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Monday

A quiet day, in Bethesda hospital, with Lyndon obviously getting better and the doctor is very well satisfied, but it has been a formidable virus and the last twenty-four hours, one by one, Paul Gl^uann has gone to bed with it, then a Secret Service man, then Dr. Gould's sweet little nurse, and finally Dr. Burkley himself, the first time I have ever known him to be ill. Press and TV are full of speculations about whether Lyndon will go to Churchill's funeral. They have made up their own minds that he will. He has not made ~~it~~ *Luci* up. He wants to and he told them that he would have to wait until the doctors tell him that he can, if he can. Luci came in bubbling from school with her grades. A C plus in Chemistry. That one she's proudest of. C plus in history, a B minus in English, she doesn't have the history of art yet,

Secretary Rusk came in and spent quite a long time talking with Lyndon about his department. With the Congress, with the other Chiefs of state, with Lyndon himself, he is a great Secretary of State. But sometime below his level, his department is not as tight a ship as one could wish. Bill Baxter came by. We talked about Luci's taking instruction in the Catholic Church. It was a 24 hour story - front page in nearly all papers, Saturday morning. But it had been booted off the page and booted into oblivion in fact, by her

father's going to the hospital at 3:00 Saturday morning. Monday morning there had arrived on yellow tablet paper a hand-written note from Abe. He cannot take the position. It would be a serious injustice to Carol and to her practice. It was a sad letter and one that came from his heart and cost him heavily. We called him and he came out and had dinner with us. We have devoured his time and depended on him for so many things. We cannot be hurt at this. He stayed for dinner and we discussed the other possibilities, arriving at no conclusion. The doctors are very happy about Lyndon's progress. The bacteria part of it is entirely under control but there is also a virus and that remains to be given a name too, when it is finally incubated. And they spoke of a small spot on the lung, showing up in the X-ray. One thing I can certainly say for these last ~~saws~~ three days has sure been plenty of rest for me. About ten hours every night.