

THE WHITE HOUSE  
 PRESIDENT LYNDON B. JOHNSON  
 DAILY DIARY

Date May 23, 1964

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The President began his day at (Place)

White House

Day Saturday

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	9:15		t		Marsha Fish (Niece of Mary Fish) -- Rm. H-624, CO 5-200	
	9:25		f		Secretary Robert McNamara (n/r -- fr. mansion)	
EDT	9:40				Departed South Grounds via helicopter for Andrews AFB Accompanied by: Mrs. Johnson , Secretary Dean Rusk Secretary and Mrs. Dean Acheson , Senator Harry Byrd General C. V. Clifton; Jack Valenti -- Agents Youngblood and Bechtle	
	9:55				Departed Andrews AFB aboard AF-1 for ROANOKE, VIRGINIA -- Accompanied by the above plus Secretary and Mrs. Luther Hodges; Secretary and Mrs. Orville Freeman, Michael Freeman; Secretary and Mrs. Averell Harriman; Senator and Mrs. Mike Monroney; Congressman John Marsh; Congressman and Mrs. Robert Evereet, Congressman James Fulton, Congressman Thomas Downing, Dr. Burkley, GER, CWO Harmon, Mr. Alan Boyd, Agents Youngblood and Bechtle	
EST	9:51				Arrived Woodrum Airport ROANOKE, VIRGINIA Greeted by approximately 2,800 persons. Met by the Mayor of Roanoke, Murray A. Stoller; the William Fleming High School Band of Roanoke played. The President was presented the key to the City of Lexington. SHORT REMARKS and shook hands w/ the spectators along the fence.	
	10:18				Departed via helicopter for LEXINGTON, VIRGINIA and the dedication of the George C. Marshall Research Library at V. M. I. accompanied by: Senator Mike Monroney, Governor Averell Harriman, Secretary Luther Hodges Secretary Orville, Freeman, Secretary Dean Rusk, Senator Harry Byrd, Secretary De an Acheson, Sgt. Glynn, Agents Kellerman and Youngblood. (Mrs. Johnson and the ladies flew in another helicopter)	
	10:40				Landed on the Parade Grounds of VIRGINIA MILITARY INSTITUTE , Lexinton, Virginia. The Superintendent of VMI, Major General George R. E. Shell and the Cadet	

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					<u>VMI CONTINUED</u>	
					Honor Guard awaited the President.	
					The Honor guard under the command of cadet Captain William R. Rimm, consisted of Alpha Company, the Band Company, the Regimental colors and the salute battery. President Johnson received the customary 21-gun salute and honors were rendered by Alpha Company and the band. The President reviewed the guard, which he commended. (As Cadet First Captain during his cadetship at VMI, General Marshall was commander of Alpha Company.)	
	11:00	EST			The President and Mrs. Johnson walked to General Shell's quarters, just across the street from the parade grounds, where they went inside with other members of the Presidential party.	
	11:07				The President and Mrs. Johnson departed the General's quarters, accompanied by other guests among whom were General Dwight Eisenhower; Mrs. George C. Marshall. General Eisenhower riding in another car.	
	11:09				Arrived at the south entrance of the George C. Marshall Library and was met by Dr. Forrest C. Pogue, Director of the Library. The President, Mrs. Johnson and party toured the Library. The President viewed w/ interest the electric panel map of the World, depicting by lights the chronology of the battles of World War II; had photographs taken w/ President Eisenhower and General Omar Bradley in front of General Marshall's bust; and called Mrs. Territo's attention to a letter Senator Johnson had written concerning General Marshall that was on display in one of the exhibit cases.	
	11:25				The President walked out the East Entrance of the Library, mounted the Speakers' platform, facing VMI. Other officials on the platform were: General Omar N. Bradley, President, George C. Marshall Research Foundation Major General Luther Miller (Former Chief-of-Chaplains, U. S. Army Major General George R. E. Shell, Superintendent, VMI Albertis S. Harrison, Jr. Governor of the Commonwealth of Virginia	(CONTINUED)

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					Robert A. Lovett, Chairman, Advisory Board, George C. Marshall Research Foundation	
					General of the Army Dwight D. Eisenhower (32nd President of the United States)	
					Dr. Forrest C. Pogue, Director, George C. Marshall Research Library	
					(NOTE: Mrs. Johnson sat in the front row of seats w/ Mrs. Marshall, facing the speaker's platform with other ladies.) (It was felt that Mrs. Marshall should not climb the stairs)	
	1:20				The President spoke and drew a resounding applause from the Cadets gathered when he "suggested" that the Governor of Virginia direct the Superintendent of V. M. I. to grant a general amnesty. There were approximately 7,000 persons assembled to witness the official dedication. The President concluded his remarks at 1:35 pm	
	1:20	1:35			REMARKS BY THE PRESIDENT	
	1:45				The President departed the speaker's platform, shaking hands w/ cadets and other assembled guests. He then rode the short distance to the Superintendent's quarters.	
	1:47				The President and Mrs. Johnson, accompanied by Jack Valenti -- arrived at General Shell's quarters. There they met w/ other invited guests and were served light refreshments. The President was presented the George C. Marshall Research Library Presentation Cup (sterling silver, executed at Williamsburg) Guests attending: President and Mrs. Johnson Former President, General Dwight D. Eisenhower, Secretary Dean Rusk, Mr. Alfred Boyd, Secretary and Mrs. Orville Freeman and son, Michael Secretary and Mrs. Averell Harriman, Secretary and Mrs. Luther Hodges. Governor John S. Battle, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm Fraser of Australia. Lt. Governor and Mrs. Harry Lee Waterfield of Kentucky, General and Mrs. Cortlandt Van Rensalaer Schuyler (representing the Governor of New York -- Nelson Rockefeller); Lt. General Milton G. Baker of Wayne, Pennsylvania representing Governor of Pa. - William Scranton); (Continued)	

