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TELEPHONE CONVERSATION BETWEEN THE PRESIDENT AND MRS. JOHN
CONNALLY (to Mrs. Connally)

LBJ: Hello sweetheart. I'm so proud of your boy...he's up here and I'm sitting here in my office, with XLady Bird, Lucy and Lynda...and we wanted to find out how our boy was getting along.

Mrs C: Wait a minute...I know this is irrelevant...but I want to tell you I have never been prouder of anybody than I was of you a while ago...can you hear me?

LBJ I sure can. And I've always been mighty proud of you...darling. I appreciate it...I'd rather hear that from you than nearly anybody..

Mrs C I was trying to decide whether to try to get in touch with you or not.. but.. Lyndon, you just made me feel so wonderful.

LBJ Well, you're a wonderful girl. How's my boy?

Mrs C He's doing real well.

LBJ Is he in much pain?

Mrs C Considerable..but not too much. He's doing real good. He's not talking on the phone yet or anything cause as soon as he does..he'll talk to you.

LBJ Here's three little chubbies want to say hello to you.

Mrs C All right. Well don't you forget how proud we all were of you today.

LBJ All right. Give him a hug for me and tell him I'll call you every day or so..I want to know..and keep up with him.

Mrs C I will...you tend to your big business and we want to help whenever we can ...

LBJ Sure have been proud of little Johnnie...he's a chip off the old block.. and the little blond block, too. He has all the grace and charm of Nellie and all the wisdom of John and the poise...he made the nicest statement to Mrs. Kennedy than any 17-year old boy could have.

Mrs C Oh..that makes me feel wonderful.. you were wonderful to tend to him.

LBJ Well, he didn't need any tending to. He can be on his own, honey. You

LBJ
Contd can turn him out to pasture.

Mrs C OK. I'll send him to you.

LBJ Here's Lady Bird.

Mrs C All right

Mrs J Nellie..I finally got to see you on television.

Mrs C Oh.....well that was a pitiful little appearance, wasn't it?

Mrs J I was so glad I got to see you...oh, my...and you looked beautiful and so feminine..and so..so distraught...and sort of compassionate for everybody that was hurt..well, you couldn't have been better.

Mrs C I just finished listening to Lyndon and I just couldn't have been prouder of him...I know you are.

Mrs J Yes mam...I sure am. And thank you.

Mrs C Wonderful...wonderful...I know you're having hard times yourself right now.

Lucy Hi, Aunt Nellie..this is Lucy.

Mrs C Hi, honey..how are you?

Lucy Oh, I'm doing pretty well. I sure did enjoy getting to see Johnnie.

Mrs C Well, you all are mighty sweet to Johnnie..he'll never, never forget it.

Lucy Well, he was real good to me..I sort of needed somebody..cause my sister wasn't up here and he was the best brother anybody could want.

Mrs C Well aren't you dear to say so. ^{all} You/looked mighty pretty today..I just finished watching you..and listening to your daddy and they'd flash over to you pretty girls every now and then.

Lucy Well thank you very much and you take care of my Uncle John..and yourself and your children and we love you.

Mrs C Well now you all help your mother and daddy now...

Lynda This is Lynda..I just wanted to tell you that I love you too..

Mrs C Thank you Lynda..you sweet, sweet thing. We're awful proud of your daddy and your mother and you and Lucy.

LBJ Honey..did little Joannie get home with a lighter?

Mrs C Yes he did.

LBJ That's good. OK.

Mrs C Sure did.

LBJ Call me honey if there's anything I can do in any way.

Mrs C Yes sir. I will.

LBJ Bye

Mrs C Bye