

THE WHITE HOUSE
PRESIDENT LYNDON B. JOHNSON
DAILY DIARY

Date April 2, 1965

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Day Friday

Entry No.	Time		Telephone f or t		Activity (include visited by)	Expenditure Code
	In	Out	Lo	LD		
	8:00a				Awake, breakfast in bed w/ Mrs. Johnson	
					MW and JV	
<i>C</i>	<i>9:50a</i>				Joined in West Hall by Dr. Billy Graham and Chairman Carl Vinson	
	8:34a		t		Harry McPherson	
	8:40a		t		Harry McPherson	
<i>C</i>	8:45a		f		The Attorney General, Nicholas Katzenbach (b.1) - re current status on voting rights	
	9:25a		f		Lee White	
	9:35a		f		MJDR - to report to him on arrival and arrangements for Cong. Vinson	
	10:00a		t		George Reedy	
	10:25a				To Capitol Hill accompanied by Dr. Billy Graham, Chairman Carl Vinson, and Marvin Watson for the DEDICATION of the Carl Vinson Armed Services Committee Room in the Rayburn Office Building. - <i>Room 2118</i>	
					On the President's direction, the motorcade proceeded slowly to the Hill, carefully observing all traffic signals and stop signs.	
					On arrival at the Rayburn Office Building, the President and party were greeted by Cong. Mendel Rivers, Chairman of the House Armed Services Committee, and other members of the Committee and escorted by them to the "Carl Vinson Room" Present in the room and waiting for the President's arrival were:	
				<i>C</i>	Secretary McNamara	
				<i>C</i>	Secretary Vance	
					and all of the Joint Chiefs of Staff except Admiral McDonald:	
				<i>C</i>	General Earle Wheeler	
				<i>C</i>	General John P. McConnell	
				<i>C</i>	General Harold K. Johnson -- and General Wallace M. Greene, Jr.	

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					Following his remarks, the President presented to General Gerhart the Distinguished Service Medal (First Oak Leaf Cluster). Pictures were made. The President introduced Dr. Graham to the group, and Dr. Graham delivered a few impromptu remarks. All of the guests in the room were standing, there were no seating arrangements. However, one chair had been put in the room for the President's use and convenience. The President took great delight in trying to xxx cajole Cong. Vinson into sitting in that single chair. The old gentleman politely refused, saying "Oh no, Mr. President. I couldn't do that. That's the President's chair."	
					Among notables present for the ceremony were:	
					General and Mrs. Wallace M. Greene, Jr.	
					Hon and Mrs. Najet Salaby	
					General and Mrs. Harold K. Johnson	
					Senator and Mrs. Thomas Luchel	
					Cong and Mrs. Geo. Mahon	
					Hon. and Mrs. Leonard Marks	
					Gen and Mrs. John P. McConnell	
					Secy and Mrs. Robert McNamara	
					Ambassador of Canada and Mrs. Charles Ritchie	
					Senator and Mrs. Willis Robertson	

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	11:45a				To the second floor w/ Dr. and Mrs. Graham, Chairman Vinson, Secy McNamara McNamara, and Secy Vance remaining there while the East Room was cleared in time for his next appointment there.	
	12:00n				To the East Room to greet Steve Addis and Bill Crofut (two folk singers who recently entertained the villagers in VietNam)	
					Accompanying the President were Dr. and Mrs. Graham and Chairman Vinson	
					President made REMARKS and pictures were made with the two young men	
					Harry McPherson read a citation and letter from the Secretary of State commending the actions of the folksingers in VietNam	
					And General Clifton read a similar letter and citation from the Department of State Defense	
					The President asked to hear two of their songs -- both of which were extremely popular on their VietNam tours. More pictures were made.	
					Attending the meeting were:	
					Mr. and Mrs. William Crofut	
					Susan Crofut	
					Mrs. Steve Addis	
					Mr. Dick McCarthy	
					<i>These two young men entertained the Vietnamese villagers at their own peril, and the awarding of the citation came as a surprise to them.</i>	

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	12:20p				To second floor w/ Dr. and Mrs. Billy Graham and Chairman Vinson	
C	12:25p		t		The Attorney General, Nicholas Katzenbach	
	12:35				To the office, and then immediately to	
C	12:35	2:05p			the Cabinet Room to meet with Joe Rauh and a delegation from Americans for	
C					Democratic Action (holding their convention in the city this week)	
C					John Roche (Chairman of the Group) of Waltham, Mass.	
					Mrs. Samuel Swadesh, Diburen, California	
					Roy Bennett of New York, NY	
					Mel Bergheim, Alexandria, Va.	
					Molly Yard Garrett, Pittsburgh, Pa/	
					Thomas Jacobson, Milwaukee, Wisc.	
					Louis J. Braun, Jamaica, NY	
					Ira Gelnik, Washington, DC	
					Mrs. Philip M. LeCompte, Newton Center, Mass.	
					W. Hale Thompson, Newport News, Va	
					Nat [REDACTED] Weinberg, St. Clair Shores, Mich.	
					Saul [REDACTED] Nesselroth, Livingston, NJ	
					William Evans, Cleveland 18, Ohio	
					Marvin Rosenberg, Westchester County, NY	
					Anna Roosevelt Halsted, Washington, DC	
					Joseph Schwartz, Philadelphia, Pa.	
					Frank Furstenberg, Baltimore, Md	
					Ralph Mansfield, Chicago, ILL	
					Joseph R. Hartz, Jr. , Madison, Wisc	
					Morton Brafferman, Arlington, VA	
					Jane Buchenholz, New York, NY	
					Howard Murphy, Baltimore, Md	

