated. All of the Scripts Howard papers have been carrying pretty bitter editorials, especially Mobile, Birmingham. Memphis was not so bad. I think Lyndon told me that Jack Howard said he would come out for him in his papers, but he needs to do a little work among all of his editors also. He has nothing to worry about from the Daniels in Raleigh. They are friendly to Johnson. They have always been Democrats and will go to bat for the party. They do feel that the Civil Rights Bill should be limited to voting and they will support Johnson.

"Jim Knight's attitude in Charlotte is very moderate. In upstate Georgia they are pretty bitter, not only against Johnson but against the whole thing. Chattanooga will be for us. Some of the people that were there said they had never seen the feeling so intense. The same thing was said of Mobile. I did what I could to point out the Senator's record and what he stood for and I think it did some good."

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TELEPHONE CONVERSATION BETWEEN MR. BURNS AND WALTER JENKINS

"I will probably be up in Cheyenne and John thought I ought to get the name of the man that is going to help up there. What we are trying to do is to set up an 'operating unit' in each state. Walter Fehling is the worker up in Wyoming.

"My union on the West Coast says that if Johnson is not the Democratic nominee they will vote for Nixon. I feel the need for a national organization. Tom Cassman, Jr. is our worker in Nevada. He is very well liked and quite active. He will be our contact within the state and we picked up Mock in Utah. He is acceptable to all parties and I think he will do the job.

"I was in San Francisco yesterday and the day before. I was talking with Roger Kent and he said he couldn't go for the Southern idea. He was saying that a Southerner can't be elected.

"I feel that we have let the Senator for too much in Salt Lake. His schedule is pretty full. He has a luncheon and a dinner there also. Cal Rollins is selling tickets to it. I think he has something in Boulder on Friday. I am going to meet John Ben in Phoenix on Wednesday. I might go with him from Phoenix to Fort Worth and will be back in Washington at the end of the week. I will be there Monday. I feel reasonably encouraged. You don't hear of too much outside activity, but I am sure things will get to moving soon. Yesterday the Denver paper carried a nice editorial on the Senator. My memory is that it was to the benefit of the Senator. He has gotten some nice statements on his defense position. That was very well put. We are finding that a lot of people will take Nixon over the others, but they won't take Nixon over Johnson."

TELEPHONE CONVERSATION BETWEEN ED COOPER (Association of Motion Pictures, Washington, D. C.) AND WALTER JENKINS, February 29, 1960.

Ed said he had been delegated by Governor Ed Johnson to extend an invitation to Senator Johnson to speak in Denver.

On Friday, in a conversation between Gov. Ed and Ex-Governor Vivian (Republican) an idea has been developed to invite Senator Johnson and either Vice-President Nixon or Senator Dirksen to be joint speakers (30 minutes each) before a special luncheon meeting of the Denver Chamber of Commerce in the ballroom of the new Hilton Hotel in either the first or the second week of April, the speaking to be followed by a question and answer session with the opportunity to screen the questions in advance. The topic for the speech would be "What Would Happen to the West If A (Democrat) (Republican) Were Elected President".

Governor Ed, according to Cooper, believes this meeting would offer a tremendous opportunity to Senator Johnson, particularly if the other speaker were Sen. Dirksen. It would provide the opportunity for Senator Johnson to speak for himself without explanation while Sen. Dirksen would be put in the position of speaking for some other candidate. It would provide Senator Johnson the opportunity to speak on things of particular interest to him and in which this group has a vital concern ----- production of raw materials, irrigation, reclamation, etc. Governor Johnson would introduce Senator Johnson ----- somebody else would introduce Senator Dirksen. The meeting would be broadcast widely and should draw a crowd of 500 to 800 people.

Cooper said "We'd want you to arrange a suitable date. I was delegated to get this word to Lyndon and get word back to Ed Johnson, but somebody from your office ought to talk to Gov. Ed."

Cooper went on to say that Gov. Johnson has finally found a man to head the LBJ activities in the state ---- Gerry Van Dyke, an energetic fellow from Littleton, a suburb of Denver, President of Rappahoke County Young Democratic Organization. "Some little seed money has got to come in," Cooper explained, "some thing around a thousand dollars to open a headquarters, offset Wizzar White (For Kennedy) and that kind of thing ----- Big Ed just doesn't have the money ---- and then it would really go."

February 26, 1960

TELEPHONE CONVERSATION BETWEEN JOHN CONNALLY AND WALTER JENKINS

"I am going to let George Bevil come up and let him spend some time on what we have on the history of the man. I want him to get to know the staff and spend some time around there to see how things are run and to get the feel of things. I think we ought to get him up there and I am going to suggest that he come up tonight and will be there tomorrow to start going over things. Then he can come on down here and spend most of his time here. The Senator saw him in Acapulco. He said he liked the man and when could he go to work.

"I thought possibly he could learn a lot from Bill Lloyd and George Reedy and get the feel of things. The guy has considerable ability and know-how on press relations, etc. and the sooner we get him acclimated the better off we will be. He is planning on coming up there tonight. He will be in there in the morning and will come to see you as soon as he gets there.

"I think John Meacham bought a convair yesterday so tell the Senator we will have that worked out soon. This is what we need-- a pressurized plane where we can get there and get back in a hurry and not spend all of our time going back and forth."

February 26, 1960

Mary Margaret:

The portion of Cliff Carter's call with reference to Kansas is as follows:

"I have had three or four letters from our friends in Kansas and they have written me about their state convention, which is to be held the 5th of March. They are going to have a fund-raising dinner the night before. This is going to be in Hutchison, Kansas. Our people there in Hutchison feel that there ought to be someone there to speak for Senator Johnson that night for the fund-raising dinner. Humphrey, Williams and probably Kennedy will be there and while they can understand that the Senator probably cannot come they sure think someone should be there to speak for the Senator. They had a couple of suggestions: (1) would be Mr. Rayburn, (2) would be Senator Dodd.

"One of the main reasons they are in hopes someone can be there is so they can show their enthusiasm for Johnson. In Breedings district they have had their District Convention and all of their delegates were pledged for Johnson. They would like to have the opportunity to show their enthusiasm and assemble the Hutchison people where they could whoop and holler. They think it might have some effect. I feel that their request has merit and hope you will let me know as soon as possible."

February 25, 1960

TELEPHONE CONVERSATION BETWEEN JAKE JACOBSEN AND WALTER JENKINS

"Just a couple of things:

"Mrs. Griffis is running up some expense accounts and she anticipated she will be running up more. All I want to know is are we supposed to pay for her expenses. I can't see anything else to do and I can't see anything you can say to her.

"We are doing pretty well with money. We haven't received any big sums lately, but we get in button money and that carries us over. The buttons are bringing in enough money to tide us over.

"Blackmon wants to know--if the Fort Worth office hires somebody, shouldn't they tell him so he will know what is going on. A man by the name of Bevel came down a few days ago--just walked in--and it took Larry about fifteen minutes to find out that he was somebody that had been hired up there and had been sent here to get some information. If and when an office is opened in Fort Worth, is the Austin Office going to continue to be the mail station to get out the letters, etc. ?

"If there is anything you want done down here, just let us know. "

February 25, 1960

**TELEPHONE CONVERSATION BETWEEN DOLF HORN, IN MEXICO CITY
AND WALTER JENKINS**

"You probably have already received a letter which the Ambassador asked me to address to the Senator about making an appointment. I called you because in the meantime we have been up to Eagle Pass and Nueva Laredo and while up there talked to Garcia Gonzales and he told me he would not be available on the 8th and would like to have the meeting on the 7th with the Secretary of Commerce instead of the 8th, if it is at all possible.

"In talking with Mike Guahardo he felt that if the Secretary could not see Mr. Gonzales personally it would not be good for him to come all the way to Washington.

"We would appreciate it if the matter could be checked into and whether the 7th would be satisfactory."

February 24, 1960

TELEPHONE CONVERSATION BETWEEN MAC ROY RASER AND WALTER JENKINS

"We have reached almost a complete breakdown at this end of the line. We simply do not have any information on what is going on outside of Texas. I have asked that news clippings from outside the state be sent me, but have not received any of them. I have asked for copies of speeches, but haven't received those either. Let me tell you exactly what I need:

(1) Copy of speeches the Senator made in Indiana and New York

(2) Please see that I get on the mailing list for his weekly broadcasts.

