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REMARKS BY MRS. LYNDON B. JOHNSON
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First, I want to tell you I appreciate your coming out to say hello. I have had a delightful morning in Virginia where the old and the new South are so vividly joined.

I understand Ahoskie began as a railroad town and I was advised the best thing I could do for it was to bring in a trainload of passengers. I've done my best.

I'm sorry we can't stay long enough to visit Chowan College in Murfreesboro. Some of my closest relatives are students and they tell me: "mother, if you really want to make a hit, visit all the schools at classtime."

No one who knows anything about North Carolina -- no one who has met exponents like Luther Hodges, Terry Sanford, and Herbert Bonner can fail to appreciate the fact that long ago North Carolina put education as its number one goal.

When I look at the roster of colleges there are in this state, I remember a Texas governor -- never known for his willingness to budget money for the state universities -- once warned his legislature -- "You've gone hog-wild over education." Well, I'm glad North Carolina has gone hog-wild. You have been a beacon-light to the rest of the South. And there isn't a mother or father here who doesn't hope that her children will be able to prepare themselves in high schools and colleges for a prosperous future.

With the kind of determination you have, it is no wonder North Carolinians have a yearly per capita income \$13 above the national average.

I have enjoyed so much meeting again your able public officials. But we have come here today -- not just because we enjoy an autumn train-ride across this Southland... but because we believe that North Carolinians are interested in good government -- far-sighted government -- and we believe that the party with the most heart, the most vision, the most stability is the Democratic Party.

All of us are here to say -- what I suspect you have already guessed -- that we hope you will place your confidence in the President again, in Dan Moore, in Bob Scott, in Herbert Bonner -- and right on down the line.

Thank you for turning out.