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	1:15p				Senator Russell Long called the President. The President asked for Bill Moyers to talk on the call -- he was joined on it also by MW -- (b. 2)	
C	2:05p	3:05p			NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL MEETING Ambassador to VietNam, Hon. Maxwell Taylor John A. McCone, Director of CIA Robert S. McNamara, Secretary of Defense Cyrus Vance, Deputy Secy of Defense John T. McNaughton, Asst Secy of Defense (ISA) General Earle G. Wheeler, Chairman, JCS Secretary Dean Rusk, Secy of State William P. Bundy, Asst Secy for Far Eastern Affairs Henry H. Fowler, Secy of Treasury William Gandy AID Gaud, AID Carl T. Rowan, Director of USIA White House: McGeo Bundy, Bill Moyers, George Reedy, Jack Valenti, Chester Cooper	
	3:10p		f		George Reedy	
	3:16p		f		McGeorge Bundy	
	3:22p		t		Lee White (returning his call)	

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C	3:55p	4:05p			Clark Clifford and J. Patrick Coyne	OFF RECORD
	4:20		+		McGeorge Bundy (pl)	
	4:26		+		Bill Moyers (pl)	
	4:30p	4:35p			To George Reedy's office	
	4:35p				To oval ofc.	
	4:39		+		Harry McPherson	
	4:45	4:51			Harry McPherson	
	5:15		+		Bill Moyers (pl)	
C	5:24		+		Cartha D. "Deke" DeLoach	
	5:25		+		JV (pl)	
C	5:28		+		Secretary William Crockett	
C	5:30		f		Cartha D. "Deke" DeLoach	
	5:31		+		Mildred Stegall (pl)	
C	5:32		+		John Macy	
C	5:33		+		Senator Robert Kennedy (b.3)	

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	5:41		+		G. Reedy (pl)	
	5:44		+		Bill Moyers (pl)	
	5:50		+		George Reedy (pl)	
	5:52		+		Mr Geo Bundy (pl)	
	5:54		+		Bill Moyers (pl)	
C	5:56				To mansion up TV to join Mrs. Johnson in hosting a RECEPTION honoring the 81 yearold former Chairman of House Armed Services Committee Georgia-Democrat, Carl Vinson -- see page 10 for guest list	
	6:23		+		Lt. MacArthur - waiting ticket tape on his desk - coming over to the office later	
	6:30		+		Bill Moyers	
	6:45				President returned to the office	
	6:53		+		Lt. MacArthur (pl) get Jack Brooks	
C	6:55		+		Gen. Jack Brooks	
	7:25		+		Lee White	
	7:35		+		Situation Room (pl)	
	7:36				The President left the office taking a pile of newspapers - told Lt. MacArthur to tell Secret Service to look up the helicopter, that he was ready.	

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Today Approved:

H. R. 1496, An Act to authorize the release of certain quantities of zinc, lead, and copper from either the national stockpile or the supplemental stockpile, or both.

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					Guests for the Vinson surprise party included: <i>(Complete list to DT)</i>	
				<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Cong. and Mrs. Carl Albert	
				<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Cong. Leslie Arends	
				<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Cong and Mrs. William H. Bates	
				<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Cong. and Mrs. Charles E. Bennett	
				<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Cong. and Mrs. Hale Boggs	
				<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Cong and Mrs. Charles E. Chamberlain	
				<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Cong. and Mrs. John W. Davis	
				<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Cong and Mrs. Frank E. Evans	
				<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Cong and Mrs. O. C. Fisher	
				<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Cong and Mrs. John J. Flynt, Jr.	
				<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Cong and Mrs. Charles E.	
				<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Cong and Mrs. G. Elliott Hagan	
				<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Cong and Mrs. Durward G. Hall	
				<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Cong and Mrs. Floyd V. Hicks	
				<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Cong. Richard H. Ichord	
				<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Cong. Donald J. Irwin	
				<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Cong Jed Johnson, Jr.	
				<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Cong and Mrs. Phil Landrum	
				<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Cong and Mrs. Rodney Love	
				<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Cong and Mrs. Hervey G. Machen	
				<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	The Speaker and Mrs. McCormack	
				<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	The Secretary and of Defense and Mrs. McNamara	
				<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Cong and Mrs Alvin E. O'Konski	
				<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Cong and Mrs. Maston O'Neal	
				<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Cong. Alexander Pirnie	
				<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Cong and Mrs. William J. Randall	
				<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Cong. L. Mendel Rivers	
				<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Cong Senator Margaret Chase Smith	
				<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Cong and Mrs. Robert T. Stafford	
				<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Cong and Mrs. Rogert G. Stephens, Jr.	
				<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Cong and Mrs. Samuel S. Stratton	