

THE WHITE HOUSE
PRESIDENT LYNDON B. JOHNSON
DAILY DIARY

Date March 11, 1965

The President began his day at (Place)

White House

Day Thursday

Entry No.	Time		Telephone f or t		Activity (include visited by)	Expenditure Code
	In	Out	Lo	LD		
	8:30				Breakfast Mrs J.	
	8:45				Jack Valenti	
	8:50	9:00			Marvin Watson	
	8:59a		f		McGeorge Bundy	
C	9:16a			t	Robert Anderson, in New York City (b.1) re Donald Cook	
	9:55a		f		George Reedy	
	10:15		f		Bill Moyers	
C	10:35a		t		AG Katzenbach (b.1) re Civil rights problems	
	11:00a		t		George Reedy	
	11:20a				Rufus Youngblood, USSS, went to the second floor to see the President. He was on the	
	11:30a		t		Lee White telephone, so he sent a note into the President by way of Ken	
					Gaddis to the effect that 12 demonstrators were sitting down	
C	12:12a				To the Cabinet Room to meet on the ground floor (see page 7 OFF RECORD	
					National Newspaper Publishers Association C CIVIL RIGHTS	
					Asst. Pub. Philadelphia Tribune John Bogle John Sengstacke - Publisher, Chicago Defender	
					Publisher, Omaha Star Mildred Brown Whittier Sengstacke - Gen. Mgr. Tri-State Defender - Memphis	
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					Publisher, Jackson Advocate Percy Greene J. S. N. Tross - Publisher, Charlotte Post	
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					Publisher, St Louis Argus Frank Mitchell Jack Valenti	
					President, Afro American John Murphy Bill Moyers	
					Publisher, Cincinnati Herald Marjorie Porter Clifford Alexander	
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At one time during the afternoon two of the demonstrators left because they had ~~g~~ to go to the bathroom -- they had been served coffee during the morning hours. At another point the demonstrators got up -- as if to leave and headed toward

THE WHITE HOUSE an exit, but when they noted that no one was there to see them, they
PRESIDENT LYNDON B. JOHNSON stopped, and took up their seated places just outside the theater.

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	1:30				Gerri Whittington was asked also to join the group -- for pics that were taken and to participate in the meeting	
					The President also gave away folders of copies of his Inaugural address and the State of the Union address.	
					(Cecil took pics -- and after the meeting, the Press went in	
	2:12				To the office -- w/ Marvin Watson and JV	
					(Note: JV asked that someone fr. the office go into to take notes on the meeting	
	2:15		t		Bill Moyers (pl) still in progress)	
C	2:20p				Theodore "Ted" Sorenson in the lounge	
	2:25p		f		George Reedy	
C	2:35p	2:50			National Newspaper Publishers Association went to the Oval Office to join the President and to say goodbye to him.	
					<i>He gave each member of the group a small medallion</i>	
C	2:50	3:10p			<i>To lounge w/ Ted Sorenson</i>	
					Staff members: Lee White, Jack Valenti, Bill Moyers, Cliff Alexander, during which time the President briefed White, Moyers and Alexander on how to go to talk to the	
	3:30	3:32			<i>Bill Moyers</i> demonstrators -- the 3 left for the mansion at	
	3:43		+		<i>Jack Valenti</i> 3:15p	

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	3:56		t		Jack Valenti (pl)	
	4:00		f		George Reedy	
	4:06		t		Jack Valenti (pl)	
	4:07	4:17			Bill Moyers and Cliff Alexander	
		4:30			Jack Valenti, George Reedy, and Lee C. White RE: Civil Rights problems in Selma, Alabama and sit-in demonstrators in the East Wing of the Mansion.	
	4:24				Agent Rufus Youngblood joined -- RE: same as above -- but mainly concerned with sit-in demonstrators in the White House. Agent Youngblood said that their were mainly of student age -- not over 25 years of age, and that at the beginning there were 6 white students and 6 Negro students -- at this point, 2 had left -- The problem concerned -- was not that the students were of a violent nature, but that it was a "touchy" problem of "throwing" them out since the closing time of the White House tours was 12:00 noon.	
	4:35		t		George Reedy (pl)	
	4:36		f		George Reedy	
	4:42 pm		f		Bill Moyers (pl)	
✓	4:44		f		Acting Attorney General Nicholas Katzenbach	
	4:53		t		vm -- asking to get Agent Rufus Youngblood to come in again.	
	4:54		t		Marvin Watson	

