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1 CHARLES LOVE - CL
 2 CHRIS MCGRUE - CM
 3 WARD CRUTCHFIELD - WC
 4 UNINTELLIGIBLE - UNIN
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00:00:08 6 CL: Hello, CHARLES.
 00:00:09 7 CM: CHARLES, this is CHRIS MCGRUE. How are ya'?
 00:00:12 8 CL: Hello?
 00:00:12 9 CM: CHARLES?
 00:00:13 10 CL: Yes.
 00:00:14 11 CM: This is CHRIS MCGRUE.
 00:00:15 12 CL: Hey, CHRIS.
 00:00:16 13 CM: How are ya'?
 00:00:16 14 CL: I'm doin' fine.
 00:00:17 15 CM: Ah, got us a meeting, ah, with the Comptroller
 00:00:19 16 at eight o'clock on wednesday morning.
 00:00:20 17 CL: Good.
 00:00:21 18 CM: Here in WARD's office.
 00:00:22 19 CL: That'll be good.
 00:00:23 20 CM: And hold on. He wants to speak to you just a
 00:00:26 21 second.
 00:00:26 22 CL: Okay. (unin).
 00:00:42 23 WC: CHARLES?
 00:00:44 24 CL: Senator.
 00:00:45 25 WC: How you doin', buddy?

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00:00:46 1 CL: I'm doin' fine. How are you doin'?
 00:00:47 2 WC: Well, I'm tryin' to figure out where the
 00:00:49 3 situa, what is the situation regarding this Goddamn
 00:00:53 4 mayor's race?
 00:00:54 5 CL: (laughs)
 00:00:56 6 WC: I, I'm not askin' you who's gon' win or lose.
 00:00:58 7 I mean wha...
 00:00:59 8 CL: Okay.
 00:00:59 9 WC: How are we, how are we playin' is what I
 00:01:01 10 wanna' know.
 00:01:02 11 CL: well...
 00:01:03 12 WC: I'm not mad about anything. I tol, I told you
 00:01:05 13 I'd help you. I'm not, you, you not obligated to
 00:01:08 14 do a damn thing. I just wanna' know where the
 00:01:09 15 players are.
 00:01:10 16 CL: well, the, the players are kinda' split.
 00:01:13 17 WC: Okay.
 00:01:14 18 CL: You know there's a HAKEEM and, ah...
 00:01:17 19 WC: I went down, I went down to the damn, you know
 00:01:19 20 that dedication to the gym, made a speech.
 00:01:21 21 CL: Yeah, yeah. HAKEEM and, ah, DUKE stayed out
 00:01:26 22 of it till after the, after their elections, so I
 00:01:28 23 don't know where they are now, but I think that...
 00:01:29 24 WC: well, DUKE's still lookin' for money. I tell
 00:01:31 25 you where he is.

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00:01:32 1 CL: Yeah.
 00:01:32 2 WC: I didn't say that.
 00:01:33 3 CL: (laughs)
 00:01:34 4 WC: I didn't say that.
 00:01:35 5 CL: (still laughing)
 00:01:36 6 WC: DUKE was down to see me.
 00:01:38 7 CL: Okay.
 00:01:39 8 WC: Alright.
 00:01:40 9 CL: Ah, but, ah, yeah, you got OVERTON and, and,
 00:01:44 10 and, ah...

