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TELEPHONE CONVERSATION BETWEEN THE PRESIDENT AND MR. GOULD
LINCOLN (to Mr. Lincoln)

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LBJ I'm going to try to be worth of it.

GL Mr. President. I'm delighted to say "Mr. President." You know that.

LBJ I sure do, Gould.

GL I wrote you a letter which I sent to Willie Day Taylor.. she promised to give it to you..

LBJ Well, I haven't seen it.. I'll ask her tomorrow.

GL I only put it in the mail this afternoon.

LBJ Well, I'll get it then... she'll get it to me tomorrow... I was up till 2. 30 last night on the speech.

GL Well I think you did a wonderful job today.. and I really thought the content of your speech and the delivery was just... fine.

LBJ This is off-the-record. I don't want anything said about it but Bob Anderson called and said that General Eisenhower had given him some suggestions.. I talked to him awhile.. but he said he was up with a group of businessmen the other day and said that he just didn't think that this could happen.. said if he does that, we're going to have to support him. Laughter.

GL Well, I think that's true.

LBJ When I started talking about frugality and thrift and getting a dollar's worth value out of a dollar's spent... and saying I was going to tighten up on things and watch what we're doing and try to do some of these things, he said that they just broke into applause.

GL Well, that is true. And you have that Congress with you 1,000 percent.

LBJ Well they're mighty wonderful and I just wanted to tell you this before I left the office for Thanksgiving, my friend. It's been a long time, you know.. you wrote a story.. about 32.. well I came to this town 32 years ago today and in '32-'31 years ago you wrote the first story about me in a Washington paper.. I still have the clipping, Electing the Speaker of the

Little Congress.. Bob Jackson told you about it... and you wrote a little

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story said that the youngsters took over...

GL

Yeah... well I certainly am glad you are taking over.

LBJ

Thank you Gould.. I want you to drop in and see me sometime.. first time that you're free and we get a little of this work behind us, maybe we can sit down..

GL

I don't want to bother you at this time.. cause I know how terribly busy you are...

LBJ

Thank you my friend. I sure appreciate it.

GL

Thank you, Mr. President.

EBJ

O.K. thank you Gould.

GL

Bye

PRESIDENT JOHNSON'S NOTES ON CONVERSATION WITH
GOULD LINCOLN NOVEMBER 27, 1963

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Mr. Lincoln: "I wrote you a letter which I sent to Willie Day -- she promised to give it to you .. I think you did a wonderful job today...I thought the content of your speech and the delivery was just -- fine... And you have that Congress with you 1,000 per cent..."

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