(3) Need very badly some new pictures. These have been used so many times I am reluctant to keep on using them and we are trying to get out our news letter and I certainly do need something that is different. Maybe there are some shots on some of his trips that would do.

(4) I need some clipping from newspapers from outside of Texas. I also need copies of any polls that are taken. We just don't have anything to work with down here and it makes it very difficult. We want anything that might be news so we can get a newsletter out. Please try to see to it that there is a steady flow of stuff coming to us. We desperately need it.

" Aside from the frustration, everything is fine."

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February 24, 1960

TELEPHONE CONVERSATION BETWEEN BILL NEAL AND WALTER JENKINS

Bill Neal called and said substantially as follows:

"I am a little concerned about the situation here in Dallas. What I wanted to be sure you understood is that as far as Mr. Wooten is concerned, he flops back and forth and so does S. J. Hay, and I have had several years to observe that. The thing I want to be absolutely sure about is that nothing is done to hurt Karl Hoblitzelle and Mr. Florence's feelings, and those other friends who have been loyal through the years.

"I can't help but feel that the reason S. J. and some of the others are trying to be helpful is so they can get their names in the paper. I was afraid that if we got too close to Mr. Wooten and S. J. that these other true friends would get their feelings hurt. Wooten likes to leave the picture that he is a big Johnson man and all he is trying to do is pull himself out of that GSA matter about the building.

"As far as politics is concerned, you and I have to be friendly to all of them, but the thing I want to get to you and the Senator is that this is what is going on and the reason Price put him in charge is they are big Baptists together. As far as Wooten is concerned, with his position here in Dallas, I had much rather have him on our side than against us, but please don't do anything that would offend Hoblitzelle. So long as you and the Senator know what the pitch is, it is OK. S. J. Hay is just like Wooten's water boy. Bob Clark has to be friendly with all of them, but he is closer to the Republic National than he is the First.

"In connection with the building, a lot of the opposition comes from some of the boys that have some real estate they would like to get off their hands. I had a chance to visit with Mr. Rayburn. You know he is down here. You know Tom is very ill. They were in hopes that he would be better so they could perform another operation, but that has not yet been possible. I told Mr. Rayburn I did not know how familiar he was with this thing, but I am just hopeful that nobody is going to offend Mr. Hoblitzelle as he is a very prominent man. I don't know what can be done about this situation, but maybe the building won't get in the budget this year. I am just talking to you and Lyndon as a friend and I just didn't want him to be unmiadful of the situation here. I thought this situation would improve and was pretty well in hand when it looked like we were going to get rid of Drake, but it now looks like he will be back in the picture."

February 24, 1960

TELEPHONE CONVERSATION BETWEEN JOE MORAN AND WALTER JENKINS

"I have talked to several of the people in Pennsylvania that will be delegates and they are friendly to Lyndon. Of course, they will have to be appointed by the Executive Committee. I am in that group, however, I will be independent and not appointed by the State Executive Committee. I do not want to be because I could not be and work for Senator Johnson. I want to go uncommitted so I can be for Lyndon.

" I think probably the weakest points would be in the large cities like Pittsburg and Philadelphia. In the outlying areas the Senator seems to have a good following, especially in the central part of the state. I have not had an opportunity to get around to see what the strength is in the big cities. I don't know what David is going to do. With uncommitted delegates in the central part of the state it might be helpful to him.

"I want to drop by in a day or two so we can sit down and discuss the whole situation."

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TELEPHONE CONVERSATION BETWEEN MILTON POTTS AND WALTER JENKINS

Milton Potts called from St. Louis, where they are having their Convention, and said substantially as follows:

"Things are going great out here. We have a booth set up in the lobby of the Sheraton Jefferson Hotel and we are handing out Johnson literature, buttons, etc. There is much enthusiasm. We also have some of the walls decorated. Some of the national boys were not too pleased, but no one got angry. These boys have really been working and it is far beyond expectations. We are not only signing up Democrats from many of the states, we have had numbers of Republicans who have signed the card saying they would be for Johnson.

"I think Lyndon will be interested in knowing that there has been particular interest among those from Minnesota. We are finding a tremendous amount of interest in the western states. We have already had hundreds sign the cards saying they are for Johnson. I don't know much about politics but it looks tremendous to me. Of course, we do have some people who say they are for Kennedy. We also have some people in Michigan and surrounding areas that say Johnson can't do it and that Kennedy would be more likely to make the grade. We are telling them that if you want a man who can beat Nixon - then Johnson is the only one that can. The NRECA thought we might be pulling a march on them. We have banners on three sides of the Sheraton Jefferson. The NRECA would not let us put it on their side, but everything is fine.

"Some of the people in the midwest and particularly in the farming areas say that the most effective thing is to cut Benson's throat on every hand. They say don't let him alone--stay right after him. I have been finding a small amount of complaint from South Carolina and Georgia, but we have been able to answer them and I have been telling them 'You don't think Senator Johnson was going to sit around and let them bring up the Civil Rights bill just before the Convention--that everything will come out all right. There was a complaint from a man in Missouri about the Senator tacking the Civil Rights bill on to the bill he did, but I told him I felt sure that in the long run Senator Johnson would get things straightened out. I am sure it will be taken care of at the proper time.'

"I wish the Senator would drop Jim Egan, Texas Electric Cooperative, in Austin a little personal note because Jim has faithfully stayed at the table here in the lobby of the hotel and worked very hard.

"When I was at the Senator's ranch I told you what was going to happen, didn't I? Another hard worker is this boy by the name of Temple. He lives in Arkansas and can do a lot of good. If the sample we have gotten is any indication, he doesn't have to worry about a second vote. We are going to be handing out more material at 1:30. I like the picture we are using a lot better than any I have seen. The whole thing is very impressive and a lot of these people are still talking about his speech at Chicago; also the Washington speech, but they haven't forgotten the Chicago one. He certainly made a hit there. I just thought you would be interested in a report and I knew the Senator would be pleased to know of the reception being received."

February 23, 1960

TELEPHONE CONVERSATION BETWEEN GENE LOCKE AND WALTER JENKINS

Gene Locke called and said substantially as follows:

"The name of the man you wanted is Charles Lloyd. I believe you only had his nickname and you had asked me to find out his real name.

"I think I can handle all of the other things with the bankers without any trouble if you want me to. I thought about it and talked to Burt about it and he says there will be no problem. I feel sure there won't be any trouble. I am not striving for the job, you understand, but I would be willing to do it if you want me to. We have some more on hand, but I thought I would let things ride for the time being.

"I am reminding you again to remind the man to make the calls which he asked to be reminded of. "

February 23, 1960

**TELEPHONE CONVERSATION BETWEEN GASTON WILDER AND
WALTER JENKINS**

Gaston Wilder called to ask whether or not you had heard anything new on Colonel Ed L. Rankin. He is an A & M graduate and he is now working on the Atlas missile. He has never discussed with Colonel Rankin that he is trying to get him a raise and he says that he doesn't dare discuss it with him. He would very much like to have you check into the matter and see what you can find out as to whether or not Colonel Rankin is being considered for a promotion.

"I don't think Thompson hurt us in his actions. I talked to Fletcher Richardson and Fletcher told me he did not hurt us at all. He said Hardin County was mad as hell at Houston. Houston tried to mess things up. Sometimes when people try to do that they do some good to the other fellow."

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TELEPHONE CONVERSATION BETWEEN ALBERT JACKSON AND
WALTER JENKINS

"I have two or three things on my mind. I ran into John McKee the other day and he has just returned from Arkansas. He says that Faubus is causing Lyndon some trouble in Arkansas. Faubus wants to be the Favorite Son from Arkansas and he apparently wants to make a deal with somebody so he can get some recognition. I thought you had better alert your people in Arkansas. I figured your people in Arkansas were possibly aware of the situation, but I wanted to be sure that you already knew about it.

"From all of the reports I receive from people coming through here from out of the state, Lyndon is gaining strength. Margaret Meyer said that the DOT action did not hurt him because everybody knew that they would not support Lyndon in any way and there really has not been much said about it. Their action certainly was not unexpected. I think that sort of thing helps you in Dallas. Whether it helps anywhere else I don't know.

"I talked with one of the Vice Presidents of a big corporation the other day and the report I received from him was that the corporate heads of the big corporations are pretty down on Mr. Nixon and that a lot of them were looking with favor to Senator Johnson.