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00:01:45 11 WC: OVERT, OVERTON and what?
00:01:48 12 CL: You got OVERTON, JOANNE, and, ah, DEBRA
00:01:51 13 MATTHEWS...
00:01:52 14 WC: Do, donut, what?
00:01:53 15 CL: And DONUT, they're all in ANN COLTER'S camp.
00:01:57 16 WC: Wait a minute, now run this through me again
00:01:58 17 now. I, I know that...
00:01:59 18 CL: DOE, DONUTS...
00:02:00 19 WC: I know DONUTS there.
00:02:02 20 CL: ERVIN OVERTON.
00:02:03 21 WC: ERVIN is there, and so is, ah, his buddy RUBEN
00:02:06 22 LAWRENCE and LAMAR PARTRIDGE...
00:02:07 23 CL: KRUGER.
00:02:08 24 WC: And, ah, the oth...
00:02:09 25 CL: Yeah, they're, they're all in the COLTER camp.
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00:02:11 1 You got...
00:02:12 2 WC: Got, got, go, go whatever his name is, you
00:02:14 3 know MASON, GERALD MASON.
00:02:16 4 CL: Yeah, GERALD MASON. Then you have, ah...
00:02:17 5 WC: What'd you say, DEBRA MATTHEWS ain't there
00:02:19 6 though.
00:02:20 7 CL: Yeah, I thought she was.
00:02:21 8 WC: I don't think so. Well, maybe she is. You're
00:02:23 9 tell me that, I don't know.
00:02:25 10 CL: And then you have (unin).
00:02:25 11 WC: DEBRA, DEBRA'S got, havin' some more problem
00:02:28 12 with her heart, but she's doing alright. She's
00:02:30 13 okay.
00:02:30 14 CL: That's good, that's good.
00:02:32 15 WC: She's runnin' her race. I, I wouldn't...
00:02:33 16 CL: Yeah, she's, yeah, she runnin' her race, so I
00:02:35 17 guess whoever helps her, she'll help them, I
00:02:37 18 guess.
00:02:37 19 WC: Yeah, I, I think that's about it. I think you
00:02:40 20 analyzed it well.
00:02:41 21 CL: Yeah. But, ah, ah, but you got MOSES, and he
00:02:45 22 got COTTON. You got LEEMAN, and those are the
00:02:48 23 kinda', the major players to beat. They're in
00:02:51 24 LITTLEFIELD camp. Yeah.
00:02:55 25 WC: Are, are you playin' in the thing?
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00:02:57 1 CL: I'm not playin' yet. I, I'm gonna' have a
00:02:59 2 discussion with LITTLEFIELD when I get back in
00:03:01 3 town.
00:03:01 4 WC: Well, LITTLEFIELD really needs you.
00:03:03 5 CL: Okay.
00:03:03 6 WC: I'm gonna' recommend to LITTLEFIELD that he
00:03:06 7 try to work somethin' out with you.
00:03:07 8 CL: Okay, that'll work.
00:03:08 9 WC: I think LITTLEFIELD can win the race because,
00:03:10 10 mainly because I think the damn, ah, people up
00:03:14 11 around Hickson, when you look at the deals, I,
00:03:16 12 that's where LITTLEFIELD can pick up. He ran good
00:03:19 13 up there. I believe in playin' strengths, not
00:03:21 14 weakness.
00:03:21 15 CL: Yes, yeah.
00:03:22 16 WC: So he's already pretty strong, and then
00:03:24 17 JOHNSON's people, there, there's where they're
00:03:27 18 strong.
00:03:27 19 CL: Yep, that's (unin).
00:03:29 20 WC: So I think they are, I think you oughta'
00:03:31 21 concentrate on strength.

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00:03:32 22 CL: Yeah, yeah.
00:03:33 23 WC: Of course RAYBORN CHARBERS in there for, for,
00:03:36 24 ah...
00:03:36 25 CL: Yeah. COLTER.
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00:03:37 1 WC: COLTER, there was, yeah, anyway, so, you know,
00:03:40 2 I don't, I, I, does he still (unin) with NAPOLEON
00:03:43 3 DAWSON like he always used to be?
00:03:44 4 CL: Yeah, yeah. (laughs)
00:03:46 5 WC: Okay.
00:03:47 6 CL: Yep, yep.
00:03:48 7 WC: You know I's chairman 14 years. I understand
00:03:50 8 the deal.
00:03:51 9 CL: Okay, okay.
00:03:52 10 WC: I'm just, I'm just tryin' to figure up who
00:03:54 11 might have a shot at it? You're about it tell you
00:03:57 12 the truth, you're...
00:03:58 13 CL: Yeah, I'm, I'm, I'm 'bout the only one out
00:04:00 14 here ain't doin' nothin'.
00:04:00 15 WC: You're at a premium, and, ah, they, they
00:04:02 16 oughta' both be lookin' for you, but I think, I
00:04:04 17 'preciate you talkin' to 'em.
00:04:06 18 CL: Okay.
00:04:07 19 WC: I'm, I'm gonna' talk to this, I'm gon' talk to
00:04:09 20 this guy, we work somethin' out. Don't tell
00:04:11 21 them that though 'cause I'm workin' this on my own.
00:04:13 22 CL: Okay.
00:04:14 23 WC: But I got this, I got this guy that's got a
00:04:16 24 lotta', lot of, ah, labor funds.
00:04:19 25 CL: Okay.
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00:04:20 1 WC: And he's new. He hadn't ever worked
00:04:22 2 Chattanooga before.
00:04:23 3 CL: Okay, alright.
00:04:24 4 WC: It's uh, he's (unin) a service worker. That's the
00:04:28 5 only union in this country that's growin'.
00:04:30 6 CL: Okay.
00:04:31 7 WC: The only one.
00:04:32 8 CL: Well, I can see why.
00:04:34 9 WC: Rest of 'em are sittin' on their ass and
00:04:36 10 losin' members.
00:04:37 11 CL: Yeah, yeah.
00:04:38 12 WC: So they gotta' get in with money and muscles,
00:04:40 13 they wanna' play.
00:04:41 14 CL: Yeah, yep.
00:04:42 15 WC: I'm tired of just layin' around and everybody
00:04:44 16 else (unin) and I get all the hell, and, and
00:04:47 17 nothin' else, so...
00:04:48 18 CL: Yeah, yeah.
00:04:48 19 WC: I just would like to know what you finally
00:04:51 20 decide. I'm not tryin' to tell you what to do.
00:04:52 21 I'm just sayin' when you do decide, I need to know
00:04:55 22 'cause you gon' be with him, then we can play
00:04:57 23 together on some stuff.
00:04:58 24 CL: Okay.
00:04:59 25 WC: If you're gonna' be Little, I think
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00:05:00 1 LITTLEFIELD's got a hell of a shot, but right now,
00:05:02 2 I don't, I don't find a lot of people excited about
00:05:05 3 either one.
00:05:06 4 CL: I don't either. You know (unin) was before
00:05:09 5 the election. I don't, did anybody do anything
00:05:11 6 this weekend? I wasn't in town.

