

THE WHITE HOUSE  
PRESIDENT LYNDON B. JOHNSON  
DAILY DIARY

Date February 10, 1965

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Day Wednesday

Entry No.	Time		Telephone f or t		Activity (include visited by)	Expenditure Code
	In	Out	Lo	LD		
	7:52		f		Jack Valenti	
c	8:02		t		Congressman Albert Thomas	
c	8:17		t		Congressman George Mahon	
c	8:50		t		Senator Smathers	
	9:08		f		George Reedy	
c	9:16		t		Senator Spessard Holland (b.1)	
	9:56		f		McGeorge Bundy	
	10:05		t		Mike Manatos (b.1) re Holland call	
	10:06		f		McGeorge Bundy (b.1) re VN action	
c	10:25		t		Speaker John McCormack (b.1)	
	10:45		t		Larry O'Brien	
c	10:55		t		Senator Allen Ellender	
	11:02		f		McGeorge Bundy	
	11:08		f		George Reedy	
c	11:11		f		Speaker John McCormack	
	11:18		f		McGeorge Bundy	

*calls and wishes re checked*

SEE TRAVEL RECORD  
FOR TRAVEL ACTIVITY

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	11:25				To the office w/ JV and MW	
	11:26		f		Larry O'Brien	
	<del>11:40</del>		<del>f</del>		<del>George Reedy</del>	
	11:35	12:40			Hon. David Bruce -- U. S. Ambassador to Great Britain - To discuss the British political, Economic, political and financial situations. Also some ideas about handling NATO nuclear problem-ANF/MLF. See Bundy memo dated 2-9-65	
	11:40		f		George Reedy	
	11:46		f		George Reedy	
	11:50		t		McGeorge Bundy (pl)	
C	12:00		t		Senator Mike Mansfield	
C	12:03		t		Senator Everett Dirksen	
C	12:15		f		Abe Fortas	
C	12:30	1:30			Hon. Nelson Rockefeller ----- Governor of New York (See ltr to JV, dated 2-4-65) re: 1. State cooperation with Federal government on pressing urban problems; 2. State cooperation with the Federal government on the elimination of water pollution 3. State cooperation with the Federal government on narcotics control	
	1:34		t		Geo Reedy	

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C	1:40		+		Chairman of AEC, Glenn Seaborg	
C	1:45				Ambassador David Bruce	
C	1:55		f		Cong. Robert Jones of Alabama (b.2) on Appalachian Bill President congratulating him on "victory" of morning and urging the getting of his rule immediately	
C	2:07p	4:04			To Cabinet Room for NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL Meeting CIA: John A. McCone, Director DEFENSE: Secy McNamara, Secy Vance, John McNaughton (Asst Secy, ISA) JCS: Admiral David L. McDonald, USN, Acting Chairman STATE: George Ball, Acting Secretary William P. Bundy, Asst Secy for Far Eastern Affairs Llewellyn Thompson, Ambassador-at-LARGE Leonard Unger, Deputy Asst Secy for Far Eastern Affairs TREASURY: C. Douglas Dillon, Secy USIA: Carl T. Rowan, Director WHITE HOUSE: George Reedy, McGeorge Bundy, Bill Moyers, Chester Cooper and Bromley Smith  The Vice President	

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					<i>Lunch in Cabinet Room - Consomme, tapioca, and sanka</i>	
<i>4:04</i>					<i>To office</i>	
4:15p					To North Grounds -- w/Marvin Watson. The President walked out the Press Lobby, and in the front door of the mansion...through the mansion, and then to the South Grounds for a walk w/ MW. He walked out the Southwest Gate, up West Executive Avenue accompanied by Him and MW, and up the ramp into the EOB. He stopped first in Douglass Cater's ofc and when Winnie Coates, Mr. Cater's secretary, explained that he was in a meeting in Dick Goodwin's	
<i>C</i> 4:30p			t		mf - "If the Vice President is in the Cabinet Room, ask him if he'd come over to his office. I'll wait for him."	
4:56p			f		McGeorge Bundy - read to the President a draft of a possible release regarding action in VietNam	
<del>5:20p</del>					<del>To the office</del> office, the President said, "Well, I was just strolling by and thought I'd stop in." Then he took the elevator to 17 <sup>th</sup> EOB which is the Vice President's office. He shook hands with all the people there and used the VP's telephone to get the message to the VP to have him return to his office -- which he did. He and the VP met privately -- with MW in the room -- <del>for</del> for about a half hour. Outside the VP's office the President shook hands with a cleaning lady, and had almost a two minute conversation with her. He walked down the ramp, into the West Executive entrance of the WH, talked with Secy Dillon and John McCone as they were on their way out, spotted McGeorge Bundy and reaffirmed his wish to have Congressional meeting tonight in the East Room. And then he walked to his office.	