"As far as civil rights is concerned, you don't hear much here in Dallas. I talked with a couple of East Texas newspapermen who were here last week. They say there are a few rumors over there among the more uneducated white people. Now I did talk to the editor of one of the papers in Columbia, South Carolina. I have gotten him sort of half way for Lyndon. I was talking to him on another matter. I, of course, did not mention civil rights to him and he did not mention it to me. I may go to a newspaper meeting in Mobile and I will see a lot of the newspaper editors there. We haven't taken any editorial support on the issue. I think I can get our position over to the newspapermen. I have been watching letters to the editor, but they have been negligible."

February 23, 1960

TELEPHONE CONVERSATION BETWEEN MARTIN HARRIS AND
WALTER JENKINS

"We talked briefly to someone in the fall, I believe it was Jim Wilson, about the proposed construction of the Wallaceville reservoir. This is a salt water barrier at the mouth of the Trinity River. The engineers have made their investigation and will have a report soon. The purpose of this call is that last fall they said what was holding the thing up was they were waiting on the comments of the fish and wildlife service. I understand they are going to put one of those wild life ~~spans~~ preserves in there. In any event, it now seems that everything is hung up in Washington and they are dragging their feet.

"I want it to come forward pretty quick. What they have to do is describe what they want and how much money it is going to cost. They can say yes, we want one, but unless they say how many acres they want and how much they think it will cost, etc. it will hold up the whole project.

"Please get behind this and see if there is not some way to rush them up."

February 22, 1960

TELEPHONE CONVERSATION BETWEEN WALTER HALL AND WALTER JENKINS

"You heard what Wayne Morse said ^{that} ~~that~~ Lyndon in Houston, didn't you? He said any Democrat that could be nominated would be very superior to Nixon and he would campaign vigorously for any nominee, but he did say Johnson could not be elected.

"The DOT met down here--hell, the newspapers were real generous when they said there were 400 people there. I want to tell you about the agreement which they made and then violated. They had agreed to lay off Lyndon completely provided I did not try to say anything laudatory about him. When they brought up the resolution they referred to the Democratic leadership as pseudo. When they did that I then went before them lauding Senator Johnson for his stand but they beat me. I had a few more votes, but they were sold a bill of goods.

"What I can't understand is why they would refuse to approve his stand on Civil Rights when they have been for it all of the time. I didn't even have enough votes to get a minority report. If I had had the votes I was going to bring out a minority report, but I did not have enough votes for that. There were at least two or three dozen people that expressed the feeling that they wished they could have gotten that resolution passed. I wish we could have won it also because it would have given us a little prestige. They violated the executive pledge and this is going to be in the newspapers. When I found out they had violated it I gave the straight dope to Martha Gouldy and Manzell. I am going to be in Washington soon.

"Here is what it boils down to. If Lyndon feels that it would serve his purpose, he, of course, could knife at Mrs. Randolph, but I am not convinced that it would be the thing to do. Lyndon feels that he has never done anything to hurt her and I don't think that he has. They still blame him for what happened in San Antonio and I told them frankly that that was not the Senator's fault--that it was price 's and that it should not be blamed on Lyndon. If there were some way the Senator could get before the people, as he has done in the past, how he feels about resigning the legally elected delegates--that they should be seated. I wish he could get that stand better known because a lot of these folks try to blame him for what happened in San Antonio.

"I'll tell the world, Gilbert Adams really got Houston Thompson told off. He just laid his guts in the floor. Houston Thompson got up-- just on being introduced. He tried to disarm Gilbert Adams by trying to get him rattled. Gilbert told him to come on up and take his place if he thought he could do any better. He really hit him some good licks and even though Thompson and Adams are good friends and even have some business together, he sure took him for a cleaning there. When he got through Thompson did not have much to say. He told Thompson that although they were good friends and he was reluctant to take issue with him, he could not sit back without saying something. The man to be blamed for what happened at San Antonio was not Lyndon Johnson. The man to be blamed was Price Daniel and he was the one that should get the blame. He could have told that Thompson was not for Truman when Truman ran-- he voted for Henry Wallace. I think that Thompson was really crushed and he should have been. Even some of the people who have never liked Lyndon--when they heard that the Committee refused to commend a man for something the Convention has just passed a resolution on, they said there was just not much point in continuing to knock themselves out to try to get these people to do otherwise--that you were not going to be able to change them. Unless it would serve Lyndon's purpose for some liberal effect, that is the only reason I would say that he should say anything about Frankie Randolph.

"I don't see how in the world they could refer to the leadership as pseudo. That means phony. Am I not right? They did not mention Johnson's name in that connection--just said the Democratic leadership was pseudo. I had a definite agreement before that meeting that there would be no attacks on Johnson and I would not be present. They undoubtedly felt that they had the votes so they just did not keep that agreement. That is when I came in with my resolution to praise Johnson. They just broke their word and went back on their previous agreement. Some of the boys told me I had put them in a hell of a spot by offering my resolution, but I ask you--how in the hell can I refuse to commend a man on civil rights. Most of the people present represented only a few of the counties. I went into a conference with four people from three counties--Jefferson, Galveston, Brazoria --all of whom were for Lyndon. Cowert is pretty well the one that will control the county convention, and he was upset that the building trades came out for Lyndon. I don't know whether he controls it or not. He has in the past. They still think I have some influence on that group and that it is best for me to stay in the thing. I know this--that while I have not been able to get them to do what they agreed to, I still feel that it came out better for my having been there than if I had not been there. These other friends feel they don't want me to tee off on them. I am going to really hit them a lick. I am going to challenge them to a roll call vote. That will reflect less than 50 counties present.

It is a pretty powerful block, however. They could not control all of the counties they had there. There must have been at least 125 people from Harris County, then others from Jefferson, Brazoria, Orange, Travis, Bexar and Nueces. I would gamble that there weren't even 50 counties present. Of course, it would make them mad as hell to oppose them. I will be up there shortly and will tell you more about it when I get there."

February 22, 1960

**TELEPHONE CONVERSATION BETWEEN CHARLIE BOATNER AND
WALTER JENKINS**

Charlie Boatner called and said substantially as follows:

"We have this Gridiron Dinner coming up on April 1. We will have about 900 top men in Fort Worth and top political leaders of the state. We would give almost anything to get Senator Johnson down here and I think it would do him a lot of good to be here. I thought I would explore it first before we extended a formal invitation to him. He turned it down last year and we certainly hope that it will be possible for him to ~~accept~~ this time.

"The dinner will be held on Friday, April 1 at 7:30 P.M. at Ridgley Country Club. If he can't come then we will not issue a formal invitation, but I can't tell you how important it is to us for him to come. "

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TELEPHONE CONVERSATION BETWEEN JIM WRIGHT AND WALTER JENKINS

Jim Wright called and expressed the hope that Senator and Mrs. Johnson would attend the Chili dinner to be held Monday night and that they would sit at the head table. He also suggested they would like for the Senator to make some remarks about his visit with President Lopez-Mateos. "If it is the kind of thing he feels he would have to have written up ahead of time and that would take too time to prepare, then he need not feel obligated to do it. However, I thought he could just talk "off the cuff" and since this is a Mexican type dinner and the entertainment is Mexican entertainment, it would fit in nicely. Please make him completely comfortable about it, however. If it is going to be a burden to him I will certainly understand. In any event, if he can come we want him and Lady Bird at the head table. I am sending over two tickets for them."

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MEMORANDUM

Walter

Don't mix me up in it. He
knows what I think of Fortas.
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TELEPHONE CONVERSATION BETWEEN HOUSTON HARTE AND
WALTER JENKINS

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TELEPHONE CONVERSATION BETWEEN MR. WEISL AND WALTER JENKINS

Mr. Weisl called and said as follows:

"Have your fellows looked up the law to see how much a person can contribute?

"I understand that under the Truman Administration Truman did not permit any Defense officials to make any political speeches. If that is true, then we can castigate these fellows for making them. Lovett told me too that they were not allowed to make such speeches. It might have been true under Roosevelt also. If he could get that before the public, don't you think they would object? That applied to all of the Service secretaries as well. Under this Administration every Defense officials has been out making political speeches on defense.

"As it stands now, I plan to come down there on Tuesday. One thing we must figure out a way of doing and that is separate Johnson from Symington in these hearings. Lyndon has been very conservative in all of his statements and there is nothing in the hearing that could be construed other than a most objective type of hearing.

