

THE WHITE HOUSE
PRESIDENT LYNDON B. JOHNSON
DAILY DIARY

Date February 25, 1965
Day Thursday

White House

The President began his day at (Place)

Entry No.	Time		Telephone f or t		Activity (include visited by)	Expenditure Code
	In	Out	Lo	LD		
	7:50				Mrs Johnson - breakfast in bed	
	8:55		+		Marvin Watson	
	9:00				JV and MW	
	9:10		+		Bromley Smith	
C	9:20		+		Secretary McNamara	
C	9:28		f		Secy Rusk (b.1) re statement on general position in Vietnam for the	
C	9:35		+		Senator J. W. Fulbright Secretary's press conference this afternoon	
	10:10		+		Res Reedy	
✓	10:25		+		Secy Rusk (b.1) re above	
	10:45				To the office	
	10:55				To NASA Headquarters w/ Jack Valenti and Marvin Watson	OFF RECORD
	11:00				Arrived 4th and Independence. Greeted by Hugh Dryden and proceeded to the seventh floor and to Director James Webb's office where he met 20-22 staff people of NASA.	
Proceeded to conference room at which time the President and Vice President were briefed thoroughly on the MARINER space flight by three directors of the program after which briefing the President asked other knowledgeable questions.						
			C		made REMARKS	
Then went over to a table on which was displayed a model of the Mariner. More discussion and more questions He returned to James Webb's office then for a private discussion w/ Webb, Dryden and the Vice President Thence, with the Vice President to the Fourth Floor of the building to the office of Francis Keppel, Commissioner of Education. Photographs taken. Hand shaking all along the way. Thence to the first floor of the building where a large crowd had gathered, and into his automobile for the drive to the White House w/ the Vice President, Marvin Watson, and Jack Valenti						

*Chas and ushers
of checked*

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	12:05				To White House w/ The Vice President, J.V. m w (stopped at C-9 and visited in the car for about 5 minutes)	
	12:15	12:16p			Oval ofc w/ VP	
C	12:16p	1:02p			Representatives of the United States Chamber of Commerce: <i>appt requested by Mr Carey</i> Walter F. Carey, President, U.S. Chamber of Commerce Howard Jensen, Vice President of Lone Star Steel Co. <i>To discuss the Administration's position</i> Fred Atkinson, Vice President of Macy's <i>on the repeal of Section 146 of the Taft Hartley Act and the NLRB.</i>	OFF RECORD
C	1:04p	2:31			To Cabinet Room for CABINET MEETING --- 2:29 pm -- photogs in Secretary Rusk in	
C	2:31	2:44			In the Oval Office with Secretary Dean Rusk, Under Secretary George Ball, Marvin Watson, and George Reedy	
C	2:44				Dean Acheson	OFF THE RECORD
	2:45				To the Mansion w/ Mr. Secretary Acheson ---- stopped in the mjdr's office to show Mr. Acheson the picture done made by Tom Lea (a Western scene) -- then asked vm to help him save on the light bill by turning turning out the lights. Then upon seeing GW, MF, Willie Day Taylor and VM -- he introduced each accordingly to the Secretary --- then said--"I don't know what these women are doig in here -- "I guess they're solving some female business"	
					ATTENDANCE AT CABINET MEETING	
					The Vice President	Secretary Udall
					Secretary Ball	Under Secy Murphy (for Secy Freeman)
					Secretary Dillon	Secretary Connor
					Secretary McNamara	Secretary Wirtz
					The Attorney General	Secy Celebrezze
					The Postmaster General	Secy Rusk (joined at 2:26p)

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					Hon. Kermit Gordon Horace Busby Lee White	
					Mr. Otto Eckstein (for Garnder Ackley) Douglass Cater W. J. Hopkins	
					Hon. James Webb, Adm of NSAS NASA Richard Goodwin	
					Dr. Glenn Seaborg, Chairman, AEC Bill Moyers	
					Hon. Robert Weaver, Adm. HHFA Lawrence O'Brien	
					George Reedy	
					Jack Valenti	
					Martin Watson	
					SEE PAGE 6 for notes from GER press briefing re Cabinet Meeting discussions	
C	2:55	3:45			LUNCH w/ Hon. Dean Acheson	OFF RECORD
	4:04		f		George Reedy	
	4:27		t		Bill Moyers	
	4:41		+		Jack Valenti	
C	5:31		+		Secy Dean Rusk	
	5:38				To the office -- w/ MW -- asked vm why it was that she was out every Monday after a weekend -- in a jocular manner... then asked if she thought she has pneumonia	
C	5:40		+		Attorney General Katzenbach	
C	6:05				Harry Wimmer ^{Reasnor} Reasnor A of CBS News	OFF RECORD
					Bob Pierpoint (Mr. Reasnor is being assigned to the White House and Mr. Pierpoint brought him to introduce him to the President.)	

