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Today we have a clip from the Johnson Presidential Library and Museum.

Tuesday, August 4, 1964, was a day of startling news in the White House. President Johnson planned to work on his legislative program. But two crises interrupted his work that day--one concerned reports of a new attack in the Gulf of Tonkin, off the coast of North Vietnam while a second dealt with the discovery of the bodies of missing civil rights workers in Mississippi. Together the two crises would dramatically impact the lives of millions of Americans and Vietnamese.

The First Lady knew what a difficult day it had been for her husband when she called to speak to him by telephone at 8:35 pm.

TELEPHONE CONVERSATION

Operator: There you are.

LBJ: Darling?

CTJ: Yes, beloved.

LBJ: Did you want me?

CTJ: I just wanted to see you whenever you were all alone.

LBJ: Alright.

CTJ: Just merely to tell you I loved you, that's all.

LBJ: Well, I'll be over there. Are the [Judge and Mrs. Robert (Bobby)] Russells still there?

CTJ: No. They left at 3:30 this afternoon, dear.

LBJ: Well, I'll be darned. Well, why didn't they tell me goodbye?

CTJ: [pause] ...because I guess they just figured you just didn't have a moment.

LBJ: I'll be darned. Well, any other news?

CTJ: Nothing in comparison to yours, darling.

LBJ: I'm trying to get Senator [Barry] Goldwater and I'll come over just as soon as I get through.

CTJ: Honey, bring anybody who's a bachelor or who wants to eat or who would otherwise be doing without supper until real late with you, will you?

LBJ: Okay.

CTJ: Bye.

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