"I will be seeing you, but please remember the Truman thing."

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**TELEPHONE CONVERSATION BETWEEN JOHN BEN SHEPPERD AND
WALTER JENKINS**

"There are several things I want to bring up:

(1) On this Utah meeting I kind of plan to go up on Sunday night or Monday. Larry told me that Bobby Baker had told him he was going to talk with Cal Rollins about helping get some money to pay a worker into this district. The man in mind is Mock. What I would like to know is what Bobby Baker has done on it.

(2) Do you think you would be in a position to call Robert Six. He has been very helpful and tell him the Senator wanted you to ask him if it would be convenient for us to call on Jack for a little special work. Jack told me to ask you that.

(3) Senator O'Mahoney and Senator McGee have two very good workers in that territory - Louis Mancea (or Manacea) and Jim Fagin. Fagin is from Casper. We hope it will be possible for them to tell these men to get into this thing. From all reports they are very excellent workers.

(4) Did you talk with Joe Davis? I can tell you one thing-- if his boy is neutral then he is neutral for Humphrey. He is having the Governor of Minnesota as the speaker ~~at the luncheon~~. At the luncheon he was the only one that really had my "bohind" on the grill about Yarborough, the Young Democrats, liberal matters, etc. I think everything came out all right though. I can tell you now - he isn't neutral.

(5) Ron Colio is going to be for us later and he says he is obligated only on the first two ballots. My people here were giving the luncheon and they insisted on picking up the check. He is going to vote for ~~Humphreys~~ Kennedy. He is a partner of some of our people ~~has~~ up there.

*- I will
do this*
(6) A section over on the western slope it turns out to be controlled by Elliot Roosevelt. He is sort of in the saddle there. It was my thought that possibly Miss Tully or John Connally might have some contact there. We have found that quite a few are for Symington. How many copies are available of Booth Mooney's book. We certainly could use some of them to good advantage and even a few copies would help.

(7) We may want Jack Burns to meet us in Salt Lake. I will not be able to work on it but two days, but I could give him a rundown and he could go into other states. I realize that this is not a very good time, but if Senator Russell could call Governor Hickey it might help. He admires Russell very much.

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(8) The papers down here are a little rough. Dave Garroway had a mayor of a small town in Missouri who knifed the Senator in the back for attaching the civil rights bill to the school bill. I doubt that it helps anywhere to have the civil rights thing up, but it something that has to be faced.

(9) There is one engagement that I strongly recommend he accept. This is for Cheyenne the day they have the State Committee meeting. It would be at lunch on the 23rd. They just meet that one day. There is one in Boulder, Colorado that is on Friday night, the 22nd. This is the Jane Jefferson dinner. It is composed of the women democrats. Senator Johnson thought it would be all right, but I have not yet talked to the man in charge. I think we could have a meeting of the Senator's statewide Committee. We are now forming one. We already have a Finance Chairman and a State Chairman already set up and we will have within the next two weeks a statewide committee set up. We were talking about on the 24th to come through Grand Junction for a coffee. There is a newspaper man that is a close friend of Elliot Presson.

(10) I wonder what has been done to get Oscar Chapman to head up a national organization. Would Burns be in a position to spend time in a western office if one were opened? I surely think it would be a good idea and that would be a good place to have it and it could be combined with the Colorado state organization. You might feel him out before we get out in Utah. I don't feel this first trip will take too long."

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TELEPHONE CONVERSATION BETWEEN HOUSTON HARTE AND WALTER JENKINS

Houston Harte called and said as follows:

"I asked John Connally to ask you to get George Reedy to prepare a document that could be used for all of the Johnsons in Tom Green County to sign saying they are for Johnson. They wanted it written so when it was used that it would have some selling stock in it. We have an office here and I have been telling them every day that we would have it and I am afraid to go back over there this morning. I know that all of you are busy, but we sure need something worked up fast as these people are ready to go.

"Have you heard anything from Everett yet. Why don't you ask about his father and then ask about the other matter also.

"We are filing for a television station in Corpus--that is, the Caller-Times is. Do you think we would have as good a chance from a strictly legal point by having Arnold, Fortas, and Porter handle it. They have five or six other people there. I think Fortas does get in that sort of thing. I know that we are going into something that costs a lot of money and I wanted to be right.

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TELEPHONE CONVERSATION BETWEEN JACK SMITH AND WALTER JENKINS

"I just put John Ben Shepperd on a plane for home, but we had a couple of questions. We have an organization in Wyoming which is being headed up by Scotty Jack. The Pueblo date is out. FDR, Jr. was invited. We have a possibility of putting on a Jane-Jefferson Dinner in Boulder, Colorado the night of the 22nd, but before going ahead with that I need to know that it is all right. Then we would suggest the 23rd to go to Cheyenne to meet with the Committee prior to a luncheon of the State Central Committee and that will bring in about 125 and they will meet all day on the 23rd. We are down to what Senator Ed Johnson calls the harvesting in the vineyard. We have that in mind.

"The next thing we are suggesting is the possibility of stopping off for a coffee on Sunday in Grand Junction, Colorado, then proceed back to Washington. We have discussed all of this with Ed Johnson and he likes it. Mr. Sam could be helpful in talking with several about other people that would be leaders in this thing. We are going to try to hit from every angle. John Ben, Fred and I thought Mr. Sam has enough interest in this to want to know what is going on and I am leaving tomorrow and will be there on Tuesday. I can call you when I get there and in the meantime I will talk to the people in Boulder and tell them when I can give them an answer. We had about 14 at a luncheon in Cheyenne, including the State Chairman, and McCracken is going to sit on the sidelines to see how the wind blows. We have a good group and these were representative people at this luncheon.

"Ed Johnson says he is going to need a 'leg man'. He says he doesn't believe in throwing money away, but they will need a little money to pay this boy's expenses. I told him we would see what could be done."

"I will see you on Tuesday and we will go over some of this at that time."

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TELEPHONE CONVERSATION BETWEEN HUNTER McLEAN AND
WALTER JENKINS

Hunter McLean called and said as follows:

"I have something I have to get from the horse's mouth. I keep getting rumors and people keep calling me up saying that our efforts in behalf of Johnson will be double-crossed by Labor if we let them have any prominent part. Lyndon has many friends among the labor group and I feel that it would be a big mistake if we preclude them from taking any part. I would stake my life on some of these boys like McComas who has been willing to come all out for the Senator, but these people keep hollering that you can't trust them. I talked with John about it and he is somewhat of the same opinion--that we will have to keep a close eye on them and Walter I simply don't believe that they would run out on us any quicker than anyone else would.

"Our labor friends assure me that they are going to bring the precincts in for Lyndon in the county and yet people keep calling me--always through somebody else--saying that labor will run out on us and leave us holding the bag. I simply do not believe it--I would stake my life on these boys. Lyndon knows McComas and he knows that he has been for him. The thing I think that has scared them is there was a piece in the paper not long ago where Reuther would be telling the local people what they had to do. As I said, John is one of the ones that keeps saying be careful. I think we should let them have their people on the delegation and I do not believe they will betray us. I think if they bring their people in for Lyndon in the county convention, it would be an outrage not to allow them on the delegation. McComas went as a delegate in 1956. I do want you and Lyndon to discuss it. I am greatly concerned over it. The UAW people are the only ones I am concerned about and we know they are going to do everything that Reuther tells them to.

"My judgment is to let some go on the delegation. I, of course, am going to be careful, but I feel very strongly that there should be some labor people on the delegation. I do not need a report back on this unless there is some reason to be alarmed that Reuther might go off the deep end. I understand the labor poll came in heavily in Lyndon's favor. They sent it to the labor people --whether they were hot for Johnson, cool or against him, etc. Holleman took it and it came out about 86% for Lyndon. I am not pushing the alarm button, but I have to look after these people who I believe to be our friends.

"There has been little or not comment here on Civil Rights and Lyndon's stand."

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TELEPHONE CONVERSATION BETWEEN HARRINGTON WIMBERLY
AND WALTER JENKINS

Kansas
"I was talking to Bobby Baker about the Kansas situation and I thought I might drop by Kansas. Bobby suggested checking with you to see what names you had. One of the leaders is Bob Lemon, who has been the most active of the Democrats for a number of years. If my information is correct about the Oklahoma situation, Magill is going to be elected State Chairman. Kerr is not officially backing Magill. Bob has stayed out of it. Edmonson has made an issue out of the election of the State Chairman. It is my opinion that Oklahoma will never be instructed to go for Kennedy for President. It was Kerr's idea that at this particular time we had better not get Edmonson into this thing at all. Edmonson has gone in so many directions and has made so many people mad-- that it was felt it might be better not to pursue it at this time.

