

## TELEPHONE NOTES

THE PRESIDENT AND SPEAKER MCCORMACK-3:54 P.M.

- A I would guess that Wednesday would be the best day for us. Tentatively to plan on and I will know within the next hour what the family thinks would fit into Tuesday but I'm afraid they might think that's a little too early. Now what problems will you have with your Membership on Wednesday. Sing away for Thanksgiving.
- B (cannot hear Mr. McCormack at all here)
- A I'll make it Tuesday if I can, except for the family. If not we'll make it Wednesday.
- B All right. Now I'm not going to say anything for the present.
- A No. No, I'll call you when that decision is made.
- B Because I want to know. (cannot hear rest of McCormack here)
- A They may have a mass there, I am not sure. But as I understand it they finally decided to have it finally here in Washington on Monday.
- B I see. Well, I'll be available here, or tonight at the hotel.
- A Thank you my friend, I'll be in touch with you.
- B You're not talking tonight are you?
- A No, I think it's best to do it before the Congress and let them take some extra     ?    .
- B It's not an immediate situation.
- A Very frankly, Mr. Speaker. I don't want to -- I think that almost anything you do -- I can't sit still -- I've got to keep the government going. I met with the Cabinet this afternoon-- we've got the budget to resolve next week, but I don't want the family to feel that I am having any lack of respect, so I have a very delicate wire to walk there.
- B On the question of Tuesday or Wednesday, don't you let that disturb you at all. You make your own decisions. It is a

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delicate field for us all and you should respect the delicacy.

A Thank you my friend.

B This is of paramount importance and gravity.

A All right, my friend.

B Thank you Mr. President. Goodbye

A Goodbye.

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NOTES ON  
TELEPHONE CALL  
THE PRESIDENT TO SPEAKER MCCORMACK

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The President told the Speaker that it looked like Wednesday would be the best day for the joint session -- at least for tentative plans. The President said he would know in the next hour what the family plans were -- and then asked for any problems that the Speaker might have with the membership. That is in regard to being away for Thanksgiving. They agreed that nothing would be said to the press, and the President would call the Speaker when the decision for the session had been made. The President said the government couldn't ~~be~~ still -- he didn't want the family to feel he had any lack of respect, and he wanted to be very thoughtful of them.