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W. P. MARSHALL, PRESIDENT

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FULL RATE	
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NO. WDS.-CL. OF SVC.	PD. OR COLL.	CASH NO.	CHARGE TO THE ACCOUNT OF	TIME FILED
			Frank W. Boykin, M. C.	

Send the following message, subject to the terms on back hereof, which are hereby agreed to

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White House

HONORABLE JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY
PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES
THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON, D. C.

WE HERE ON THE HILL WATCHED AND LISTENED TO OUR COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF'S GREAT REPRESENTATIVE, COMMANDER ALAN B. SHEPARD, WHO TOOK THE CHANCE TO PROVE WHAT YOU AND ALL OF YOUR FRIENDS KNEW ALL ALONG WE COULD DO. WE JUST HAD TO GET AT IT. ALL OF US WERE PRAYING FOR COMMANDER SHEPARD THE SAME AS WE HAVE BEEN DOING FOR YOU SINCE THE BURDENS OF THIS NATION AND THE EARTH HAVE BEEN DROPPED ON YOUR SHOULDERS, AND GOD HAS ANSWERED OUR PRAYERS. I KNOW OF COURSE YOU'LL HAVE THIS HERO HERE IN THE CAPITOL AS SOON AS HE CAN GET HERE SO YOU, AS COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF, CAN CONGRATULATE HIM, THIS GREAT AMERICAN THAT WAS WILLING TO RISK HIS LIFE WHEN MANY PEOPLE THOUGHT IT WASN'T NECESSARY TO PROVE THAT OUR MEN COULD DO ANYTHING ON EARTH THAT ANY OTHER MEN ANYWHERE COULD EVER DO. OF COURSE WE MUST GIVE HIM THE CONGRESSIONAL MEDAL BUT CAN'T YOU GIVE HIM A PRESIDENTIAL MEDAL. THERE'S NOTHING TOO GOOD FOR THIS MAN AND JUST THINK WE HAD TWO OTHER MEN TRAINED THAT WERE WILLING TO MAKE THE SACRIFICE AND TAKE THE GREAT CHANCE THAT THIS MAN TOOK AND WON. IT BRINGS BACK MEMORIES THAT YOUR FAMOUS FATHER WILL REMEMBER WHEN A MAN FROM ALABAMA DID THE SAME THING FOR HIS NATION, CAPTAIN RICHARD PEARSON HOBSON OF GREENSBORO, ALABAMA, WHEN HE BLEW UP THE MERRIMAC FOR AMERICA. WHAT COMMANDER SHEPARD DID WILL BE AN INSPIRATION FOR ALL AMERICANS AND MAYBE WE SHOULD SAY ALL MANKIND. WE ARE SO HAPPY AND THANKFUL AS IT REALLY IS THE FIRST BREAK OF THIS KIND WE HAVE HAD FOR A LONG TIME AND I KNOW HOW HARD YOU HAVE WORKED ON THIS AND EVERYTHING ELSE PERTAINING TO THIS -- THE WELFARE OF OUR NATION. IT HAS BEEN A JOY AND A PLEASURE NOT ONLY TO WORK WITH YOU, MR. PRESIDENT, BUT TO WORK WITH ALL OF THE KENNEDYS DOWN THROUGH THE YEARS. I BELIEVE WE HAVE STARTED TO MOVE AND TO MOVE FAST AND THAT BUSINESS AND WORK FOR OUR PEOPLE IS GETTING MORE PLENTIFUL EVERY DAY. CERTAINLY WE HAVE HERE IN THIS GREAT LAND EVERYTHING WE'VE EVER HAD AND EVEN MORE AND IF WE'LL ALL WORK REALLY AND TRULY WORK AND PULL AND PRAY WE WILL COME INTO OUR OWN BEFORE ANOTHER 100 DAYS HAS PASSED. PERSONALLY, I AM PLEASED WITH THE FIRST 100 DAYS AND JUST DON'T KNOW HOW YOU DID IT AND YOU COULDN'T HAVE DONE IT UNLESS GOD HAD HAD HIS HAND ON YOUR SHOULDER.

