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Processing Note

Re: Telephone Conversation between the President and Mr. Whitney Young, November 24, 1963, 5:55 p.m.

While working on preservation of the dictabelts, the archives staff observed the following inaccuracies in the transcript:

On page 1, the transcript reads:

WY: "...we're gonna meet..."

On page 1, last paragraph, the transcript reads:

WY: "...Jim _____ and I...."

The archives staff heard:

WY: "...we're gonna meet James Farmer"

and:

WY: "...Jim Farmer and I...."

Claudia Anderson
Archivist

November 24, 1963

5:55 P. M.

TELEPHONE CONVERSATION BETWEEN THE PRESIDENT AND
MR. WHITNEY YOUNG

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WY: How are you, sir. How are you doing.

LBJ: Hello, my friend.

WY: I just happen to talk George _____ and just wanted to bear this point to you that have one hundred percent confidence.

LBJ: Well, you're mighty....

WY: I've been seeing this on television and radio and I'm quite sincere about it.

LBJ: I know that. You've been wonderful. I want you to come in during the next few days as soon as we can get this behind us but in the meantime I want you to be thinking, of course, I'm going to urge the Congress to go ahead and act now but I don't know what we're going to get out of them in the way of tax and civil rights in the next three weeks. They're going home Thanksgiving and they're coming back but we're just beginning to fight. But I want you to give some thought to what our approaches ought to be and who I ought to ^{talk} to and how we ought to organize and how we ought to really move ahead.... with what we're going to do and let's all try and go in the same direction, kind of like we have with Equal Opportunity. And, I want you to do some heavy thinking on it and statesman-like thinking on it and come in to see me. I'm going to call Roy as soon as I hang up talking to you and I don't know who else to call, but if you wouldn't mind giving a little thought to that, maybe I ought to call one or two more... if you do, maybe you can give me

WY: I think it would be marvelous. The number is BE-3-0536. I think it might good strategy, now. ... we're gonna meet...

LBJ: What about Phil Randolph?

WY: Phil is in Chicago.

LBJ: Would you call him ~~for me~~... if you were me?

WY: Yes. I think it is very strategic. And all it's really doing is reconfirming cause Jim _____ and I were together yesterday and he feels the same way I do.

- LBJ: Well, I just want to get the benefit of your thinking and your approach and let's try to not move with that ball until we know where we're going and then let's go and go right on through that goal line and then not ever ... might get run out of bounds a time or two but .. they'll keep coming and kind of like the fellow said "what's the difference between a Texas Ranger and a Texas Sheriff"... said "well, when you hit a Ranger he just keeps coming." So, that's kind of the fight we want to get in. We want to just keep coming when we start ...
- WY: I've got some ideas.. and I'd be happy to talk with you.. the sooner the better because....
- LBJ: Well, I've got to get this funeral behind me and I've got all these heads of states coming and I've got to say something publicly ... I'm going to the Joint Session and I think I just ought to tell them we're carrying on and ask for passage of the Civil Rights Bill and the Tax Bill.. and, I've got to sit down ... we've got to devise the strategy to get it done. Humphrey told me yesterday that they're all going home Thanksgiving and not gonna come back to taxes until December 10th and said everybody is so worn out, mad, and tired... they're not going to pass anything between now and December 18th, when they quit for Christmas, so I've got to get in behind them pretty quick.
- WY: Well, let me make a quick suggestion. I think you've just got to make a date for that and point out that ... as the death of President Kennedy... that hate that goes unchecked doesn't stop just for the week.. and the killing at Birmingham.. the people feel that they can react with violence when they dissent. So this thing is now bigger..
- LBJ: Dedicate a whole page on Hate... hate international... hate domestic... and just say that this hate that produces inequality, this hate that produces poverty... that's why we've got to have a tax bill... the hate that produces injustice... that's why we've got to have civil rights... it's a cancer that just eats out our national existence...
- WY: Right, right... that's wonderful.
- LBJ: God bless you.... I was thinking of you.....
- WY: One more thing.... CORE and I haven't heard anything about we sort of expected an invitation... how are they handling that?
- LBJ: I have no idea... and, let me inquire on it but I'd sure... I'm taking my family and I'd almost take you as my guest if I can get an extra ticket... let me see

LBJ (Contd)

about it... I don't know... Bobby is handling it. But I can check it...

WY: If you would. I think it would be good that... I'd be happy to be with you
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LBJ: Well, I'll just check it and see what happens and I'll get back to you some
time tomorrow...

WY: Thanks... good... I'll be right here.

LBJ: Bye

6:23PM CONVERSATION BETWEEN THE PRESIDENT AND WHITNEY YOUNG AGAIN

LBJ: That invitation will come through to you and Roy tonight.

WY: Tonight.

LBJ: Yes, we talked to Sargent Shriver and he said that he'd work it right out.

WY: Thanks so much. What time is that?

LBJ: I don't know.

WY: Well, I mean, what time is the service?

LBJ: Noon

WY: O. K. Thanks so much.

LBJ: Now, if you don't... you call Bill Moyers through the White House
switchboard...

WY: Bill Moyers.

LBJ: He's my assistant.

WY: Yes... I've met him.. Had him speak at our conference..

LBJ: Well, no wonder he hasn't been worth a _____ to me... he's running
around here all the time.. O. K.

WY: God bless you.

LBJ: Thank you, my friend. Bye.

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PRESIDENT JOHNSON'S NOTES ON CONVERSATION WITH
MR. WHITNEY YOUNG NOVEMBER 24, 1963

Mr. Young said: "I just happened to talk to George and just wanted to bear this point to you that you have our one hundred per cent confidence."

President Johnson told him that he was going to be calling for advice on tax, civil rights, and Mr. Young suggested that in his talk to the Joint Session ~~ix~~ the President should mention that "hate that goes unchecked doesn't stop just for the week."