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TELEPHONE CONVERSATION BETWEEN THE PRESIDENT AND A. PHILIP RANDOLPH
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LBJ Phil?

AR: Hello.. Mr. President?

LBJ Phil, this is Lyndon Johnson.

AR: How are you, Mr. President?

LBJ I'm just doing fine.. I wanted to call you and tell you that I hope first time you're down here... you give me a ring.. I want to visit with you some about our program.

AR All right.. I'll be very glad to do that. I'll be down there Wednesday.

LBJ All right. You give me a ring and don't say anything about it.. but I don't want to stir up the folks on the Hill until we get ready to see the whites of their eyes.

AR All right

LBJ But I want to talk to you and have a little visit with you and you just call my girl when you get in town and be thinking about the general picture.. they're not going to give us a rule... I have had the Speaker go to the Chairman.. he's said nothing this year.

AR I see

LBJ And I think if we wait until next year.. and get it out of the House.. time it gets to the Senate.. and they'll be debating the tax bill and then be the primaries coming on and they'll talk us to death. I think we've got to move now.

AR I see. All right, Mr. President. I'll give you a ring and I'll come by.

LBJ My judgment is.. we probably ought to get this petition signed up and get every single vote that is available in the house of representatives .. particular both sides.. and get them on that petition that first day.

AR Surely. I see. Very good

LBJ So you be thinking about that and thinking about what courses we can bring to bear to talk to every single Republican and just say are you for civil rights

LBJ
Contd or you're not....

AR Very good

LBJ And the whole test is going to be whether they give us a hearing..now Rules Committee won't give us a hearing so we'll have to get a hearing on the floor itself by discharge...

AR I see

LBJ Add I haven't talked to anybody but Roy Wilkins about this..but I don't want the press getting it in the paper...it would destroy all we're doing..

AR That's true

LBJ But I just think we ought to have..every...signed the moment it is laid down.
Thank you sir.

AR Thank you for calling. Bye

LBJ Bye