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TELEPHONE CONVERSATION BETWEEN THE PRESIDENT & GOV. ALLAN SHIVERS  
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LBJ Governor? Lyndon Johnson ✓

AS Yes..Hello.

LBJ I'm terribly appreciative of your concern and your interest and I knew that that was the way you'd feel because that's the kind of fellow you are and I just wanted you to know that I didn't ignore it and it touched me deeply and I'll try to reciprocate that friendship.

AS Well, you're mighty nice and I think you're doing everything just right .. you've handled it well.. you're a tremendous person and I think you're due every commendation.. and you're doing real good.. truly.

LBJ Thank you

AS No one would recognize it more than you that you have a tremendous problem .. and lots of obstacles.. but I know you can do it.

LBJ Well, I'm in water over my head and trying to learn how to swim.. but I'm doing the best I can ..

AS I agree with you..

LBJ I wish you'd sit down once in awhile and put down on a piece of paper any thought you have or anything that your associates think will need attention.. cause I need all the damned help I can get.

AS Well.. I agree with that, of course... but you're in .. you're not in water over your head.. and I would be willing first to disagree with that kind of a statement.. and I told my Sunday school class last week.. I don't know whether you knew it or not but I teach a Men's Bible Class and have for several years...

LBJ Yes, Walter told me.. believe it was Walter told me...

AS And.. I told them that I thought we were particularly fortunate t.... democracy is usually strongest in its differences.. and in changes.. and we were most fortunate in having someone of your experience.. and that I have never known a man of the experience and training that you've had.. I mean that.. you're well fitted for it and I know you'll do a good job.

LBJ Well... give Mary Alice my love and the first time you're this way be sure and let me know a day ahead of time..

AS Call on us.. if...

LBJ Tell Gary... you all still buddies?

AS Oh sure...

LBJ Give him my regard... he's been a mighty loyal friend to me and I never will forget it.

AS We're going to have dinner with another friend of yours.. the Erwins tonight..

LBJ Oh... give Frank my love. I'm very partial to him.. I think he's done a wonderful job..

AS It is his anniversary.. you might want to..

LBJ I'll do that.. I'll just sure do it..

AS And we're going to a little cocktail-buffet for some debutantes.. and then we're going to have dinner with Frank.. over at the Forty Acres Club..

AS ... we'll be at the Forty Acres Club...if you want to send a wire..  
LBJ I'll sure do it..making a note of it...what time you going to be over there?  
AS About 8 oclock I imagins..  
LBJ In about an hour..OK ..fine...  
AS Well, the best of everything to you...  
LBJ And give my love to Mary Alice..  
AS Thank you ..  
LBJ See you  
ASX Goodbye