

FOREWORD

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Preparation:

These electronic documents were created from transcripts available in the audiovisual research room in the John F. Kennedy Library. The transcripts were scanned using optical character recognition and the resulting text files were proofread against the original transcripts. Some formatting changes were made.

Dictabelt 6B, Item 6B1

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[Continued from belt 6A, item 6A4.]

Connally¹: . . . and they were for all the Democratic slate but they're just a bunch of, best way I know to call 'em, but just junior executives and these society gals. And they just got 'em a crusade goin' and they just wiped the slate clean.

JFK: What did we, what did we lose Dallas by, do you remember, in '60?

Connally: Yes, sir, you lost over 60, over 60,000 votes.

JFK: Sixty thousand votes! Hell, I got uh, you know they're up there talking to me about you remember that a, about having that Federal building down there and all the rest of that stuff.

Connally: Yeah.

JFK: I don't know why we do anything for Dallas.

Connally: [Word missing] I'm telling you they just murdered all of us.

JFK: Yeah. Yeah. Yeah.

Connally: But, uh, ah, we gonna change that now. Our party's gone down. In the last six years, I don't want to throw rocks at Price . . .

JFK: Yeah.

Connally: . . . Price Daniel, but frankly he's just let this thing go to hell.

JFK: Yeah.

Connally: He's furnished no leadership and we saved a lot of it. I carried 205 out of the 254 counties.

JFK: Yeah. Yeah. Yeah.

¹ John B. Connally

Connally: And, and they had a hate campaign goin', very frankly, they were running against Cuba and against you and the vice president . . .

JFK: Yeah.

Connally: . . . and Casey [Robert R. Casey] and Billie Sol Estes. And it was a protest. . . . It was a helluva protest vote.

JFK: Yeah. Yeah. Yeah.

Connally: But, ah, it really wasn't, wasn't on state issues but we came out in real good shape.

JFK: Yeah.

Connally: And everybody's tickled to death. We elected a congressman-at-large. We lost Slick Rutherford [J. T. Rutherford]. But that was more or less of a personal thing.

JFK: Yeah. Yeah. Yeah.

Connally: Lindley Beckworth got by and Bob Casey did. Although his was fairly close.

JFK: Was Casey close?

Connally: Yeah, about 10,000 votes . . .

JFK: Yeah. Yeah.

Connally: . . . out of over 200,000.

JFK: Yeah. Yeah.

Connally: But in San Antonio, the whole slate. The only place we really got hurt was in the Midland area and in Dallas.

JFK: Yeah. Yeah.

Connally: But we can, we're gonna start rebuilding this party down here. I tell you it's gonna be a hellva different story in '64.

JFK: Yeah. Yeah.

Connally: But they've organized now. They knew where every vote they had. They had 'em on IBM cards. They knew the names, they knew the telephone numbers and they knew the street address of every vote they had in every big city in Texas.

JFK: Yeah. Yeah. Yeah.

Connally: And, hell, they just got 'em out to vote. They voted as high as eighty-five and ninety percent of their strength.

JFK: Yeah. Yeah.

Connally: And we voted sixty percent.

JFK: That's it, isn't it? That's what's [word missing].

Connally: Sure, couldn't, I but I just couldn't build an organization in a year's time. See they have been building in Dallas ten years, since '52.

JFK: Yeah. Yeah. Yeah.

Connally: But, uh, basically we came through in real good shape and 125,000 votes, in the light of the money that they spent, the effort that they put out, was a pretty resounding victory down here.

JFK: Yeah. Yeah. Yeah.

Connally: And, uh, so you, you ought'a be pleased by it.

JFK: Well I'm glad you won, John. That's very good.

Connally: I want to come, I want to come up before long and see you. I don't have any real business but if there's anything I can do, you just let me know.

JFK: Okay, good, I'll see you soon, John.

Connally: All right, sir.

JFK: Bye.

Connally: Thank you for calling.

JFK: Okay.