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REMARKS BY MRS. LYNDON B. JOHNSON
SELMA, NORTH CAROLINA

You have a delightful mayor -- Mr. Wiggs -- who wired us in Washington and told us that the last two presidential candidates who came through Selma carried the State -- why didn't the President come too.

My husband chuckled and wished earnestly that he could come here, but he hopes to see all of you in Raleigh tonight.

The economic forging ahead of North Carolina is a bright page of Southern history. North Carolinians now have an average per capita income of \$245 more than they had in 1960 and that is \$13 above the national average.

I was delighted to know this. After all, this is ham and egg country and we don't want anything to happen here to spoil our favorite national breakfast.

When I decided to come here I read up on Selma and Johnston County. I learned that North Carolina Historian, Bill Sharpe, said: "If anyone wanted to send off a slice of North Carolina as a sample, he'd have to pick Johnston County."

If I were you, I wouldn't let anyone send a slice of Johnston County anywhere. I'd keep it right here and enjoy its good weather, good people and lovely rolling countryside. I hope all you Johnston County folks won't hold the lack of a "T" in his name against the President.

Ten months ago on a most awful day, my husband became your President. Behind him lay the experience of 12 years in the House of Representatives, 12 years in the Senate, and three years in the Vice Presidency. Into these last 10 months, he has poured all the energy, intellect, and heart he has to try to keep our country prosperous, preserve peace and plan for a greater America. You can tell what sort of President he will make because you have lived through these ten months along with us. I am proud of his record and I hope you will want to continue it.

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