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	5:20p				To the Office	
C	5:25p	6:05			Chuck Bailey (Cowles Publications)	OFF RECORD
C	5:36p		f		Secretary Freeman	
					NOMINATION SENT TO THE SENATE TODAY: Admiral Harold P. Smith, U. S. Navy, for appointment to the grade of admiral, when retired, pursuant to Title 10, United States Code, Section 5233.	
					White House today announced that Admiral Thomas H. Moorer has been has been appointed Supreme Allied Commander, Atlantic, to succeed Admiral Harold P. Smith, U. S. Navy who is retiring.	
					Today released statement on the President's taking a dim view of the inadequate police protection afforded the American Embassy in Moscow by Russian police.	
					Today sent Balance of Payments message to the Hill	
					Issued Executive Order on the imposition of interest equalization tax on certain commercial bank loans	
	5:56p				Mrs. Johnson joined the President and Chuck Bailey	
C	6:10	6:20			Senator Allen Bible - re Southern Nevada Water District	OFF RECORD

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					Today released information that the President was directing Secy Wirtz, Secy Connor and Senator Morse to meet with parties concerned with dock strike and report to the President before noon on Friday the results of their meeting.	
					Transmitted to Ckngress by letters to the Speaker and the Vice President the rapid transit message.	
C 6:22					To Mansion w/ Marvin Watson for OFF RECORD BI-PARTISAN CONGRESSIONAL LEADERSHIP MEETING:	
		7:40p			Senator Mike Mansfield, Majority Leader	
		7:40p			Senator George Smathers, Secy of Demo Conference: (Florida)	
6:40p					McGeorge Bundy	
		7:40p			Senator Thomas Kuchel, Minority Whip (California)	
		7:40p			Senator J. W. Fulbright, Chairman, Foreign Affairs (Arkansas)	
7:07		7:40p			Congressman Hale Boggs, Majority Whip (Louisiana)	
		7:40p			Speaker McCormack	
		7:40p			Cong. Carl Albert, (House Majority Leader) - Oklahoma	
		7:40p			Cong. George Mahon, Texas - Chairman, Appropriations	
		7:40p			Cong. Mendel Rivers, S. Ca. - Chairman, Armed Services	
					<i>Larry O'Brien</i>	
					The Vice President	
					Secretary McNamara	
					Under Secy Ball	
					Admiral McDonald	
					Mr. McCone	
					Jack Valenti	
					Marvin Watson	

*See page 8.  
for Larry O'Brien's  
account of meeting.  
Briefing on  
Vietnam  
happenings*

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	8:10p		t		Mrs. McGeorge Bundy	
	9:10p				Mrs. Bundy arrived	
	9:25p				DINNER w/ Mrs. Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. McGeorge Bundy	
	10:00	10:25p			Marvin Watson	
	11:05p				Mr. and Mrs. Bundy departed	
	11:30p				Retired	



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					From Larry O'Brien:	
					"The President called upon George Ball, in the absence of Dean Rusk, Bob McNamara, John McCone, and Mac Bundy to comment briefly and concisely on the problem currently. He called on Admiral McDonald to comment on the military aspect of the problem currently. He solicited views and opened the meeting to questions. Senator Kuchel questioned McGeorge Bundy briefly by way of clarification of Bundy's remarks -- was nothing unusual, was rather routine. Senator Fulbright engaged in a discussion that involved Bundy and McNamara which he questioned McNamara on the feasibility of any retaliatory attack or any kind of military action involving the mainland of China. This was ... dismissed out of hand. Fulbright prefaced his question by saying, 'I'm going to ask what I am sure will be considered a foolish question,' and that was the only spot during the meeting where there was anything in the way of vigorous exchange of views because the President advisors answered Fulbright directly and completely and objected to any consideration such as he envisioned. The President in turn asked the... oh, Mendel Rivers posed questions to Admiral McDonald on the military action phase of the problem and asked him for some specifics... hardware and procedures that he felt that could or would be followed militarily. He based his questions for the most part on the previous comments that had been made by McDonald in Rivers' Committee. This seemed to be a pursuit of a subject that had been taken up between the two of them at a prior date. The Speaker commented very briefly by way of stating that the President and his advisors were following the right course and the only course. Carl Albert, George Smathers, and George Mahon were asked if they cared to comment. They declined. The Vice President made a brief comment along the same lines as the Speaker's comment. Senator Mansfield was asked if he cared to comment. He declined to comment. He had a memo that was in his hand -- I sat next to him, and I thought he would comment off the memo, but he apparently decided at the last second not to bring the memo into discussion at the meeting so he placed it in an envelope and gave it to Jack Valenti for direct delivery to the President. The President urged the group to avoid any discussion of the meeting, and that if it was learned that a meeting took place, they would have to limit themselves to simply saying it was an informal group of leaders gathered to hear a report from McGeorge Bundy on his trip."	