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00:05:12 7 WC: I wadn't involved either because, hell, they
00:05:15 8 didn't, they didn't come talk to me. I just like
00:05:17 9 RON personally. I know 'im personally and I like
00:05:20 10 'im. His word is good.
00:05:21 11 CL: Okay.
00:05:22 12 WC: But hell you gotta' get his word. I don't
00:05:24 13 wanna' talk to DALE maybe. I wanna' to talk to
00:05:26 14 RON.
00:05:26 15 CL: Yeah, I do too.
00:05:28 16 WC: That other guy, you know he'd, I believed if I
00:05:31 17 can't talk to the candidate, I ain't real
00:05:33 18 interested in playin' the game.
00:05:34 19 CL: Yeah, yeah.
00:05:35 20 WC: RON's a good guy and he's always done what he
00:05:38 21 said he'd do.
00:05:39 22 CL: Yeah, yeah.
00:05:40 23 WC: So you need to be satisfied with your
00:05:42 24 relationship with him.
00:05:43 25 CL: Okay. well...
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00:05:44 1 WC: And when are ya'll comin' over here,
00:05:45 2 wednesday?
00:05:46 3 CL: wednesday, yeah.
00:05:48 4 WC: At eight o'clock.
00:05:49 5 CL: Yeah.
00:05:49 6 WC: And you gonna' come where?
00:05:51 7 CL: We'll come to your office.
00:05:53 8 WC: Okay, good.
00:05:54 9 CL: Yeah, yeah.
00:05:55 10 WC: Alright, I'll probably talk to you tomorrow.
00:05:57 11 In the meantime, see what you can think over. We
00:05:59 12 might have a meeting down there and bring this guy
00:06:01 13 down as, that's got the funds and everything.
00:06:05 14 CL: Okay, I'll do that.
00:06:06 15 WC: (unin) if you don't nothin' else, you get
00:06:08 16 a friend for the deal next year.
00:06:10 17 CL: That's right.
00:06:11 18 WC: You oughta' know 'im, then, hell, you work
00:06:13 19 your own deal with 'im.
00:06:14 20 CL: Okay.
00:06:15 21 WC: Alright.
00:06:16 22 CL: Alright.
00:06:17 23 WC: But I'm not, I don't wanna' run the whole show
00:06:19 24 'cause then every son-of-a-bitch saw me, and I'm
00:06:20 25 tryin' to practice law and make a livin'.
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00:06:22 1 CL: Hopefully...
00:06:23 2 WC: I, I, I don't wanna' do that. I just wanna'
00:06:24 3 figure out what we ought to do.
00:06:27 4 CL: Okay.
00:06:28 5 WC: I think I've 'bout figured it out, but...
00:06:30 6 CL: Yeah, yeah, yeah.
00:06:31 7 WC: See we, we, we, ah, tell me about DEBRA. You
00:06:33 8 worked okay with her?
00:06:34 9 CL: Yeah, I work okay with DEBRA.
00:06:36 10 WC: I believe we can get, I believed we can get
00:06:38 11 her because, hell, her race is down there where
00:06:40 12 LITTLEFIELD ran fairly in the city. Only precincts
00:06:43 13 he didn't run real good in was St. Elmo.
00:06:45 14 CL: well, that's what I'm sayin'. DEBRA, if she
00:06:48 15 can, if she'd line up right, she can win, she can
00:06:50 16 win that City Council and carry somebody with her.
00:06:52 17 WC: Right.

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00:06:53 18 CL: Yeah.
00:06:53 19 WC: She could be very important in that race.
00:06:55 20 CL: Yeah, yeah. That's right.
00:06:56 21 WC: In other words he needs her.
00:06:58 22 CL: Yeah, he does.
00:06:59 23 WC: And the other people don't really need her.
00:07:01 24 CL: Yeah, yeah.
00:07:02 25 WC: So I, I, we'll think about that and talk about
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00:07:05 1 it, ah, wednesday.
00:07:06 2 CL: Okay, we'll do that. I'll be over there
00:07:07 3 tomorrow.
00:07:08 4 WC: And we'll get a meeting in my office down in
00:07:09 5 Chattanooga, you and I and this guy.
00:07:11 6 CL: Okay, alright.
00:07:12 7 WC: We talk about now, and then we'll talk about
00:07:14 8 you in the future.
00:07:15 9 CL: That works.
00:07:16 10 WC: Okay.
00:07:17 11 CL: Alright.
00:07:17 12 WC: 'Bye, 'bye.
00:07:18 13 (end of conversation)