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TELEPHONE CONVERSATION BETWEEN THE PRESIDENT AND DR. STANTON  
(to Dr. Stanton)

Dr. S How are you, Mr. President?

LBJ I never felt better and never needed you more .. I just wanted to thank you for how good all your people had been to me.. tell you how proud I was I knew you and you'd better get ready cause I'm liable to work your little tail off.

DR. S Laughter.. well it is ready to be worked, sir.

LBJ Well, I want you.. it is going to take all we've got to hold this country together in the next few months and the world together and I want your suggestions and advice.. get over that reticent modesty of yours.. act like you've lived in Texas.

Dr. S All right sir, I will.

LBJ Lady Bird wants to say a word to you.. we're just eating lunch here .. in my office.. and I haven't had a chance to call you before now but I just..

Dr. S It is wonderful to talk with you and let me just say, Mr. President, you're doing a beautiful, beautiful, job.

LBJ Thank you, Frank. Here's Lady Bird.

Mrs J Dr. Stan... one of the jobs we're doing is racking our brain for smart people that we personally know and feel close to you.. well, you're sure one and I hope it doesn't scare you but we're going to need you.

Dr. S Well, Lady Bird. I'll do anything I can do.

LBJ Thank you Frank. Give our love to Ruth and be thinking of everybody that you know that has capacity and kinda of catalogue them because that is what we need more now than anything else.. and thank you.

Dr. S Yes sir. Thank you.

LBJ Give your wife our love.

Dr. S I will. thanks so much