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TELEPHONE CONVERSATION BETWEEN THE PRESIDENT AND SENATOR
SALTONSTALL (to Senator Saltonstall)

LBJ Leverett?

LS: Yes, Mr. President.

LBJ How are you my beloved friend?

LS Well, I'm just as well as I can be. I want to help you if I can..

LBJ I called you because a good personal friend of mine that lives down in my ranch came in last night to fix up two or three little things here, deed and some private affairs... my will.. and he was telling me .. Mrs. Johnson and me that he wanted to meet this fellow Saltonstall... you'd never been down there but he had seen you on some panel... talking about me.. and that it was the most wonderful thing he'd seen and what a good man he thought you were.. and I just wanted to call you up and thank you.

LS Well, thank you very much.. Mr. President. I appreciate that. That was the panel, I guess, on Sunday afternoon, when we were all trying to be helpful

LBJ I didn't see it because they kept me kind of tied down ... I'm kind of a prisoner anyway, but I knew you would be doing that, but I didn't want you to know that I overlooked it or that I didn't appreciate it and...

LS I certainly appreciate your taking the time to call me.

LBJ Well, I want you to come in when you... when you get back here.. and I want your help and your prayers... because I'll need them both.. I know what a good public servant you are and I want to try to do the best I can to hold this country together.

LS Well, I know you will and I have confidence in you.

LBJ Thank you my friend. Again, appreciation to you.

LS Thank you. Goodbye

LBJ Goodbye