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TELEPHONE CONVERSATION BETWEEN THE PRESIDENT AND MR. WALKER
STONE (to Mr. Stone)

LBJ Hello?

WS Mr. President...I say you today and I'm proud of you.

LBJ Well, I just wanted to talk to my frugal, thrifty, friend who believes in a dollar's value..dollar's worth.. out...out of a dollar spent...

WS Well fine. That's a mighty good philosophy.

LBJ Laughter..thank you Walker. I just want to thank you for being with me these last few days that have been...so much of a trial and tribulation and Marshall came calling on me and was real wonderful and I don't deserve it but I do appreciate it.

WS Well, we're on call anytime, Lyndon.

LBJ Get me any word you think I ought to have and pick up the phone and call me when you need to...I need all the help that I can get and if I can count on my friend..to give me the benefit of your judgement and your wisdom of the years.

WS Well I thank you for that...I'd rather wait until you got something you think I can help on...

LBJ Well, I'll do that. I'll be in touch with you but the trouble with the man here..he gets locked in behind the gate, you know and he just sees the people who make him see them and he doesn't get to .. Mr. Rayburn always said that the people got around him and kinda closed him off... I don't want to get fenced off and I'm going to break through like a wild pony sometime..

WS O.K.

LBJ You come in and the first time you're over this way...give me a buzz and lets sit down and visit some evening.

WS All right. Who should I call?

LBJ Call Bill Moyers or Mrs. Roberts. Anytime you're free, 5 o'clock..if you're here Friday..if you're not out of town, maybe we can do it then... I'll sit down after the cool of the evening ...kinda relax a little and I'd

LBJ
Comtd like to visit with you. Thank you Walker.

WS Well, thank you.

LBJ Bye

WS Bye

PRESIDENT JOHNSON'S NOTES ON CONVERSATION WITH
WALKER STONE

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Mr. Stone said: "I saw you today and I'm proud of you."

The President answered: "...I just want to thank you for being with me these last few days that have been so much trial and tribulation. Marshall came calling on me and was real wonderful and I don't deserve it but I do appreciate it.... Get me any word you think I ought to have...the trouble with the man here is he gets locked in behind the gate...Mr. Rayburn always said that the people got around him and kinda closed him off...I don't want to get fenced off..."