

Telecon

Bill Moyers

3:55 p.m. 11/4/69

K said in light of Moyer's kindness yesterday, he thought Moyers would be interested in knowing that the response to the President's speech has been the largest volume of telegrams -- non stimulated -- that Bill Hopkins has seen in his 40 years in the White House. We are so many hours behind, we don't know what, or if there is a count. Moyers was very kpleased to here this. K said they are tunning 500-1 in favor. Of course, there are those who will spend 365 days a year in opposition. Moyers thought the response was from the silent majority that the President spoke to. Those are the ones he has to hold. Piecing it together, he can hold them with careful backup of deeds at the appropriate time. K indicated that the President was delighted.

Moyers thought the President's presentation of the speech was the best he had seen since the President took office. K said once you have worked on these speeches it is difficult to tell what you are actually seeing. Moyers said that Johnson never wrote any of his speeches. The Pres. was happy with the response and felt he had reached the people he wanted to reach, K said, but the demonstrators cannot be placated. Moyers said he would like to do a piece on that.

K said if we had done to Hanoi whadt they are doing to us, we should have gotten a little credit from these peace people. That is why he doesn't feel as bad as he should about them but he understood Moyer's point that it is not a question of justice. Moyers said these people can't be treated like everyone else. K said he wished he had asked Moyer's opinion before the speech was set since he appreciated his idea in the telegram so much. Moyers sa id he would be glad to help in any private way he could.