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Monday

This morning I had a call from Doris about a possible visit from Philip Baldwin ~~that~~ <sup>do I</sup> there may be a dam~~x~~ on Caddo Lake, which is very much needed, *ch. tape*  
And Doris wanted me to help in any way I could. Of course there is no work horse like Wright Patman, but I'll add my efforts to his. Then I went out to the Elms and this time it was really for the last time.... Lunch and desk work and then at 5:30 one of the two main events of the day—<sup>a</sup> reception for Lyndon's women appointees. Lyndon and I arrived in the East Room with all the guests already seated. Lyndon went straight to the ~~P~~<sup>o</sup> podium and made a little talk on why he wanted more women in government. Actually he has far exceeded his goal of 50 appointees since January 1st. He and agencies together now total about 158 women appointees. <sup>to</sup> On the front row right in front of him were the eight new women just appointed who <sup>ch</sup> were to be sworn in. That was the <sup>the 22 appointees</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ of the affair, including Catherine White, the Ambassador-<sup>ch</sup> Designate to Denmark, Mary Keyserling, head of the Women's Bureau at the Department of Labor, <sup>o</sup> Our old friend, India Edwards, <sup>a</sup> Special Consultant of the Secretary of Labor <sup>on</sup> and Youth Employment. Judge Bernita Sheldon Mathews, the Judge of the U.S. Court for the District of Columbia, rose up in her robes

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and very solemnly swore in each of the eight ladies in turn. Lyndon congratulated them all and then he and I melted on into the Blue Room to receive the guests. Among those I were particularly glad to see were the George Browns, <sup>she's</sup> on the Committee for the Preservation of the White House, Barbara Bowling, Special Assistant to the Chief of Protocol, looking very glamorous with an elaborate hairdo, <sup>as though to</sup> combat the blow to her self esteem that the divorce must have been, Rose McKee, <sup>a</sup> very popular appointment with all the newspaper people, <sup>She is</sup> Information Director of the Small Business Administration. And Florence Mahoney, who was appointed to the President's Committee on Heart, Cancer and Stroke. And the very handsome and interesting Mrs. <sup>Aline Saarinen, widow of</sup> ~~Aileen Saarinen?~~ <sup>the great</sup> Architect who is a member of the Special Mission to the Inaugural of Leony <sup>of</sup> Venezuela. And Lee <sup>Warriss?</sup> ~~Warriss?~~ though I'll certainly miss her from the papers. <sup>#</sup> I was very sorry that perhaps his most eminent appointment, Dr. Mary Bunting, to the Commission on Atomic Energy did not come. And our dear old friend, Helen Gahagan Douglas who had been Lyndon's Representative to the Inaugural of President Tugman <sup>of</sup> Liberia, <sup>was</sup> in Europe with Melvin and couldn't come. An eminent <sup>m</sup> appointment

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was Mrs. Elizabeth May, as Director of Export-Import Bank and Virginia May Brown, <sup>of</sup> West Virginia, <sup>to</sup> be an ICC Commissioner. It's a good beginning and a list to be proud of. And to have a reception for the women in government was a pleasant salute, something to pinpoint the work Lyndon's doing with <sup>[them]</sup> and calling attention to it. <sup>#</sup>After the reception, the George Browns stayed on and had dinner with Lyndon, and I in my long black evening dress went to the National Theatre to see the American premiere performance of Her Majesty's Royal Shakespeare Company in ~~The~~ Comedy of Errors. I was one of its sponsors or I guess I should say was the sponsor along <sup>with</sup> the members of the President's Cabinet. Stuart Udall had asked me. It is one of the series of cultural evenings that the Cabinet is sponsoring, <sup>2</sup>And I want to join with the Cabinet, both the men and the women, in doing the things they do and helping them if I can and in getting to know them all better. It was an invitational affair, and practically a quorum of the Senate, the House, the Supreme Court, Washington's <sup>3</sup>Society and the personal friends of the Cabinet members were there. They had been ~~kind~~ enough to give me quite a batch of tickets to give away, <sup>3</sup>And I asked a lot of the girls in the Correspondence Section here at the White House to be my guests as well as kinfolks like Patsy

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Derby and date, and Diana, who took Tom Cor<sup>o</sup>gran.

# I sat between Lord and Lady Harl<sup>o</sup>ch. Lynda Bird was close by. The McNamara<sup>s</sup> met me at the front door and escorted me in. And the Goldberg<sup>s</sup> were just right in front of me. The Diplomats were there in great number and among them the Dobrynins who are everywhere these days. For the first thirty minutes of the show, I was lost in the language of Shakespeare, of 400 years ago. But after I finally got in tune with it, it was an hilariously funny evening! This is one of Shakespeare's earliest plays - one of his least [often] produced, one that was never a favorite of mine, in fact I don't think I have ever seen it before, <sup>a</sup> Although I have read a bit of it. But I think Comedy of Errors could stand up as the great grand-daddy of all bedroom farces, <sup>u</sup> Where everybody is mistaken for everybody else and gets mixed up with everybody else's wife. # But the biggest mix-up of the evening and really a sad commentary on the Congress this year is that, [when] they needed a quorum badly up in the Senate, <sup>u</sup> One of the <sup>u</sup> Page Boys phoned down and asked it to be announced on the stage to call all the Senators back quick to the floor. The announcement was not made, Scott <sup>Kirkpatrick</sup> ~~Patrick~~ the harrassed manager of the theatre, went running up and down the aisle, looking for Senators, <sup>u</sup> Douglas, Anderson and Moss. I think that

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the Senate finally gave up/culture. <sup>! #</sup> Lord~~ay~~ and Lady Harlech are the arch type of British elegance. I wish I knew them better. I liked them very much. They asked if Lynda Bird could come on afterwards for a party at their house. I was delighted to have her go but didn't want to go myself without Lyndon. I would feel rather satisfied if I were Udall for it was indeed a glittering and beautiful evening. <sup>^</sup> Except that the business of the Senate didn't get attended to. <sup>#</sup> When I reached home I really wasn't sleepy so I propped ~~my~~ up in bed with all the State Department's information on Jordan and took a quick course on <sup>y</sup> Young King <sup>Hussain</sup> ~~Hussian~~ the First, his pretty British wife, the 18 year old brother that's accompanying him, the <sup>1. 2nd wife</sup> ~~kindom~~ kindom of Jordan and its brief history since 1946, <sup>its meager</sup> ~~its meager~~ natural resources, <sup>water</sup> its/problems, especially at the River Jordan, and the current controversy with Israel over the waters thereof... <sup>Hussain</sup> The attacks on ~~Hussians~~ life; the new growth of tourism in Jordan, especially because of their maintenance of historical sites, the building of better roads; the possibility of exporting phosphates and potash from the Dead Sea, and, most interesting of all, the possibility of finding oil, which is emphasized by the fact that the King when he leaves us is going down to be the personal guest of Johnny Meacham of Houston who has visited him often, I hear, and who

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lucky I did my <sup>home</sup> ~~own~~ work because as it turned out ~~that~~  
the next day was so full I didn't have a minute to do  
it.