

NOTES: TELEPHONE CALL -- THE PRESIDENT TO SENATOR DIRKSEN

November 23, 1963

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1:50 pm

LBJ I'm rather of the opinion that it might be a good thing the day after the funeral assuming the one in Boston is Tuesday, probably Wednesday, to have a joint session and make a brief statement. We've been talking it over, I thought I ought to, and the boys on the staff thought I ought to, and I wanted to get your thoughts on it.

Dirksen I think that would be reassuring to the country.

LBJ I think every chance you get to say like you did this morning and let them know that you're part of this partnership and your country comes first would be good too.

Dirksen You know I will.

LBJ The President spent a couple of hours and we reviewed a good many things including staffs and other things. I won't make it definite, I'll have to see when the funeral is, but I'll let you know one of the first just as soon as you decide if you think that's indicated -- we'll just tentatively shoot at probably Wednesday.

Dirksen Yes, Mr. President.

LBJ Thank you.

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- A I'm rather of the opinion that it might be a good thing the day after the one in Boston's Tuesday, probably Wednesday to have a Joint Session and make a brief statement and talk we've been talking it over and _____ thought I ought to and the boys over on the staff thought I ought to and I want to get your thoughts on it.
- B I believe it would be ~~absolutely~~ reassuring to the country
- A Well, I think every chance you get to say what you did like you did this morning and let them know it gives part of this partnership and your country comes first it would be good too. And the President spent a couple hours with me and we reviewed a good many things including staffs and other things and I won't make it definite I want to see when the funeral is but I will let you know one of the first just as soon as we decide and if you think that is indicated we will just tentatively shut it probably til Wednesday.
- B That's good.
- A Thank you.