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	4:55	5:00			Agent Rufus Youngblood <i>(see page 8)</i>	
	4:56		t		Bill Moyers (pl)	
	5:00		t		George Reedy (pl)	
	5:04		t		Bill Moyers (pl)	
<i>C</i>	5:12		t		Attorney General Nicholas Katzenbach	
	5:20				Lee White, Jack Valenti, Marvin Watson -- Agents Youngblood and Johns, and George Reedy in the Oval Office viewing the live televised conference of AG Katzenbach -- with the Press -- The Attorney General stated the Administration's viewpoints along w/ those of the Justice Department. He was asked questions concerning the riots in Selma, and the legislation from the White House on Voter's Rights that will be sent to the Hill sometime next week. The President was intently watching the telecast -- with his chair pulled up directly in front of the set, and leaning over to get a "good, close look". The staff assistants and SS Agents were watching and listening in the background.	
<i>C</i>	6:00				Departed the White House and motored to the Sam Rayburn Office Building on the Hill for what was a scheduled 5:00 pm OFF THE RECORD dedication of the "Albert Thomas Gymnasium". Even though the President was an hour late, the group was still gathered. (Jack Valenti had called in earlier to Congressman Oren Harris (Ark.) asking him to hold the people until the President came) Accompanying the President were:	
	6:06				Arrived at the Office Building and was met by:	
<i>C</i>					REMARKS BY THE PRESIDENT	

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	6:32				Returned to the Office... and into the office.	
	6:40				George Reedy	
	6:41				In mjdr's -- looked through pics on gw's desk -- and said that he heard that someone in the WH had tied themselves to a rail so that they wouldn't be moved from the East Wing -- (this response came from watching the TV that was on in mjdr's office -- John Chancellor's news report fr. the WH on the sit-ins in the WH)	
C	6:42				To the Mansion w/ MW -- for CONGRESSIONAL RECEPTION -- last of the series of 10, 161 guests	
	6:45p				To Red Room for a receiving line and w/ Mrs. Johnson and picture taking with each guest	
	7:20p				To Red Room To East Room for briefing The President opened the the briefing with remarks on the Selma, Alabama situation, and told the group that because of that situation, he had asked the Attorney General to be present for the briefing. The Attorney General spoke to the group solely on the civil rights problem, and clearly defined all remarks which he delivered in his 5:45 press conference this afternoon. There was extensive questioning by Cong. John Bell Williams of Mississippi and the Congressman from Selma who is a Republican. Kermit Gordon delivered his summary of the budget problems. He was questioned extensively and acidly, according to Claude Desautel, on his article in the January Saturday Review of Literature where he said that there were too many farmers -- by Republican farm Congressmen.	
					The Vice President spoke briefly	

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Ramsey Clark called Marvin Watson's office and gave the news of Mr. Lee's death to Jim Jones for passing to MW - MW handed the President a note, the President asked him to get Mrs. Lee on the phone.

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					Secretaary McNamara delivered remarks on the Defense Budget and the Vietnam situation	
					Secretary Rusk spoke on the Vietnam Situation and world problems.	
					While the Seceretary of State had the floor, the President and the Vice President left to make two telephone calls	
a	9:25p			t	Mrs. James C. Reeb, Birmingham, Alabama (wife of the former D. C. Minister who had just died in Selma, Alabama at the hands of <i>heard a beating</i> white protestors to the civil rights efforts in Alabama) <i>He also talked to Mr. Harry Reeb on this call.</i>	
a	9:35p			t	Mr. <i>Harry</i> Reeb (father of the above named minister), Birmingham, Alabama <i>to offer him the use of an AF jetstar</i>	
					The President, Mrs. Johnson, and the Vice President talked on these calls	
					The President returned to the State Dining East Room and joined the briefing still in progress.	
	9:40p				To State Dining Room for refreshments -- and joined the ladies	
	10:16p				To second floor	
	10:37			+	<i>Don Lawson, USSS - at Northwest Gate</i>	
	10:50			+	" " " " " "	
	11:30p				Retired	

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