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TELEPHONE CONVERSATION BETWEEN THE PRESIDENT AND ROSCOE DRUMMOND  
(from Mr. Drummond)

LBJ Roscoe?

RD Mr. President, ...

LBJ My friend, I want to thank God for you and your friendship through the years and particularly the strong way you've helped me the last day or two and just before I went home tonight I wanted to tell you that among the many things that I'm thankful for, none I'm more thankful for than your confidence.

RD Well, Mr. President, I'm just gratified and I watched your speech today and I knew that the hand of God was in it and Mr. President, you're my President and I'm very proud of the way you're doing it.

LBJ Well, you have, through the years, been unusually charitable with me and I'm kind of like the preacher that was surprised when they gave him a Ford automobile .. in congregation one Sunday... he got up somewhat frustrated and said "I don't appreciate it... but I do deserve it."

Laughter. I don't deserve it but I DO appreciate it. And I never needed you more than I do now.. with the terrible situation I find myself in.. I'll just do the best I can and be as charitable as I can and give my love to your sweet wife.

RD I will... thank you.

LBJ Happy Thanksgiving to you.

RD Right. Thank you

LBJ Bye

PRESIDENT JOHNSON'S NOTES ON CONVERSATION WITH  
RCSCOE DRUMMOND NOVEMBER 27, 1963

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