

THE WHITE HOUSE
PRESIDENT LYNDON B. JOHNSON
DAILY DIARY

Date December 16, 1964

The President began his day at (Place)

White House

Day Wednesday

Entry No.	Time		Telephone f or t		Activity (include visited by)	Expenditure Code
	In	Out	Lo	LD		
	7:30				Awake - breakfast in bed - joined by Mrs. Johnson	
	8:44		+		Jack Valenti	
C	8:56		+		Cartan H. DeLoach (b.i.)	
C	9:15		+		Abel Fortas	
	10:00				To the office - stopped at gw's desk and asked her to send out all pics - if not autographed, w/ his card	
C	10:05		+		Secretary Willard Wirtz - asking if he could come right over	
C	10:06		+		George Meany, D.C. - asking if he could come to WH in 10 minutes	
	10:07		+		Mc George Bundy (pl.)	
	10:08		+		George Reedy (pl.)	
C	10:10			+	Frederic Kappel, N4C	
C	10:15				Secretary Willard Wirtz	
C	10:16		+		Tom Sticker, N4 Times (returning his call)	
	10:19				George Meany	
	10:50		+		George Reedy (pl.)	
	10:56				Stuck his head in don y mjd's o/c. and asked her to call Sgt Buddis - "Tell him to meet me in the Theater to set my watch. He's got it all screwed up."	

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	10:30				Secretary Luther Hodges of Commerce John Thomas Connor, Pres. of Merck & Co., NYC (pharmaceutical)	
	10:55				Mr. Burkely in lounge - to put in contact buses	
	11:03				to White House Theater w/ George Meany, Secretary Wirtz, Secretary Hodges & John Connor. Press & photos followed.	
	11:09a				Mr. Connor to announce the appointment, ^{his first cabinet} John Thomas Connor to succeed Secretary Luther Hodges as Secretary of Commerce, to be effective Jan 15, 1965 This was the President's first Cabinet appointment in his administration.	
	11:20				CBS news bulletin announcing appt. of Mr. Connor on TV	
	11:23	11:25			Departed Theater w/ Mr. Meany Secretary Hodges and Mr. Connor. Press & photos followed.	
	11:25				In g.c. w/ Hodges & Connor. (Agent Youngblood escorted Secretary Wirtz & Geo. Meany to Oval g.c. to join)	
	11:26		+		Jack Valenti (pl)	
	11:27		+		Acting A.G. Nicholas Katzenbach	
	11:25	11:43			Hon. Luther Hodges, Secy of Commerce	
		11:43			John J. Connor	
		11:43			George Meany	
		11:50			Secy Wirtz	

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	11:50	12:26			John Thomas Connor - in lounge	
C	11:55		+		Vice President-elect Hubert Humphrey - Connor also talked	
C	12:00		+		Senator Everett Dirksen - Connor also talked (Repub. leader of Senate)	
C	12:01		+		Senator Mike Mansfield - Connor also talked (Demo. leader of Senate)	
C	12:11		+		Senator Harrison Williams of New Jersey, - Connor also talked (tried to call Senator Case - was reported on the high seas, not expected back til Congress convenes)	
	12:40		+		George Reedy (pl)	
	12:41		+		George Reedy	
	12:50				Marguerite Higgins who (Kim + Blane went in) requested the appointment to discuss Viet Nam for an article for	
	12:51	12:59			To South Grounds for walk w/ Marguerite Higgins, Kim, Blane & Dick West (in Sonntags)	
	12:59	1:55p			To office w/ Marguerite Higgins - see secret memo by Bundy - Dec 16, 1964 and George Reedy	
	2:00	2:20			To lounge w/ Ramsey Clark and TV personnel appointment matters	
	2:20				Mrs. Boyardis w/ Galt and Bras. to show the President some cufflinks	
	2:30		+		Mrs. Johnson	

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	2:35				Walking on South Grounds w/ Marianne Means	
	2:40				To second floor w/ Marianne Means	
C 2:50				+	Dr. Frank Stanton - NYC	
	3:20				Lunch w/ Marianne Means and Mrs. Johnson	
	3:39				To office w/ Marianne Means	
	4:00			f	Geo. Reedy	
	4:20				To Fish Room to join TV and Max Freedman at 4:30 he went to O'Donnell's ops w/ above, and then at 4:35 he went to the mansion w/ TV and Max Freedman to attend Christmas Party for orphans in the East Room. Then to Blue Room for photographs w/ Mrs. Johnson	
	5:00	5:40			Return to office w/ Max Freedman	
	5:01			+	Jack Valenti (pl)	
C 5:03				f	Senator Hubert Humphrey	

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	5:10	6:45			<i>Abe Fortas and TV</i>	
<i>C</i>	5:15		<i>f</i>		<i>Senator Gaylord Nelson of Wisconsin</i>	
<i>C</i>	5:45		<i>f</i>		<i>William McChesney Martin (b.2)</i>	
	6:35		<i>+</i>		<i>G. Reedy (lpl)</i>	
	6:37	6:40			<i>McGeorge Bundy</i>	
	6:45	9:10p			<i>To mansion and to second floor for an OFF RECORD "backgrounder w/ bureau chiefs:</i>	
					<i>Barnet Nover - Denver Post</i>	
					<i>Joseph A. Dear - Dear Publications</i>	
					<i>Raymond P. Brandt - St. Louis Post Dispatch</i>	
					<i>Robert L. Riggs - Louisville Courier-Journal</i>	
					<i>Edward W. Lewis - New York Daily News</i>	
					<i>Paul L. Martin - Gannett News Service</i>	
					<i>Pat Munroe - Lincoln (Nebr.) Journal and El Mundo (San Juan, P. R.)</i>	
					<i>John T. O'Rourke - Washington Daily News</i>	
					<i>David Wise - New York Herald Tribune</i>	
					<i>Ben Bradlee - Newsweek</i>	
					<i>John Steele - Time</i>	
					<i>Albert Clark - U.S. News and World Report</i>	
					<i>William Stringer - Christian Science Monitor</i>	
					<i>Warren Rogers, - Hearst</i>	
					<i>Glynn Bayless - Business Week</i>	
					<i>George Reedy, Douglass Cater, Horace Busby</i>	
					<i>They were joined by VP-elect Humphrey at 6:55p</i>	

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	10:17		t		Jack Valenti	
	10:20				DINNER w/ VP-elect Humphrey, George Reedy, Douglass Cater, Horace Busby	
	10:43		t		Jack Valenti	
	11:00				Dinner guests departed	
	11:55		t		George Reedy	
	12:15				Retired	
					Released text of Secy Hodges ltr of resignation and the President's reply.	
					Released statement congratulating the Italians on the launching of the Italian San Marco satellite.	