

MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE

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One of those "not much" days, which simply have to come in the course of living, that is, a day that has no glittering moments or achievement, but just the simple basis of getting things done, like deciding to keep two evening dresses and getting them altered, going shopping for some shoes, making an abundant number of telephone calls and working at the desk.

Among the calls was one to Mrs. Kennedy, who right now is busy with moving and with one little girl who has the chicken pox and a little boy who's going to have it real soon. And she said to come and see her as soon as she got moved and settled, so we agreed that I would call her in about 10 days and find a comfortable time.

I called Nellie Connally too because I am not at ease about the situation in Texas and I just want to keep the lines of communication open between all the Johnsons and all the Connallys against that day when there won't be quite so many political ramifications and difficulties.

And then there were a bunch of calls on the Art business. I called Mary Lasker but it turned out to be too late because she had left to go to Florida to visit Mrs. Wrightsman. And there was business to take up with Lloyd in California and with Mrs. Rusk about her fund-raising event. Just routine, but things that must be done.

A. W. and Babe Smith came in for a drink about 6:30 and I made them stay and have dinner with me, and Lynda and Warrie Lynn - just a pleasant

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family group and it certainly is a breath of fresh air, to get somebody far away from this self-centered, self-important town of Washington, ²Someone like Babe Smith, to give us a perspective on it. It makes my respect for the institution of democracy and my respect for the countryside grow. One of the good little memories about yesterday was that in the vast throng at the Prayer Breakfast, a card was thrust in my hand by some lady from Florida and on it later I saw the message - Wish I could be with you too, Esther Lanier, - my cousin, Esther Lanier Dade, in Ft. Lauderdale.

Lyndon came in very late from New York, where he had been at the Wiseman Institute dinner, which I heard later, ⁹was a great success.