"Press Moore was up here. No doubt about it he is on record as favoring Magill for Chairman. Pat Malloy, the man Edmonson is backing, is Catholic. I think though that Edmonson nor anyone else thinks that they can take Oklahoma delegation to Los Angeles for Kennedy. What he is working for I think is an uninstructed delegation which would put him in a position of more prestige at the Convention. I have been getting a lot of helpful information from Les and Liz Carpenter.

"Have we gotten far enough along to work on a national basis? I think that is very important. We should go over the stuff in Oklahoma and maybe that will give us a better picture. I will know more about Kansas when I get back from there."

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TELEPHONE CONVERSATION BETWEEN SCOTTY PEAK AND WALTER JENKINS

Scotty Peak called and said as follows:

"I have so many poles in the fire. On this dinner on April 30, Bobby wants Mace Brodie and me to arrange for a room off from the Hill, but which would be close. You know the trouble we had before about selling tickets up here. We want to get it set up. It is the feeling that each Senator ought to sell four tables. I want to check with Senator Johnson first because I don't want to start a project, only to have him knock it down. We'd like to know we have his sanction before going ahead."

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TELEPHONE CONVERSATION BETWEEN GENE CHAMBERS AND
WALTER JENKINS

Gene Chambers called and said as follows:

Ball called me today saying that he had not heard anything on the certification of the plane, but we are trying to get it through. His lawyer said it was up on Quesada's Assistant's desk. Before when we were trying to get it through, Lyndon said you were sick with the flu and it was something he did not want to do himself. I want to be sure the Senator still wants to fool with it--does he still want it? This thing has been there a long time.

"We hired a new boy and he is a pretty good boy. He is not used to this conventional gear, but he will get used to it. Red is off the payroll and is on an hourly basis. The boy is on the payroll at \$500 a month. Rudy is flying with him. In fact, he has gone to take A. W. and Jesse to Waco to a Director's meeting.

"Walter, we would like for Lyndon to come to Jamaica with us. I am going on the 26th. Right now is the right season, but reservations are very hard to get so if he wants to take a party, I should know as soon as possible and know just who would be in the party. I have to go up to Chicago and I am thinking about coming by there--possibly Friday.

"When I start to Jamaica, I am going to look over some planes in Florida. They have dozens of them there for sale so I thought I might look into some of those."

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TELEPHONE CONVERSATION BETWEEN WALTER ELY AND
WALTER JENKINS

"I wondered what in the world had happened to you folks. I would like very much to get Mrs. Elizabeth Snyder to come to Washington and go over the entire California political picture with the Senator. Let me tell you something. She is the most brilliant woman in this whole picture. She knows more about politics than anybody and she is in my confidence. What I want to do --the time has come because of a lot of circumstances--when Lyndon ought to be given a thumb nail sketch of the entire picture. We are high up alphabetically and everybody will be watching us.

"I am representing Clint Murchison in a big case and I have to go back to Dallas on Sunday. I will be there Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday. If Lyndon could give us a little time next week I will get her to take a plane from here and I will take one from Dallas and I would like for him to talk to her. Maybe we could see him on Friday morning if that could be worked out. I think it would be better if we got all of the problems settled so that he will know how to regulate his own conduct. The chances are I could leave Dallas next Thursday--a week from Tomorrow -- and we could probably see him Friday morning if that would be satisfactory with the Senator. What do you think of making it tentatively for Friday morning? I will have to check the plane schedules. I might have to fly Thursday night, but I would not mind that if Friday morning were convenient. I think that would be better rather than having to call him off the floor. I believe I can leave Dallas Thursday afternoon. I would appreciate it if you would confirm the date by wire. I would appreciate also your getting two rooms at the Statler Hotel for Thursday night. They don't have to be fancy.

"Mrs. Snyder is an awfully good friend of Cecil King and Harry Sheppard. If the Senator wants to get a little background he can speak to them. She is doing this just for Governmental interests. While she is out of favor with long haired liberals like Ziffirin she is still solid with the regular group and she knows all of the things he should know. This Delegation is going to be picked - probably by March 9. I want to talk about that. We want to make sure that we have people that will remain steadfast. No, I will not be on the delegation. I don't think I want to be on it. I will not pledge myself to Brown even for the first ballot although he is a good friend of mine. I will not compromise with integrity. I could not be on his delegation and speak for the Senator unless I lied about it. I will discuss it when I get back there."

February 16, 1960

**TELEPHONE CONVERSATION BETWEEN BILL KITTRELL AND
WALTER JENKINS**

Bill Kittrell called and had the following to say:

"I am very proud of Lyndon. It was a beautiful job the way he brought up the bill. More has joined Dick Russell and that is really something. Pat Coon and I saw Lyndon for a minute and the Speaker and the day before Pat and I had talked to Yarborough and told him if he was here we would like to see him. He was here on the 11th, but he did not call us until the next day. Pat gave Yarborough a good going over. He told him that he could not be bucking the choice of Texas and the choice of the members of the Texas Delegation and if that was going to be his attitude, he just couldn't expect to get anything done. Well he said 'Now Pat, I have always voted for Lyndon and I have always been for him.'

"I was disappointed that COPE did not endorse Lyndon. What I had heard they would say was they were for him for Favorite Son and Mr. Rayburn called Holleman and was told the folks in Miami asked them to please hold up on it and undoubtedly Holleman did get a call from Miami--possibly from Meaney. You know Holleman is sort of a Meaney man. I feel that if they had driven hard enough they could have brought something out. I don't know whether Yarborough will ever do the right thing, but I believe he will do fewer wrong things in the future. He tells me about the sort of response he got. What he doesn't seem to realize is that this represents a small group of angry people that are for him when things go well and would just as quickly turn against him if he did not do what they wanted him to. Yarborough said 'Boys, don't be worried -- I am not going to do anything to hurt your man.' Pat said that what he said to Yarborough was said in a way that he hoped Yarborough would take it as he meant it, but that Yarborough had construed it to mean that what was said was in the interest of Lyndon. Pat said actually what he told Yarborough was more in the interest of Yarborough, and he wished he had taken it that way.

"We talked to Mr. Rayburn and he said he was through with that fellow. I think you ought to talk to folks like that though. I don't think I am the one, but I think Pat can do it. I just wanted Lyndon to know that I am proud of what he did. Things are moving along fine and you can tell Lyndon that with Pat, Bill Cooper and me here and Walter Hall farther down, we are getting in some pretty hard licks where they will count the most.

"Ralph said that he could not possibly make one vote's difference out in Los Angeles. I told him he might. Here is a man leading a liberal Democratic Party to an ultimate victory and he surely did not want to be quoted on the wrong side of the equation. You might be able to go as a visitor in this role and if you apply yourself right to some of these things and your point of view is right, then it might pay off. He said that he and Lyndon had voted alike on about 95% of the issues."

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TELEPHONE CONVERSATION BETWEEN JAKE JACOBSEN AND WALTER JENKINS

Jake called at 9:15 this morning and said as follows:

"Price is supposed to call Senator Johnson, but just to make sure that you get the information promptly, I thought I ought to call you. We got back from Oklahoma City last night and while there we visited with Governors Hickey, of Wyoming, Docking, of Kansas and Edmonson, of Oklahoma. I don't think at this moment you should worry about Wyoming and Kansas, but Oklahoma will have their county conventions on Saturday. The situation there is this. The big fight in Oklahoma is between Kerr and Edmonson. Edmonson says he is not committed to Kennedy, but it has become a Johnson issue between two men who are being considered for Chairman. Edmonson is backing one man and Kerr forces are backing another and the man that Kerr is backing is labeled the Johnson man. Edmonson says that this naturally makes the issue Johnson and puts the ones backing the other man if they vote for him being in the anti-Johnson league. Edmonson says that he does not want this to happen; that if it does happen he is afraid that the delegation will be pledged to Kennedy. Edmonson says that he is not at all anti-Johnson. In fact, I think that if he and Kerr could get together we might be able to work something out.

