

THE WHITE HOUSE
PRESIDENT LYNDON B. JOHNSON
DAILY DIARY

Date January 15, 1965

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The President began his day at (Place)

White House - *LBQ Ranch*

Day Friday

Entry No.	Time		Telephone f or t		Activity (include visited by)	Expenditure Code
	In	Out	Lo	LD		
	9:20				Awakened and had breakfast in bed w/ Mrs. Johnson -- also reading papers.	
	9:25			f	George Reedy - Austin, Texas	
	9:35				To the office in his pajamas -- read the papers on his desk -- and asked what all the noise was about in the office (there wasn't any)... Jack Valenti was on the telephone to his office in Washington and the ad President listened in -- JV was discussing the site of the swearing in ceremony for Secretary designate John T. Connor of the Commerce Department. The President said that he didn't want to be responsible for the site and said that if it was okay with them why not have it in the White House since that was where Mr. Connor preferred it. The site was decided on as in the Cabinet Room in the White House.	
					JV also asked the President if he wanted to have a Leadership Breakfast next Tuesday the day before the Inauguration, and the President replied that he thought that it could wait another week until after all the Inaugural activities were over.	
	9:40				The President returned to his bedroom.	
<i>c</i>	9:44			f	Abe Fortas, Washington, D. C. (<i>'til 10:20w</i>)	
	10:30				The President called for JV to come into his bedroom and then for hot water <i>for his tea</i>	
	11:04			t	Bill Moyers - Washington, D. C. (<i>'til 12:04p</i>)	
<i>c</i>	12:06			t	Dr. Martin Luther King - Atlanta, Georgia (<i>'til 12:30p</i>) (<i>b.1</i>)	
	12:35	1:17			Horace Busby in the President's bedroom	
	1:18				To the office w/ HB -- looked at pics by Mr. Okamoto that had been taken during the meeting between SEATO and the President. The President selected some of the pics and asked Mr. Okamoto to get copies of them made and sent in a booklet to the Ambassador of Japan and the Prime Minister.... of Japan.	

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a	1:23				The President talked on JV's call to Kermit Gordon -- RE: expenditures by Cabinet members and also in talking to Gardner Ackley -- check onto what private businesses could do for all of the youth employment problems. Thought that the best place to begin w/ would be with Housing - and other matters regarding Budgets <i>Rep. Otto Passman's interview on whether or not the Administration will ask for more money as the situation develops in Viet Nam. (Tel 1:37)</i>	--
a	1:38			f	Acting Attorney General Nicholas Katzenbach (b.2) <i>The President at his desk w/ JV and Horace Busby - Reviewing matters on steel strikes and assignments of Special Assistants in the White House and their duties</i>	
	2:00			f	Leonard Marks (JV's) call	
c	2:30				LUNCH with Horace Busby, Jack Valenti, Yoichi Okamoto, mf, vm	
	3:00				The President returned to the office -- vm gave him a wire to be sent to Sir Winston Churchill on the occasion of his recent illness -- and said that he wanted to see all matters on illnesses or deaths so that the responses from the President can be expedited. He also said that he wanted all mail that came to him to be sent out again answered within 2 days.	
	3:10				Departed the main ranch house enroute -- w/ JV and HB to go riding around the main ranch house area and some of the other ranches. During the ride, vm radioed the President twice -- 1.) Senate confirmation of John T. Connor as the new Secretary of Commerce. 2.) to tell the President aht in 35 minutes, the Secy. of State, Dean Rusk, and Mr. and Mrs. Bundy would arrive	
c	3:50				The President greeted Secy. Rusk, Mr. and Mrs. McGeorge Bundy w/ Mrs. Johnson, HB, and JV. The group rode around in the Lincoln w/ the top down. Mrs. Johnson and Mrs. Bundy rode in the Chrysler w/ the top up.	

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C	4:00				The Prime Minister of Canada, Lester Pearson and Mrs. Pearson arrived on the LBJ airstrip -- the plane that was waving a Canadian flag from the window by one of the pilots came down the runway to the hangar. The plane was was yellow and white jet star -- from the Department of Transport, Canadian Government had the crown of England emblem on the side of the plane. As they landed, both Canadian and American press people were gathered behind a roped off section immediately in front of the hangar. Mrs. Johnson and Mrs. Bundy waited in one of the cars as the President, Secy. Rusk and Mr. Bundy then drove up to officially greeted the Prime Ministers plane. ...and party.	
					The President, Prime Minister Pearson, Mrs. Johnson, Mrs. Pearson all posed for the newsreel photographers and the still photogs along w/ Secy. Rusk -- they exchanged BRIEF REMARKS and the President wanted Him to greet the Prime Minister. Him seemed rather reluctant and the Prime Minister said that perhaps relations between the countries should taken on more of a "good neighbor policy" ...in a very jocular mood.	
					Mrs. Johnson, Mrs. Pearson, and Mrs. Bundy got into one of the cars and rode to the main house where Mrs. Johnson showed Mrs. Pearson the main part of the house.	
	4:23				The President took the Prime Minister, Secy. Rusk and Mrs. Bundy to the waiting helicopter where they then departed for the West Ranch.	
✓					(Guests in house for the evening will be: Prime Minister & Mrs. Lester B. Pearson - Master bedroom) Foreign Minister of External Affairs ^{Paul Joseph James Martin} - Day Room Secretary of State, Dean Rusk - Children's Room Mr & Mrs. The George Bundy - Carnation Room Miss Annette Pearson - Canadian Social Secretary - Carnation Room Marie Fehmer - Purple Room	

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					Mrs. Johnson, Mrs. Pearson, & Mrs. Bundy Choppered over to the West Ranch also. They again drove in separate cars w/ the President radiating back & forth - about seeing deer.	
	4:36				Arr at the West Ranch and went to waiting automobiles w/ group.	
					Departed West Ranch House and motored around ranch area - Mrs. Johnson, Mrs. Pearson, & Mrs. Bundy toured in separate automobile.	
	7:10				With the President were: PM Pearson, Secy. Rusk, Hon. Mrs. Bundy, Foreign Minister J.P. Martin Arr back at the West Ranch House	
	6:45				Left West Ranch enroute to LBJ Ranch via helicopter w/ Mrs. Johnson, PM & Mrs. Lester Pearson, Secy. Dean Rusk, Hon & Mrs. Mc B. Bundy arriving at 6:53 pm & Foreign Minister James J. P. Martin	

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C	6:53				The President arrived back at the ranch and greeted some of the other dinner guests - Gov. + Mrs. John Connally	
					To his bedroom to talk w/ Mc George Bundy, H.B. + J.V. re: Defense Message + possible death of Sir Winston Churchill	
✓	7:40				To the living room and visited w/ Mrs. Johnson Minister James J.P. Martin, Prime Minister + Mrs. Pearson Secy Dean Rusk, Governor + Mrs. John Connally News of Sir Winston Churchill failing health was discussed and what would be appropriate in the way of saluting him because he was one of the great men of our time	
✓	8:00				Dinner w/ Mrs. Johnson Prime Minister and Mrs. Lester Pearson Foreign Minister Martin Governor + Mrs. John Connally Secretary Dean Rusk Mr. + Mrs. Mc George Bundy Miss Annette Perron	

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After dinner the President gave gifts to Prime Minister & Mrs Pearson along w/ the other guests. The exchange was not formal, but rather, very informal.