DEVOTEDLY, YOUR OLD FRIEND,

FRANK W. BOYKIN
MEMBER OF CONGRESS

ALL MESSAGES TAKEN BY THIS COMPANY ARE SUBJECT TO THE FOLLOWING TERMS:

To guard against mistakes or delays, the sender of a message should order it repeated, that is, telegraphed back to the originating office for comparison. For this, one-half the unrepeated message rate is charged in addition. Unless otherwise indicated on its face, this is an unrepeated message and paid for as such, in consideration whereof it is agreed between the sender of the message and the Telegraph Company as follows:

1. The Telegraph Company shall not be liable for mistakes or delays in the transmission or delivery, or for non-delivery, of any message received for transmission at the unrepeated-message rate beyond the sum of five hundred dollars; nor for mistakes or delays in the transmission or delivery, or for non-delivery, of any message received for transmission at the repeated-message rate beyond the sum of five thousand dollars, unless specially valued; nor in any case for delays arising from unavoidable interruption in the working of its lines.

2. In any event the Telegraph Company shall not be liable for damages for mistakes or delays in the transmission or delivery, or for the non-delivery, of any message, whether caused by the negligence of its servants or otherwise, beyond the actual loss, not exceeding in any event the sum of five thousand dollars, at which amount the sender of each message represents that the message is valued, unless a greater value is stated in writing by the sender thereof at the time the message is tendered for transmission, and unless the repeated-message rate is paid or agreed to be paid and an additional charge equal to one-tenth of one per cent of the amount by which such valuation shall exceed five thousand dollars.

3. The Telegraph Company is hereby made the agent of the sender, without liability, to forward this message over the lines of any other company when necessary to reach its destination.

4. The applicable tariff charges on a message destined to any point in the continental United States listed in the Telegraph Company's Directory of Stations cover its delivery within the established city or community limits of the destination point. Beyond such limits and to points not listed in the Telegraph Company's Directory of Stations, the Telegraph Company does not undertake to make delivery but will endeavor to arrange for delivery by any available means as the agent of the sender, with the understanding that the sender authorizes the collection of any additional charge from the addressee and agrees to pay such additional charge if it is not collected from the addressee.

5. No responsibility attaches to the Telegraph Company concerning messages until the same are accepted at one of its transmitting offices; and if a message is sent to such office by one of the Telegraph Company's messengers, he acts for that purpose as the agent of the sender; except that when the Telegraph Company sends a messenger to pick up a message, the messenger in that instance acts as the agent of the Telegraph Company in accepting the message, the Telegraph Company assuming responsibility from the time of such acceptance.

6. The Telegraph Company will not be liable for damages or statutory penalties when the claim is not presented in writing to the Telegraph Company, (a) within ninety days after the message is filed with the Telegraph Company for transmission in the case of a message between points within the United States (except in the case of an intrastate message in Texas) or between a point in the United States on the one hand and a point in Alaska, Canada, Mexico, or St. Pierre-Miquelon Islands on the other hand, or between a point in the United States and a ship at sea or in the air, (b) within 95 days after the cause of action, if any, shall have accrued in the case of an intrastate message in Texas, and (c) within 180 days after the message is filed with the Telegraph Company for transmission in the case of a message between a point in the United States and a foreign or overseas point other than the points specified above in this paragraph; provided, however, that this condition shall not apply to claims for damages or overcharges within the purview of Section 415 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended.

7. It is agreed that in any action by the Telegraph Company to recover the tolls for any message or messages the prompt and correct transmission and delivery thereof shall be presumed, subject to rebuttal by competent evidence.

8. Special terms governing the transmission of messages according to their classes, as enumerated below, shall apply to messages in each of such respective classes in addition to all the foregoing terms.

9. No employee of the Telegraph Company is authorized to vary the foregoing.

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CLASSES OF SERVICE

DOMESTIC SERVICES

TELEGRAM

The fastest domestic service.

DAY LETTER (DL)

A deferred same-day service, at low rates.

NIGHT LETTER (NL)

Economical overnight service. Accepted up to 2 A. M. for delivery the following morning; at rates lower than the Telegram or Day Letter rates.

INTERNATIONAL SERVICES

FULL RATE (FR)

The fastest overseas service. May be written in code, cipher, or in any language expressed in Roman letters.

LETTER TELEGRAM (LT)

For overnight plain language messages, at half-rate. Minimum charge for 22 words applies.

SHIP RADIOGRAM

For messages to and from ships at sea.