"There was a time when Kerr thought Edmonson was going to run against him and that was really what seemed to start the trouble, but Edmonson says that that has all been cleared up--that he is not going to run again Kerr. If they can't agree and if Kerr's man should win the state chairmanship, then Edmonson says it would be difficult for him to support Johnson. Even if Edmonson's man won, and he had been branded with the anti-Johnson label, it would still be hard to vote for Johnson because they would consider that he had turned his back on their people. He says if they could get together he could support Johnson later. They do not know who won the precinct conventions, but from what I can pick up I believe the Kerr forces lost. However, they say it is almost impossible to tell and it is going to be hard to tell even after the state conventions--it is just that close.

"I think that the thing that would pay off would be for the Senator to pay a little attention to Edmonson. I don't know whether Price was making it up or not, but he told Edmonson how much the Senator admired him--said when he was at the ranch not long ago the Senator had been talking about him and the Governor of Tennessee saying he certainly admired them both and that the country had to look to these younger men. That seemed to please him.

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"In one county, which is Kerr's own county, they raised the Catholic issue and of his supporting the man who they say will support Kennedy, Edmonson says that is not true, however. Nobody has really made Johnson the issue, but it just becomes the issue. The Kerr people are saying that you have to support our man because if you don't they will throw the delegation to Kennedy. I think if Kerr could talk with Edmonson and try to smooth things over, it would help more than anything else. This is not a good situation and we should have been working on it before now.

"Edmonson says that nobody from Senator Johnson's camp has ever come to him and asked him to support Johnson. Hickey is going to be the favorite son and hold his delegation together. I am not very impressed with Hickey to tell you the truth. Price talked to Docking more than I did and he did not seem discouraged about Docking. Oklahoma is all split up at this point. I gathered that he might be agreeable to Johnson after favorite son. I was just afraid Price might wait a day or two before he called the Senator and something should be done soon."

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**TELEPHONE CONVERSATION BETWEEN WARREN WOODWARD AND
WALTER JENKINS**

In a conversation with Woody, he said as follows:

"Tell the man that Buster had a 2 1/2 hour meeting with Pee Wee Graham after the meeting last Saturday. He went to great lengths to tell Buster that he did not like what was done. He said they could take no action because the Miami COPE met and suggested that local COPE's do nothing with respect to that particular race; they insisted that Mrs. Randolph be reelected. They endorsed Daniel, they endorsed Yarborough against Ramsey, they endorsed Will Wilson, but were told to take no part in the Senatorial race. They said they would take no action and make no endorsement because of the instructions from Miami.

"The building trades folks had met prior to the meeting in Miami and they had already decided to endorse our man. So Pee Wee came back to Houston and said that he did not agree with the COPE folks in not having made an endorsement and that he was going to tell all of his people to go all out for our man; said he wanted 50 pens and he said he can go into many of the precincts and that he intends to go all out. Buster is going to write a full report and it will be sent to you.

"I wish we were doing more in the political line. We need very desperately to have a national organization set up. We just must have it. We aren't doing enough to my way of thinking."

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TELEPHONE CONVERSATION BETWEEN LARRY BLACKMON AND WALTER JENKINS

"Dave Fouts called. We wrote him another letter. Anyway, he called me yesterday and said Manell's State Chairman of the Central Committee and they asked that 41 names be submitted which will make up their California Delegation to file as a slate and I thought maybe you should get King or someone else to get a list that could be forwarded to them. Will you follow through on getting a list of 41 people that we can submit to them?

"We had a fine meeting in El Paso last night in which Johnny Bean took the lead. He certainly went all out in the Senator's behalf. There were in excess of 200 people at the meeting. The Mayor was not there, but the Mayor's brother was. In some respects he was the one that got him elected. Bob Hayworth was not there, but outside of that it was a very good meeting.

I believe that is about all I have. They do want pretty fast action on the names if at all possible."

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TELEPHONE CONVERSATION BETWEEN SCOTTY PEAK AND WALTER JENKINS

Scotty Peak called and expressed the hope that Senator Johnson could come to Florida. He says that he has been doing a lot of work in the Senator's behalf, but it is just almost essential that he come down there in person if they are going to get anywhere. I am talking about the Jackson Day Dinner at \$100 a plate. We have been having just a little bit of trouble selling tickets, but it will be a full house. It would help if Senator Johnson could come down. Harry Truman is the main speaker. The Senator just has to come down. "We are going to have about a thousand people. I certainly hope that my boss talked to the Senator about coming down. He was supposed to talk to him today if he could. We sure need him to come down if we are going to make any real headway in Florida."

February 15, 1960

TELEPHONE CONVERSATION BETWEEN JACK SMITH AND WALTER JENKINS

In the course of the conversation with Jack Smith about other matters, he wanted to find out the following:

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"We understand now that the Senator has accepted the April 23 dinner in Salt Lake City. Is the date open where he could accept a Tri-County Dinner in Denver. Pueblo would be open on the 21st. Then there could be a Jefferson Day Dinner in Denver on the 22nd and then he could go to Salt Lake on the 23rd. That would give him a good swing around in this section. We could also work in a luncheon in Cheyenne on the 22nd if he would like that. I'd appreciate it if you would talk to the Senator and then let us know. We can set up these engagements if he would like to do it."

February 16, 1960

TELEPHONE CONVERSATION BETWEEN JAKE JACOBSEN AND WALTER JENKINS

Jake called at 9:15 this morning and said as follows:

"Price is supposed to call Senator Johnson, but just to make sure that you get the information promptly, I thought I ought to call you. We got back from Oklahoma City last night and while there we visited with Governors Hickey, of Wyoming, Docking, of Kansas and Edmonson, of Oklahoma. I don't think at this moment you should worry about Wyoming and Kansas, but Oklahoma will have their county conventions on Saturday. The situation there is this. The big fight in Oklahoma is between Kerr and Edmonson. Edmonson says he is not committed to Kennedy, but it has become a Johnson issue between two men who are being considered for Chairman. Edmonson is backing one man and Kerr forces are backing another and the man that Kerr is backing is labeled the Johnson man. Edmonson says that this naturally makes the issue Johnson and puts the ones backing the other man if they vote for him being in the anti-Johnson league. Edmonson says that he does not want this to happen; that if it does happen he is afraid that the delegation will be pledged to Kennedy. Edmonson says that he is not at all anti-Johnson. In fact, I think that if he and Kerr could get together we might be able to work something out.

"There was a time when Kerr thought Edmonson was going to run against him and that was really what seemed to start the trouble, but Edmonson says that that has all been cleared up--that he is not going to run again Kerr. If they can't agree and if Kerr's man should win the state chairmanship, then Edmonson says it would be difficult for him to support Johnson. Even if Edmonson's man won, and he had been branded with the anti-Johnson label, it would still be hard to vote for Johnson because they would consider that he had turned his back on their people. He says if they could get together he could support Johnson later. They do not know who won the precinct conventions, but from what I can pick up I believe the Kerr forces lost. However, they say it is almost impossible to tell and it is going to be hard to tell even after the state conventions--it is just that close.

"I think that the thing that would pay off would be for the Senator to pay a little attention to Edmonson. I don't know whether Price was making it up or not, but he told Edmonson how much the Senator admired him--said when he was at the ranch not long ago the Senator had been talking about him and the Governor of Tennessee saying he certainly admired them both and that the country had to look to these younger men. That seemed to please him.

"In one county, which is Kerr's own county, they raised the Catholic issue and of his supporting the man who they say will support Kennedy, Edmonson says that is not true, however. Nobody has really made Johnson the issue, but it just becomes the issue. The Kerr people are saying that you have to support our man because if you don't they will throw the delegation to Kennedy. I think if Kerr could talk with Edmonson and try to smooth things over, it would help more than anything else. This is not a good situation and we should have been working on it before now.

"Edmonson says that nobody from Senator Johnson's camp has ever come to him and asked him to support Johnson. Hickey is going to be the favorite son and hold his delegation together. I am not very impressed with Hickey to tell you the truth. Price talked to Docking more than I did and he did not seem discouraged about Docking. Oklahoma is all split up at this point. I gathered that he might be agreeable to Johnson after favorite son. I was just afraid Price might wait a day or two before he called the Senator and something should be done soon. "

February 15, 1960

TELEPHONE CONVERSATION BETWEEN WRIGHT PATMAN AND WALTER JENKINS ON FEBRUARY 13, 1960

Congressman Patman called and said as follows:

"I just hope that Lyndon goes into this interest rate problem right away. I hope he gets into it in a real big way. Nobody else is doing it. This is very important Walter and something that the Senator ought to take a lead in--at least see that it is done. Please pass along to Lyndon my interest in this matter and my hope that he can do something about it."

