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TELEPHONE CONVERSATION BETWEEN THE PRESIDENT AND BEN McELWAY
(to Mr. McElway)

BMc Hello HM President.

LBJ I just want to thank you for your friendship and how generous you've been with me in these trying days and how lucky and thank God that I've got you and I want to thank you for your wonderful editorial and everything else..

BMc Well thank you Mr. President and we're with you.

LBJ I never needed you more than I do now...and as I said, this thing came upon me but I've got to do the best I can and if you have any thoughts along that line, please give me the benefit of your experience and wisdom.

BMc Thank you Mr. President.

LBJ Thank you Ben...Bye

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PRESIDENT JOHNSON'S NOTES ON CONVERSATION WITH
BEN McKELWAY NOVEMBER 27, 1963

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Mr. McKelway said: "Mr. President...we're with you."