

THE WHITE HOUSE  
 PRESIDENT LYNDON B. JOHNSON  
 DAILY DIARY

Date June 17, 1965

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Day Thursday

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✓	9:45		+		Ramsey Clark	
	10:36		+		McGeorge Bundy	
✓	11:05		+		Senator Russell Long	
✓	11:20a				To the Flower Garden for SIGNING CEREMONY of Pacific Northwest Disaster Relief Act 5 2089	
					REMARKS	
					Attending were:	
					The Vice President	
					Senator George Murphy	
					Senator E. L. Bartlett	
					Cong. Harold T. Johnson	
					Cong. George H. Fallon	
					Cong. Robert E. Jones	
					Cong. Al Ullman	
					Leonard Marks	

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<u>1</u>	<u>11:30a</u>				To the <del>Flower</del> South Portico to greet the astronauts, James McDivitt and Edward White as their helicopter landed on the south lawn  The President and Mrs. Johnson greeted the astronauts, their wives, and their children as they departed the helicopter. Live television covered the arrival and ceremonies.  After all had departed the helicopter, the President took both astronauts and with them posed on the steps on the helo for photographers	
					To the Diplomatic Reception Room	
					To the Flower Garden for ceremonies honoring the astronauts	
					James Webb introduced the President. The President made remarks and following his remarks, the President asked the Veep to make "brief" remarks	
					He then awarded NASA Distinguished Service Medals to Lt. Col. James A. McDivitt, USAF Lt. Col. Edward H. White II, USAF Mr. Charles W. Mathews, Manager, Gemini Program Office Manned Spacecraft Center	<i>76 people attended the ceremony</i>
					In return, the astronauts presented to the President a framed American flag which they had carried with them in the capsule in space.	
					The President then called each child of the astronauts to the forefront, shook hands	

SEE TRAVEL RECORD with them and awarded them small Presidential medallions.

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	12:20p				To Oval Office w/ McDivitt, White, and Mathews families -- and Administrator Webb the President gave the children ball point pens, and according to mjdr, literally "cleaned out" his gift closet for the guests in his ofc.	
	12:30p				To the West Lobby, and then walking with the families to their motorcade at the North Portico	
					<b>MEMBERS OF CONGRESS WHO ATTENDED THE ASTRONAUT CEREMONY:</b>	
					The Vice President Cong. Brock Adams	
					Senator George Aiken Cong. Wm. Anderson	
					Senator Howard Cannon Cong. Alphonso Bell	
					Senator Thomas Dodd = Cong. Edward Boland	
					Senator Spessard Holland Cong. Bob Casey	
					Senator Warren Magnuson Cong Barber Conable	
					Senator John Stennis Cong. Emilio Daddario	
					Senator Joseph Tydings Cong Thomas Downing	
					Cong. James Fulton Cong. Jos Evins	
					Cong. Robert Gaimo Cong Ken Hechler	
					Cong Jos. Q Karth Cong. George Miller	
					Cong. Wm. Minshall Cong. Walter Moeller	
					Cong. Chas. Mosher Cong. Roudebush	
					Cong. J. E. Roush Cong. Donald Rumsfield	
					Cong. Gale <del>Schisler</del> Schisler Cong. Roy Taylor	
					Cong. Vivian Weston Cong. Joe Waggoner	
					Cong. Lester Wolff Cong. John Wydler	

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C	12:50	1:45			Go Oval Office and then to Cabinet Room for meeting w/ Secy Rusk, Secy McNamara, Mc Leo Bundy	
	1:45				to office w/ MW + JV	
	1:46		+		Bill Moyers (ret. his call)	
	1:49		+		Mc Leo Bundy (pl)	
C	2:05		+		Cong. Hale Boggs	
	2:10		+		Larry O'Brien (pl)	
	2:20		+		Mc B. Bundy (thru signal)	
	2:26		+		Larry O'Brien	
C	2:32		+		Director Charles Schultz	
	2:55		+		George Reedy (pl)	
	2:56		+		Marvin Watson	
✓	2:58	3:32			Dr. Glenn Seaborg (Okie took pics) Chairman, AEC	
The President announced in his press conference that he and Dr. Seaborg talked about the International Atomic Energy Agency's Safeguards System and Non-Proliferation.						
	3:02		+		George Reedy (pl)	
	3:12		+		Horace Busby (pl)	
C	3:25		+		Secy McNamara (b.1)	
	3:30				Bill Moyers, Jack Valenti, Marvin Watson	
	3:45				Lunch at his desk	
C	3:50				Joined by the Vice President, Douglas Cater, Dr Seaborg	

