

THE WHITE HOUSE

PRESIDENT LYNDON B. JOHNSON

DAILY DIARY

The President began his day at (Place)

White House

Date

February 12, 1965

Day

Friday

Entry No.	Time		Telephone f or t		Activity (include visited by)	Expenditure Code
	In	Out	Lo	LD		
	9:00				Awake	
	9:15				Jack Valenti	
	9:55		+		George Reedy	
	10:00		+		Geo Reedy	
	10:10		+		George Reedy	
	10:40		+		Geo Reedy	
C	11:05		+		Secretary Mc Namara	
	11:10		+		Willie Ray Taylor	
C	11:16		+		Gardner Ackley	
C	11:24		+		Secretary Wirtz - w/ news of dock strike settlement (b.1)	
	11:27		+		Willie Ray Taylor (b.1) - telling her to get GER	
	11:40		+		Marvin Watson & long briefing & wait for news	
C	11:48		+		Secretary Mc Namara & Wirtz	
	11:50				To the office w/ Marvin Watson. The President stopped at Gerri Whittington's desk to sign a picture for Betty Lane, the teleprompter typist who is leaving to get married.	
C	11:53		t		Bill Bates (Senator Russell's aide at Walter Reed hospital)	
	12:12p					
C	11:54	12:20			Hon. W. W. Heath % discuss the Univ. of Texas interest in OFF RECORD	

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C	12:25p	1:10			Secy Wirtz	
C	12:25p	1:10			Secy Connor	
C	12:25p	1:10			Senator Wayne Morse	
	12:25p	1:10			George Reedy	
	1:01				Press and photos in	
C	1:20				To mansion and to East Room 12 ⁵ accompanied by Mrs. Johnson for presentation of medal from the United States Civil War Centennial Commission,	
					REMARKS to Lincoln Scholars luncheon guests, -- at which time the President announced that he might want to go over to the Lincoln Memorial and pay homage to Lincoln, and if anybody present wanted to go, he'd see that they had transportation so that they might join him.	
	1:35p				To Blue Room w/ Mrs. Johnson to receive guests -- a collection consisting of about	
					distinguished scholars, writers, collectors, and others who have shown a special interest in the Lincoln period.	
	1:50p	2:35p			To State Dining Room for LUNCHEON - 103 guests (Date list & DT)	
					MENU: Eggs Mornay, file of sole naurat, broilled tomatoes, creamed spinach, strawberries romanoff, demitasse.	
					AMONG the guests were: The Governor of Illinois, Otto Kerner	
					The Governor of Arizona, Samuel P. Goddard, Jr.	
	2:40p				Mrs. Johnson walked up the grand staircase with a large number of the guests to look at the Lincoln Room, and at 2:44p the President came up on the elevator with remaining guests. He waited until the guests had donned their wraps and all had boarded 2 Army busses and then departed the Southwest Gate in his limousine.	

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<u>C</u>	<u>3:04p</u>	<u>3:08p</u>			<u>To Lincoln Memorial</u> , accompanied by Senator Ralph Yarborough, Mr. Norman C. Larson, and two other elderly luncheon guests and General Clifton and Lem Johns <u>General C & Lem do not know them.</u>	
					On arriving the Memorial, the President sat in his car while two officers from the Military District of Washington escorted the Luncheon guests from the busses and up to the top steps of the Memorial. When the last guest reached the top step of the Memorial, the President and his party got out of the car. The President climbed the steps of the Memorial, where a soldier from the Military District of the Washington brought a wreath to him. The President placed his hands on the wreath, took several steps forward and placed the wreath at the base of the base of the Statue monument. He then stepped back a couple of steps, bowed his head and was reflective for a moment or two. He then, accompanied by party, walked down the steps, greeting on the outside the national commander of the organization that had conducted the memorial service for Lincoln which was held this morning, and numerous tourists who had gathered around the memorial and the motorcade. He departed the memorial in the company of Senator Yarborough, Mr. Larson, General Clifton, and Lem Johns. The elderly gentlemen did not accompany him.	
	<u>3:20p</u>	<u>3:25</u>			<u>To White House</u> . On arrival, the President got out of his car and talked with Mr. Valenti while waiting for the busses carrying luncheon guests to arrived in the grounds. He said said goodbye to his guests as they got off the busses, and then went <u>To second floor</u>	
	<u>3:35</u>					
	<u>4:02p</u>		<u>t</u>		<u>George Reedy</u>	
	<u>6:00</u>		<u>+</u>		<u>Jack Valenti</u>	
	<u>6:05</u>		<u>+</u>		<u>George Reedy</u>	
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	6:25		+		Mr. George Bundy (ret. his call)	
	6:36				To the OJC. W, MW	
C	6:40	7:40			Senator Stuart Symington - Discusses Jim Davis, his son, Jim Symington, and George Means, Assistant Secretary Thomas Mann (Secretary of Labor)	
C	7:10		f		Marianne Means	
C	7:43				OFF RECORD	
	8:58		+		Jack Valenti	
	9:10		+		Mrs. Johnson	
	9:31		f		Mrs. Johnson	
	10:12				To the Mansions	
	10:55p				DINNER w/ Mrs. Johnson, Lynda, Dave LeFevre, W. W. Heath	
	12:32a				Mr. Heath departed	
	12:40a				Retired	
					Today received, through mjdr, from Eva Adams, Director of the Mint, two of the Annual Assay Commission Medals. The Medals are customarily given to members of the Commission only, but because Mr. Frank Gasparro (whom the President nominated for appointment to Chief Sculptor and Engraver) did the portrait from which the medal was made, Mrs. Adams thought the President and Mrs. Johnson would like to have the medals.	

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					David C. Mearns, Chief of the Manuscript Division of Library of Congress, reported the following in the February 15 issue of the Library of Congress Information Bulletin regarding the luncheon held today.	
					"The guests entered through the southwest gate and gathered in the Diplomatic Reception Room and in the corridor beyond. The atmosphere was not unlike a college reunion. At precisely one o'clock the company marked upstairs and took positions in the East Room. Photographers stood poised on oddly informal and precarious wooden platforms. Flash bulbs exploded indiscriminately. Microphones were put through rigid tests. Out in the foyer, the red-coated Marine Band blared away contentedly. The Vice President came in and was promptly surrounded.	
					"Suddenly the music stopped; the tune was changed to "Hail to the Chief"; and there stood Lyndon Baines Johnson, looking nine feet tall. James I Robertson, Jr., Executive Director of the National Civil War Centennial Commission, presented him with the gold medal of honor, which the President acknowledged in a brief and eloquent address. In part, he said: "Many of you in this room know much more about Abraham Lincoln than I. Yet I do know something of the soil from which he came, and the people he lived among. And sometimes at night, as I struggle with terrible problems, his presence seems almost real."	
					"Thereafter, the President and Mrs. Johnson received their guests in the Red Room, from whence they moved on to the State Dining Room, where the party was seated at small tables. The menu, beginning with eggs Mornay and ending with a strawberry confections, was altogether admirable. When xxxx cigars had been passed, and the last finger had been dampened in the last bowl, the Lady of the House, becomingly garbed in Lincoln green, arose to announce that because this was so special an occasion, she and her husband wanted to exhibit the Lincoln Room on the second story. There, pointing to the great, long bed, Mrs. Johnson commented that Winston Churchill had delighted in its association-comforts. The President remarks that he was going over to the Memorial and would like to have everyone accompany him.	
					In cars and Fort Myer buses, behind a police escort, they followed him in the gray afternoon to the shrine on the Mall. The President placed a wreath of carnationats at the feed of xxx Daniel Chester French's Lincoln, and stood	

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