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Processing Note

Re: Telephone Conversation between the President and Senator Clinton Anderson, 11/27/63, 10:31 a.m.

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

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The archives staff heard:

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LBJ: "...that Harry Byrd always voted with the Republicans...."

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Archivist

November 27, 1963
10:31 a.m.

TELEPHONE CONVERSATION BETWEEN THE PRESIDENT
AND SENATOR CLINTON ANDERSON
(to Senator Anderson)

CA: Good morning, Mr. President.

LBJ: Walter Jenkins told me of your wonderful message and of course I hadn't anticipated but I knew that when you had the time...that's the way you feel and what you'd do...and I just want to thank you for it..

CA: Well, you know...I took a certain position in 1960 and I'm glad I am going to have a chance to have demonstrated why I took it ...

LBJ: Well, I hope so...now, listen ...we've got a problem.. the President had agreed to decorate Oppenheimer in the Rose Garden on next Monday...they've got his citation written ...the President is presenting it..so on and so forth...I don't think that we ought to cancel that..

CA: No, indeed...

LBJ: We ought to just go ahead and make it but I didn't want to say yes until I talked to you and got your reaction...

CA: Well, I think you should go right ahead... with it....

LBJ: All right ...now will we get any backlash on that?

CA: Some...

LBJ: What'll that be....

CA: Well, a lot of them feel, of course...

LBJ: That the admiral-type fellow...that the straws are thinking...

CA: Well, he was foolish...the things he did...I'd have to discuss with somebody...for instance...somebody who said "well, weren't you a communist?"...he was so damned mad to think that they would

- CA
Cont'd question the guy who had developed the bomb...he'd say
 "oh, sure..sure." and walk away and scorn...sarcastic..
 but the worst of it is those things are clear in the record..
- LBJ: You think. though...that I ought to go ahead..and do it...
 that's what I think...
- CA: I surely do and if anybody jumped me about it well I'd say
 well this is the decision reached by my predecessor...I'm not
 in the process of reversing the things that he did out of the
 goodness of his heart.
- LBJ: That's good...now...I want you to look at this speech..just as
 soon as you can and...I've got a draft now and I'm going to send
 it to you..and I hope it gets there before we come to the Hill
 ...I don't know how long this White House staff takes to
 mimeograph it..but then I want you to feel...not only at liberty
 ...but feel that you're directed to get me some suggestions and
 ideas because you're progressive...and I like to look upon you
 as I look upon myself ...progressive without being radical and
 prudent without being reactionary..so you just get me a memo
 every few days and pick up the phone and call...
- CA: Anytime....just so it doesn't get to be burdensome...but I'll
 sure do it...
- LBJ: I want it and pick up the phone and call....I've sure got to talk to
 you about the space budget...you see we go in here on this....
 is there any hope of getting that tax bill out before you go home?
- CA: No...
- LBJ: Will it..when they come back?
- CA: Yes...I think...yes when we get back. I think you'd make a great
 mistake to try to rush it...Russell has some programs ..will try
 to pass some of it this year and go on to the next year..you'll make
 a perpetual enemy out of Harry Byrd if you do it and it isn't worth it.
 I pointed out to a reporter the other day...that Harry Byrd always
 with the Republicans...until you became the leader of

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the Democrats...and you could bring him to it once in awhile
...and very frequently...on every crucial vote you had him.
And you can get him again..

LBJ: That's wonderful.. Thanks, my friend..

CA: All right...