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	4:09				Henry Brandon and Douglas Cater → London Times - joined all by others in	
C	4:10	5:43			Press Conference 4:41 - commentary ended + questions began at about 5:10, the President began discussing Gov background - his polls and the popularity at this point Mr. Seaborg, Vice President Humphrey, stood w/ the President during the Press Conference + Secy. Freeman joined for a few minutes Staff: JV, HB, BM, GER, McG. B., DC	
C	5:45		F		Director Charles Schultz	
C	5:50				To Fish Room to greet Senator Everett Dirksen --- escorted him to Oval Office - then to lounge - Doug Cater joins McGeo Bundy joined @ 6:00 - out @ 6:55 also Bill Moyers - out @ 6:45	
	6:05		F		McGeo Bundy (b.1) also Bill Moyers - out @ 6:45	
	6:16				yb takes memo called in by Larry O'Brien - "McKee bill recommit motion defeated 35-33. Final passage carried 46 to 28. Russell Long was Vance Hartke's staunchest Democratic supporter on the floor this afternoon."	
C	6:25		F		Judge Homer Thornberry - called three LBJ Ranch board - Austin	
	6:35		+		Geo Reedy (p/e)	

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C	6:55				Gov. Thomas E. Dewey and Lee White - OKie in for piece re Chairmanship of the Crime Committee -- (The President was prepared for this mtg by memoranda from the AG which have been sent to DT)	
	7:05		+		Gen. Reedy (p/r)	
	7:20		+		Mrs. Johnson	
C	7:22		F		Secy Cyrus Vance (b.2)	
C	7:29		+		Sp. McCormack (b.2)	
C	7:30		F		Secy Cyrus Vance (b.2)	
C	7:31		+		Sen. Mansfield (b.2)	
C	7:45		+		Sen. Fulbright (b.3)	
C	7:50		+		Cong Jerry Ford (b.3)	
C	8:10		+		James Webb, NASA adm. (b.3)	
	8:17		+		H. Busby (p/r)	
C	8:20				Departed the White House w/Mrs. Johnson and Gov. Dewey for State Dept Auditorium - watch Astronaut film	Thomas E. Dewey - OKie also
	8:23p		+		Horace Busby (p/r)	see page 8
	8:25p		+		Col. Connell (p/r)	
					departed State Dept @ 10:00p	
	10:05				Arr W/Hse - upstairs in Mansion	



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					<p>Re visit to the State Department:            The President departed accompanied by Mrs. Johnson and Governor Dewey in a motorcade. On arrival at the State Department they were met by Secretary Rusk, who escorted them to the first floor auditorium <sup>Franklin Room</sup> where the audience and press and photographers were gathered. The President shook hands with those near him, and then took a seat on the first row, as the two astronauts, and a Mr. Martin who was a special engineer on the Gemini 4 flight, and Mr. Webb went to the stage and were introduced by Secy Rusk. <del>A</del> the Astronauts spoke and made brief comments on their day, and then the NASA color film of the flight was shown -- and narrated by the astronauts. Following the film showing, the President made</p> <p>REMARKS</p> <p>at which time he announced that he was sending the Vice President, and the two astronauts and families to Paris to the Air Show.            Then the President, Mrs. Johnson, Secy Rusk, the Vice President, astronauts and families took elevators to the large reception room upstairs, and for about an hour stood in line <del>ixx</del> for a RECEPTION of members of the diplomatic community. <i>in the John Quincy Adams suite</i></p> <p>NOTE: The White and McDivitt and Mathews families spent the night at the White House, and at 4:00 am on June 18, 1965, they departed the White House by helo en route to Andrews, accompanied by:            The Vice President,            Dr. James Cain            Mrs. Arthur Krim (who arrived at the White House at 2:10a)            Amb. and Mrs. Hand            Mr. and Mrs. James Webb            and others</p>	