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February 13, 1960

**TELEPHONE CONVERSATION BETWEEN LANE PORTER, OF CHARLOTTSVILLE,
VIRGINIA AND WALTER JENKINS**

"We, of course, are getting a Johnson for President Club under way and several in the group are Young Democrats. They are leaders in that and they want to invite the Senator to come down to speak some time in April under the sponsorship of the Young Democratic Clubs, along with the Johnson for President Clubs.

"We were wondering if five or six of us could come up this week to see Senator Johnson for a few minutes and extend the invitation in person. I wish you would check and call me back. We can come any day but Tuesday of next week. My number is Charlottesville 3-6939. I have classes in the mornings but I may give you a call on Monday afternoon to see what you have found out."

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February 11, 1960

TELEPHONE CONVERSATION BETWEEN BOB SMITH AND WALTER JENKINS

General Bob Smith called yesterday and said as follows:

"A lot of activity is going on down here in behalf of Johnson. They even have me out raising money. I started off with a thousand of this myself. We are going to get the \$150,000 here. We need to get him down here although I know there are many areas that he should visit and I realize what his schedule is like. I still want him to make that foreign policy speech. All we would ask of him would be to make a brief statement and express his views on our foreign policy and then submit himself to questions from the press. I am leaving it open. I hope that he can come."

February 10, 1960

TELEPHONE CONVERSATION BETWEEN EARL RUDDER AND WALTER JENKINS

Earl Rudder called and said substantially as follows:

"I don't know whether or not you have been following this ROTC matter in Colleges, but it is working a great injustice the way things are going. Somebody somewhere along the line has to stand up and be counted and I hope that Lyndon, or somebody else if it doesn't suit his plan, will do it. A lot of the colleges down this way are very proud of their ROTC Units, just as we are, and somebody needs to take the offensive on this. These colleges that refuse to take part in the program because they refuse to take the loyalty oath will be the loser. We would be more than glad to educate them down here, especially at A & M. I do feel that some positive action is going to have to be taken in order to save the ROTC program.

"We are going to summer camp on the 4th to the 18th of June. I am just wondering if Lyndon would like to come down. We would love to have him and I wish you would let me hear from you on that. It was good to visit with you and I appreciate everything you are doing.

"Please do something about the opposition against Tiger. It can be serious if Lyndon does not take some steps to try to counteract if he can. He is going to have to have help and I figure Lyndon can put in good words where they will do the most good. It is strictly Randolph and Labor behind his opponent. I know you don't have too much influence in those quarters, but I am sure Lyndon can figure out a way."

February 9, 1960

TELEPHONE CONVERSATION BETWEEN JIMMY PHILLIPS AND WALTER JENKINS

"I have got to get together with you sometime to find out who is running what. I don't want to sound pessimistic, but in Brazoria County you are going to have to meet the issue squarely. It simply will have to be organized by precinct. I'll tell you right now. You are liable to wake up and find out we have been asleep at the switch. This bunch won't say they are going to support Lyndon. All they will say is that they will support the nominee and that isn't good enough. I want to say they are for Lyndon Johnson or we will find somebody that is. They are organizing the DOT and are becoming very active. We are going to have to meet the issue and if they won't say they are for Johnson they will have to move over to the DOT.

"Did you see the cartoon by Maples? It was about Yarborough not supporting Johnson? I thought it was so good that I had a thousand of them printed and am distributing them every chance I get.

"Mrs. Randolph has her group out organizing and we had better get busy. If Brazoria County were to join up with Galveston County they could control the district and we certainly had better see that doesn't happen. Last week was the first time I learned that Yarborough was going to speak at the Chamber of Commerce dinner. You better keep an eye on Hall. He pretends to be friendly with Johnson, but he takes his orders from Labor and he is not going to do anything to cross Mrs. Randolph --that's for sure.

"A friend of mine up in Michigan has written the Johnson Headquarters in Austin for some information and material. He is one that they should court just a little. He is just a good old boy, but can do the Senator a lot of good. If they will send him the proper kind of letter back, I have an idea he will not only go to work, but will get all of his friends working. That is the kind we need.

"I'll tell you one thing. This is going to be about as rough a convention as we have ever had. It is going to be between Johnson and Yarborough--no doubt about that and we have got to know where people stand. I think if Lyndon could come down here at some time it would help tremendously. He has been all around Brazoria county but has not been here and I am afraid we will be in for some trouble if he does not come. Of course I am going to do everything that I can, but I think an appearance from him would do more than anything else. If he does we will make it big enough that he will be glad he came. It won't be any carnival type thing. I do not want to make an issue of it, but if Brazoria joins Galveston County, then we are in real trouble."

February 9, 1960

TELEPHONE CONVERSATION BETWEEN MARLIN SANDLIN AND WALTER JENKINS

Marlin Sandlin called several days ago and said as follows:

"I was in St. Paul a few days ago and visited with our people there. W. J. Crossus, President of the Western Petroleum Refining Association, says they are having their annual meeting in San Antonio on March 29. Their Board has resolved that they would like to have the Senator for the main speaker on Tuesday, March 29, if he could possibly make it. I told him I would check with you and see if it would be at all possible for the Senator to do it. I told Bill Crossus that the Senator was under tremendous pressure, not only in the Senate, but with speaking engagements in and outside Texas.

"If it came down to a matter of transportation, they will arrange transportation in whatever manner he wants--either by company plane or they can take care of the expenses of other transportation. If the Senator can't make it they will understand, but I would like to have an answer just as soon as possible."

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February 2, 1960

**TELEPHONE CONVERSATION BETWEEN DR. LESLIE, CULP KRUEGER
AND WALTER JENKINS**

Dr. Leslie called and said as follows:

"Say, what do you think about Lyndon going out to California with a real good opportunity. They called me from California this morning --our Heart Association out there. They are going to have their convention on May 4 and will have around 1500 people present. We would like very much to have the Senator as the main speaker and I wish the Senator would call me back personally so I could tell them in all honesty that I talked with the Senator personally. It is an annual meeting and will be held at the Biltmore bowl. They will have excellent coverage over the entire state of California.

"All of the top people will be there, along with the Governor, and they want Lyndon to go out and make their main speech. It is a state wide meeting of the Association. There will be a lot of the Hollywood people there also and a lot of doctors. It will be a top flight affair. What do you think about it Walter? My number is LI 3-2730 at El Campo. I wish you could call me back tonight if at all possible if you can get in touch with the Senator.

Culp Krueger said:

"This is the sort of thing we discussed in Bastrop. This would be a hell of a good lick for Lyndon. Doc really has the connections and the Senator would have an impartial audience. I just want you to know that we are working. Doc is leaving Friday for a meeting of the American Heart Association in New York. They are going to write him up on the work he is doing so he is getting around and he is doing such a terrific job he is getting recognized. Not only will there be doctors there, there will be a lot of these big plants represented out in California and a lot of these medical schools will be represented. California has done more in the heart field than any other state. It is the best in the nation. Doc is trying to catch up here in two years in what it has taken them five to do. I hope Lyndon can accept the invitation as I think it would be an excellent thing for him."

February 2, 1960

TELEPHONE CONVERSATION BETWEEN GENE CHAMBERS AND
WALTER JENKINS

"Haven't heard of any opponents for Lyndon yet. Incidentally, Prof Edwards is running for the Legislature. Joiner has announced as Chairman against Elmer. Joiner came to see me the other day and stayed a long time. I never could figure out why he came--didn't ask for money, just said he wanted to get acquainted. He told me what a great fellow Yarborough was. Joiner said that Yarborough was not mad at Lyndon. Joiner says he has always voted for Lyndon every time.

"There are two things that I really called you about:

(1) Have you heard anything about the resident coming out with a gas bill. It is rumored that he is and the rumor seems to be from Bob Anderson. The TIFRC bunch have asked North Texas to go up there. North Texas refused to go. TIFRC is wild as hell and North Texas is just as well off not getting mixed up with them.

