

November 24, 1963

TELEPHONE CONVERSATION BETWEEN THE PRESIDENT AND  
CONGRESSMAN JACK BROOKS

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CB: Hello, Mr. President?

LBJ: Hi, Jack, how are you doing, my friend?

CB: I'm fine. You're doing beautifully.

LBJ: Well....I ain't doing. I've got lots to this one. I haven't got much of it behind me...

CB: Well, Charlotte and I were down working... I'm supposed to go on Marine Corp duty but I just wanted to....

LBJ: What are you going on Marine Corp duty for?

CB: Well, I'd been scheduled to go Monday but I'm going to stay over for the funeral, so I thought I'd go tomorrow afternoon.

LBJ: Well, I'll be darned.

CB: Unless there's anything you want me to do. ...between now and then and after I come back or anything....

LBJ: No, No, No, No. Want to come up and see you Wednesday. I'll miss you.

CB: Well, I can catch it on television. I've done a little work with some of these brothers. We'll be working steady. Charlotte wanted to give you her love and tell you how proud she is of you.

LBJ: Well, tell her I just hope she can say that a year from now.....

CB: Well, it's not going to be any easy job but there's not anybody better prepared than you ...I told them on ABC television yesterday... that you're the best prepared Vice President we ever had in the history of the country...training, temperament. It was a live interview, 8-minute show, I think it was a good one.

LBJ: Good...

CB: We've got to start being...not to be cold-blooded, but, I mean to be realistic, we ought to be pointing out that we've got a fine President that can do the job and is because it's good for the country...

LBJ: Well, where are you eating dinner?

CB: Anywhere. Where are you going?

LBJ: I thought maybe I might send a car up there for you when I get ready to leave here, I've got a couple or two that I'm going to get in touch with, might drive out to the house and have a drink .. a sandwich... potluck

CB: All right. What time you think you're going to be ....

LBJ: I would guess I'd be through between six and six-thirty, maybe six. I'll call you, or have somebody call you and pick you up and then take you home.

CB: With Charlotte?

LBJ: Oh, sure, sure, sure.

CB: Especially with Charlotte! She's right here... she wants to say hello.

LBJ: All right.

CB: Hello sir.

LBJ: Hi, Charlotte. How are you, honey.

CB: I am doing pretty good and my thoughts and prayers are with you

LBJ: Thank you, honey. Well, listen, are you all going home or stay there ... tell me.

CB: Oh, we're just going to be here a little while.

LBJ: I thought I'd send a car up there for you and Jack and bring you all over here and as soon as I'm through here we'll go on out to the house.

CB: That'll be fine, sir. Looking forward to seeing you.

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TELEPHONE NOTES  
THE PRESIDENT AND CONGRESSMAN JACK BROOKS.

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- A Hello.
- B Hello, Mr. President?
- A Hi Jack. How are you doing my friend?
- B I'm fine. You've been doing beautifully.
- A Well (laugh) I ain't doing. I got lots to do. (laugh)  
But I haven't got much of it behind me.
- B- Well Charlotte and I, we are down working. I'm supposed  
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TELEPHONE NOTES

THE PRESIDENT AND CONGRESSMAN JACK BROOKS - continued

A I thought maybe I might send a car up after you when I get ready to leave here. I've got a couple I want to get in touch with and might drive out to the house and have a drink and a sandwich.

B What time do you think you are going to be ?

A I would guess I would be through between 6 or 6:30, but I will call you or have somebody call you and pick you up and then they can take you home.

B With Charlotte? Charlotte? With Charlotte?

A Yes, sure, sure, sure. Especially with Charlotte. I thought you were calling Charlotte.

B She's right here. She's going to say hello.

A I thought you were calling her. Excuse me.

B Here's that girl right here.

A-Jr. Hello sir.

A Hi Charlotte how are you honey?

B I'm doing pretty good. And my thoughts and prayers are with you.

A Thank you. Are you all going on home or are you going to stay here at the office.

B We are just going to be here a little while.

A I'd thought

A Gets on intercom to Sec & gives order to get car to pick up the Brook's and bring them by & pick up Homer Thornberry at the same time.

Sec. All right sir. I sure will.  
A Tell Sec. Anderson to come in and tell Bill Moyer when he gets free to come in.

PRESIDENT JOHNSON'S NOTES ON CONVERSATION WITH  
CONGRESSMAN JACK BROOKS                      NOVEMBER 23, 1963

Congressman Brooks said: "It's not going to be an easy job but there isn't anybody any better prepared to do it than you.... you're the best prepared Vice President we have ever had in the history of the country...training and temperament."

(President Johnson asked him to come to his house, with Charlotte, that night.)