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TELEPHONE NOTES

THE PRESIDENT AND WALTER REUTHER. 4:20

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- A I know you must be. I just wanted to tell you that I have had a terrifying responsibility and I need your friendship more than I ever did in my life and I want to rely on you and count on you and I am going to go before the Joint Session I guess on Monday and tell these folks I don't want them to abandon the ship, to get ready that we are going to turn our sails into the wind and we are going to carry on.
- B Well, we have to and I want to ~~thank you~~ tell you Mr. President you have my prayers, my friendship and want to be of every possible help that I can offer at your disposal.
- A Well, I need it all. I never needed it as much in my life as
- B Anything time that you need me you call and I'll be there and any time you've got a chance for a chat I'd like to come in and visit with you.
- A All right. We'll work it out and I'll be in touch with you in a few days.
- B Very good.
- A Thank you Walter.

PRESIDENT JOHNSON'S NOTES ON CONVERSATION WITH
WALTER REUTHER NOVEMBER 23, 1963

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President Johnson told Mr. Reuther that he had a terrifying responsibility and needed Mr. Reuther's help and friendship more than he had ever needed them before.

Mr. Reuther said: "Mr. President, you have my prayers, my friendship, and...every possible help that I can offer... Any time you need me, you call and I'll be there."

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**NOTES ON
TELEPHONE CALL
THE PRESIDENT TO WALTER REUTHER**

The President called to tell Mr. Reuther that he had a terrifying responsibility and needed his friendship much. Told him of a joint session, with no plans of abandoning ship, but to get ready and turn the sails in the wind. Mr. Reuther offered his prayers, his friendship and every possible help.