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C	6:15	6:25			John McCone, Director of CIA	
C	6:26	6:35			Secretary Rusk	
C	6:40p				The President left the office with Secretary Rusk to the mansion to attend the ^{the} reception ^{series of 10} Congressional Reception	
					Received 104 guests with Mrs. Johnson in the Green Room. As usual ^{As usual} Pictures were taken of each guest as he greeted the President and First Lady	
	7:25p				Men went to the Blue Room for a briefing, while Mrs. Johnson took the wives to the theater and movie.	
					The President began the briefing by speaking of the world situation. He reminded the Congressmen of the action taken by Congress last summer with the 500-2 resolution outlining administration policy to be followed in VietNam, and reminded them that he had been following it carefully. He spoke very highly of the Secretary of State and introduced him to the group for his remarks. Secy Rusk concerned himself at first with the bright spots in the world situation, the Japanese-Korean agreement, etc. And then he turned to VietNam. He reviewed for them the things he said in his press conference this afternoon and distributed copies of the press conference for their information. Questions and Answers followed.	
					The President then warmly introduced the Secretary of Defense who gave his regular presentation on the Defense Budget.	
					After the Secretary of Defense's remarks, the President again took the floor with remarks on the international situations and problems facing him as President.	
					The President then introduced the Vice President who spoke for 5 minutes on general relationships between the Vice President and Congressional offices.	
					The President closed the briefing with more remarks ... again beginning with the international situation. And in relationship to problems more near to each xxx member, he told them that Governor Buford Ellington was	

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					on board, and if any of them needed any help with federal-state coordination, they were to call Governor Ellington because he was handling governors. And if they needed any help with any of their Mayors, the Vice President had been put in charge of mayors -- since he was a former mayor himself. Claude Desautel reported that the evening was very very successful for two reasons:	
					1. The depth xxxx to which the President went in outlining to them the burdens of the Presidency. He gave them intimate details and numerous examples. He illuminated for them very clearly the xxxxxx heavy load which a President carries on his shoulder.	
					2. The excellent coverage of the VietNam problem	
	9:40p				To State Dining Room for refreshments	
C	10:15p		f		Secretary McNamara	
	10:30p				To second floor	
	10:35p				Mrs. Johnson and former governor of Texas, Allan Shivers, to the second floor. (Governor Shivers had arrived at the mansion at 8:45p and joined the briefing.)	
C	11:30p				DINNER w/ Mrs. Johnson, Governor Allan Shivers	
	11:35p		f		Bromley Smith	
	12:30a				The President went to the Diplomatic Reception with Governor Shivers, bade him goodbye, and returned to second floor	
	1:05a				Retired	

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					the week of	
					Issued Proclamation designating/July 25, 1965 as National Farm Safety Week	
					Issued Proclamation proclaiming the week beginning March 7, 1965 as Save Your Vision Week	
					Issued Proclamation designating Friday, May 21, 1965, as National Defense Transportation Day, and the week beginning May 16, 1965 as National Transportation Week	
					George Reedy's press briefing #620 gave these observations on Cabinet Meeting happenings:	
					"The Cabinet was briefed briefly on the Southeast Asia Situation by Secretaries Rusk and McNamara, who brought the Cabinet up to date.	
					"The President, Cabinet and various invited agency heads reviewed and discussed a number of matters, including a sharply rising volume of public correspondence to the Executive.	
					"The President also asked the various cabinet heads to make a very intensive review of the some 560 interagency committees that are now in existence. He asked the Cabinet and Agency heads to examine the justification for each one of these interagency committees and to recommend termination as soon as possible of those which no longer serve serve a necessary purpose.	
					"The President also informed the cabinet members that he has requested the Bureau of the Budget to make a thorough thorough review of existing policy on government activities which might be considered competitive with private industry.	
					"Secretary Wirtz gave a review of the problem of teenagers who are both out of work and out of school.	
					"The President announced that he was designating Vice President Humphrey to work in liaison with the nation's mayors on urban problems and Federal cooperation with cities."	