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TELEPHONE CONVERSATION BETWEEN THE PRESIDENT AND SEN. HICKENLOOPE:  
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LBJ: Bourke? How are you?  
BH Hello, Mr. President..how are you?  
LBJ Pretty good. Bourke..I've been talking to John McCone and Dick Russell and I would like for you..  
BH Mr. President. May I caution you...this is a country line...about seven patrons on it..whatever you say..can you say in..ah..  
LBJ Yes. Dick Russell is going to extend to you an invitation  
BH Yes.  
LBJ You and your Chairman..to sit in with him. .on some matters..the man I just discussed with you.  
BH Yes.  
LBJ Regularly from time to time..and I would like very much for you all. ~~you~~ ..he wouldn't let anybody else do it..but I'd like very much for you all to do that..  
BH Well...I'm very interested in it and I'll be happy to do it if it will help any..  
LBJ Yes, I think it will. I just want you to have ...want John to keep you right up to date on it because I know that you two men need to know it and I know you can be absolutely trusted and Russell won't invite anybody else..but he has agreed as my request..to invite you all and all of us think that right now it is important that you do it.  
BH Yes...now I don't plan on being back until Wed. night..  
LBJ That's all right. You just don't say anything about this..I didn't know where you were but I just told them..I just had these conversations this evening  
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BH Well, I understand...I believe..I understand what it is..  
LBJ He says that he is perfectly willing to invite you two ..now he wouldn't invite another iminority member or another majority one...and it is just the two names and not the two individuals and not necessarily ...minority of the Chairman  
BH I understand  
LBJ But he would let you all in becasm..he said he's kept a bunch off on his own ... some of his best friends..but the things that I've gone over the last few days..I'd feel a little more ~~un~~comfortable if both of you sat there all the time..  
BH Well, I'll be very happy to do it.  
LBJ Thank you, Bourke. All I want you to do is just to listen to it and do what you always do..what is best for America. Goodbye  
BH Goodbye..Yes. Goodbye, Mr. President