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					V. M. I. CONTINUED	
					Dr. and Mrs. Wayne C. Grover; Mr. and Mrs. Denis Greenhill (British Embassy)	
					Senator Harry Byrd, Senator A. Willis Robertson (va.) Lt. Governor and Mrs. Mills Godwin (Va.); Mr. and Mrs. Dean Acheson; Mr. and Mrs. McCloy	
					Mr. and Mrs. Douglas; General and Mrs. Maxwell Taylor,	
					General and Mrs. Hugh Harris, General and Mrs. J. Lawton Collins;	
					General and Mrs. Lemuel C. Shepherd, General and Mrs. Matthew Ridgeway;	
					General and Mrs. Luther D Miller; General and Mrs. Richard J Marshall	
					(former Superintendent of VMI); General Frank McCarthy; Mr. and Mrs. Frank Lovett; Dr. and Mrs. Forre Pogue; General and Mrs. Omar Bradley, Mrs. George C. Marshall; Mr. and Mrs. Carlisle Humelsine; Mr. and Mrs. William D. Pawley, Mr. John Lee Pratt, Mr. and Mrs. Edm nd Pendleton, Mrs. Mary Moody Northen; Governor and Mrs. Albertis S. Harrison (Virginia)	
	2:05				The President and Mrs. Johnson, and party departed General Shell's quarters and walked to the helicopter.	
	2:15				Helicopter departed Parade Grounds of V. M. I. Aboard were the same passengers on arrival flight)	
	2:40				Arrived at Woodrum Airport, ROANOKE, VIRGINIA	
	2:50				Departed Woodrum Airport, Roanoke, Virginia to Andrews AFB, Maryland. All passengers same for exception of Congressman Thomas Downing and the addition of Jack Valenti.	
	3:47				Arrived Andrews AFB, Md.	
	3:55				Departed via helicopter for south grounds..., WH -- Aboard the helicopter were: Mrs. Johnson, Secretary Dean Rusk, Secretary and Mrs. Luther Hodges, Secretary and Mrs. Dean Acheson; Senator Harry Byrd, Agents Youngblood and Bechtle.	

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EDT	4:04				Arrived White House, South Lawn -- met by Him and Her -- then to <del>my</del> private quarters.	
	4:20		t		Jack Valenti (n/r -- fr. mansion)	
	4:45		t		Marsha Fish (n/r -- fr. mansion)	
	4:48		t		yb -- re coming to office -- will see Marsha Fish, niece of Mary Fish and asking if there is anything to have it ready because he'll only be about 5 or 10 minutes -- then wants to take nap before going out again tonight.	
	5:15				Arr Oval Rm. w/ Paul Glynn	
	5:16		f		Walter Jenkins (n/r - personal)	
	5:17	5:40			Miss Marsha Fish (niece of Mary Fish - President's sister-in-law) To lounge --	
	6:00		t		yb -- come have drink -- and pick up signed mail.	
	6:10		t		Bill Moyers (n/r)	
	6:15				Reading ticker press clippings	
	6:30				Departed Oval Room - for mansion	
	7:00		f		Jack Valenti (n/r-- fr. mansion)	
	8:30	8:37			To Abe Fortas Dinner-Dance at Women's Democratic Club (124 guests) -- Black - tie w/ Mrs. Johnson and Mr. and Mrs. Jack Valenti Greeted by Mr. Fortas.	
	10:40				Departed Women's Democratic Club arriving at the White House at 10:47 p,	

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	10:54		t		operator -- asking for the chief to come over to mansion.	
	****	9:30 am			(President and Mrs. Johnson took time out before President's departure for Roanoke to greet the "Ladies for Lyndon" group visiting the White House fr. Pa. -- Mrs. William D. Patton of Rockville, Maryland was one of the ladies and she later wrote saying "your personal greeting and words of encouragement to the group has fired the enthusiasm and inspired the entire "Ladies for Lyndon" organization"	
					Executive Order signed this date -- appointing the Members to the Commission on Presidential Scholars ---- Melvin W. Barnes, of Portland, Oregon (Supt. of Schools) Leonard Bernstein (N. Y. Philharmonic) of NYC Katherine Anne Porter (Atlantic Monthly Press) of Boston, Mass. Dr. Albert W. Dent (President of Dillard University of New Orleans) of Louisiana Rev. Michael P. Walsh (President, Boston College), Chestnut Hill, Massachusetts Dr. William W. Hagerty (President, Drexel Institute of Tech.) of Philadelphia, Pa. Dr. Milton S. Eisenhower, of Maryland Senator J. W. Fulbright (fr. Arkansas) Dr. Jeanne L. Noble of New York Mrs. Lawana Trout, of Oklahoma (during her tenure as National Teacher of the Year.)	
					<i>See diary supplemental for original done by Dorothy Ferris</i>	