(2) North Texas and the Gas Executive Committee, headed by Clay Underwood want Lyndon to make this speech to their Association. Apparently they did not get Edmonson. He must have turned them down. It is on the 26th of March. I had told them earlier that I thought Lyndon was probably too busy to come. If he isn't tied up on that date, maybe it would be good if he could do it. I wish you would check that with Lyndon and let me know.

"I have been doing a little checking on the plane. I will have more information soon. Red and Rudy are in Mexico, but they will come on up there from Mexico. That is a hell of a long flight for Lyndon. I hope he can make a stop over somewhere--tell him Wichita Falls would be a good stop. I would get them out early the next morning.

"Now that is going to be March 26 -- check it and let me know."

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February 2, 1960

TELEPHONE CONVERSATION BETWEEN WILMER SMITH AND WALTER JENKINS

"I am from Lubbock. I had a telephone call from Mrs. Rita Wharton, Executive Vice President of the Tennessee Agricultural Council and she just alerted me to an invitation to be delivered by Senator Kefauver to Senator Johnson. They are going to ask the Senator to come to Tennessee for the Tennessee Agricultural Council. They will let him set the date--any time after March 20 in Memphis. I understand that if he should accept the speaking engagement, they will probably get the City Auditorium. Senator Kefauver will be in a better position to explain it.

"I will be here until Thursday--staying at the Washington Hotel. I am President of the American Cotton Producers Association and Tennessee Agricultural Council happens to be one of the member groups. I did not know that the invitation was to be extended until just a little while ago and I thought I would find out whether or not there would be any possibility that he would be able to accept.

"It might be better if you would reach me through Congressman Mahon's office and talk to Walter Grubb. I knew that the proper channel was for the invitation to come through the Senator from Tennessee and Senator Kefauver will be in a position to tell you more about it."

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February 1, 1960

TELEPHONE CONVERSATION BETWEEN MR. SKILLEN IN INDIANAPOLIS
AND WALTER JENKINS

"First, we are getting some inquiries from the press. Also, it was announced in the Indiana Star that Mr. Kennedy would be in here on the 4th--possibly for the purpose of setting up his headquarters. Walter, I think it is very important that the Senator have a press conference. It could be held in a hotel room and it would not have to be more than 20 minutes, but I do think it is important for his sake. It would help offset the publicity that Kennedy will naturally get from opening his headquarters here. We want to do what we think would be best for Senator Johnson and we highly recommend that he hold the press conference.

"We are still trying to find out whether or not Mrs. Johnson will be coming with the Senator. They want to make some advance plans if she is coming with him. I wish you would let me know. Are the plans still the same that he will leave Albuquerque around 10:00 and possibly will get in here around 4:30. It will take about 30 minutes to get in here and then there could be about a 20 minute press conference. I think it is very important because of the development here on the Kennedy program. Vance can fill you in on it.

"Humphrey was in here Saturday night to speak to the Young Democrats. He did a wonderful job. He called his short on the different issues and then explained why he felt the way he did. I don't think he will get very far but he is a good speaker. The way it works here--the delegates are bound on the first ballot and then after that they are not. They have to adopt the unit rule~~af~~ after the first ballot.

"I am glad that Reedy is coming ahead of time. I presume he will be taking care of everything. Please let me ^{know} ~~though~~ about the press conference and whether or not Mrs. Johnson is planning to come."

February 1, 1960

TELEPHONE CONVERSATION BETWEEN JIM BLUNDELL AND WALTER JENKINS

Jim Blundell called and said as follows:

"I talked to Dick West and he was pretty upset about the matter. He said he did say something in that respect, but was talking about rumors in the news service. He said he did not state it as a prediction of his own or fact. He was talking about the different rumors and the speculation that was going on and he wanted me to assure Lyndon that he would not do anything to embarrass him in any way.

"In the same broadcast he said he said Lyndon Johnson had made the greatest gains of any candidate and was gaining very rapidly. I think he will be a little more careful from now on. Tell Lyndon he is very friendly and very interested."

February 1, 1960

TELEPHONE CONVERSATION BETWEEN LEONARD MARKS AND WALTER JENKINS

Leonard Marks called and said substantially as follows:

"I had lunch with Drew Pearson today and tried to get the answers to a few things which I want to pass along to you. I first told him of my plans to organize a club for the Senator and asked him if he thought I was wasting my time. He said that that is about the same thing Tyler Able, his son-in-law asked him in December and said that after he finished his schooling he wanted to do the same thing and Drew said that had I asked him in December he would probably have said you might be, but now he didn't think I was and suggested that I go ahead with the Club.

"I found that Drew was more optimistic and more sympathetic than ever before and I don't think he will write any more unfriendly articles. He told me that after Pat Brown went to see the Senator the other day, he came by to see Drew. He said this time he was much more impressed with Senator Johnson than at the first meeting. He said Brown had a meeting the first time for an hour and a half and Senator Johnson did all of the talking--that the first half hour he was rather impressed, the second half hour he was not so impressed and the last 30 minutes he got down right angry. Drew is going to California next week and he is going to talk with Pat Brown and I told him to try to see Paul Ziffirin and see if he could persuade him not to be attacking Democrats--that they might be elected. By the way, he did not know of Ziffirin's statement until I told him.

"He personally feels that Humphry will make the strongest candidate against Nixon --does not think he can win. He is fearful that at the Convention it will become Protestant vs Catholic and that if Kennedy is not nominated the Catholics would boycott a Protestant. I asked him what he would think of a Johnson-Kennedy ticket and he thought that would be all right, but felt that a Johnson-Humphrey ticket would be stronger and would pull in the liberal vote.

"Drew said the time he saw the Senator he told him several things he thought should be done that would help in campaign issues. One of the things was the situation in Poland and that has already proven to be so. The other thing that he is extremely interested in is McClellan's subcommittee. He says they are going to ask for \$49,500 for the Subcommittee and that it should have \$100,000 to carry on its work, get a good Counsel cooperate with the C ommittee. He feels this is the subcommittee that should do the job. Now Walter, he will help. It is just a matter of keeping your lines of communication open to him.

"Drew had a clipping in his pocket that somebody from Texas had sent him about the station filing for FM. He wanted to know why the station had filed for FM. I explained this was just part of service--that it had nothing at all to do with trying to monopolize or anything like that. He then asked about the 29% in Ardmore, Bryan, etc. The clipping had mentioned that. I explained that situation to him--how the station in Waco had taken over part of the equipment from the other television station, how Bryan and Ardmore got in the picture. etc. He seemed satisfied with the explanation.

His attitude is different this time, as you will see, and that is the way we want to keep it.

February 1, 1960

TELEPHONE CONVERSATION BETWEEN MARVIN WATSON AND
WALTER JENKINS

Marvin Watson called and said as follows:

"I talked to Cliff about the plane. He had mentioned that the Senator had suggested that he and Lloyd go out to Albuquerque. The plane will be available. Cliff called me this morning and said that he was going out Wednesday. I actually wasn't planning on going until Thursday --then be there Friday and Friday night. We will try Allen Duckworth. The plane unfortunately does not hold but four people. Mr. Germany wants to go and has asked the Governor to go along. He has not had definite word yet as to whether or not he can go. Don't worry. We will have a group there. I will plan on going out commercial. That is what I want to do. We are writing those letters like I told you and we are making a lot of contacts up there. I think those people will reciprocate for what Mr. Germany has done there and what the Senator has done for them. Don't you worry--the plane will be ready to go and we are looking forward to being out there. Hope you come along."

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TELEPHONE CONVERSATION BETWEEN JOE SKILES AND WALTER JENKINS

Joe Skiles said as follows:

"Yes, I know Paul Rogers very well. He is a great big fellow. He moved from Denton not too long ago. It is a long story and a pretty sad one. I think Paul is really a little bit off. He has been in and out of mental institutions several times. He was married to a very nice lady from East Texas who had some money and kept the family going for a long time. Finally she couldn't take it any longer and they got a divorce and he moved away from here. He was out in California for awhile and then moved back to Texas.

"This mental trouble has been getting worse. He attended the same church with us. One time in Austin he got up after the sermon and had to be taken out for all of the things he was saying--just intimidating the whole congregation. He was a candidate in this county for County School Superintendent about 52 or 53 and received less than 100 votes. He just couldn't make a living here so moved. That is just about it. He is crazy. I am sure that he would not have enough money in the bank to cover his check, but I will confidentially check with my good friend Joe Kimbrough and then call you back. Of course, I will keep all of this to myself--you need not worry about that."