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| <i>C</i>  | <i>11:33</i>       | 11:38a                               |                     |    | Hon. John Barlow Martin, former U.S. Ambassador to the Dominican Republic   |                          |
| <i>C</i>  | 11:40a             | <i>12:40p</i><br><i>12:40p</i>       |                     |    | OFF RECORD: George Meany<br>Andrew "Andy" Biemiller   |                          |
|           | <i>11:45a</i>      |                                      | <i>+</i>            |    | <i>Larry O'Brien (pl)</i>   |                          |
|           | <i>11:46</i>       | <i>12:40p</i>                        |                     |    | <i>Larry O'Brien joined Meany and Biemiller</i>   |                          |
|           | 11:55a             |                                      | f                   |    | Lynda Bird and Mrs. Johnson - Jackson Hole, Wyoming   |                          |
| <i>C</i>  | 12:41p             | <i>12:59</i><br><i>12:41 - 12:50</i> |                     |    | newly appointed Deputy Ambassador to VietNam, William J. Porter<br>McGeorge Bundy   | <del>OFF RECORD</del>    |
| <i>C</i>  | 12:50p             | <i>12:50p</i> 12:59                  |                     |    | John Foster (joined the above)<br>Joe Califano<br>Mr. Foster is a possible appointee for the new Director of Defense Research and Engineering -- a new <span style="background-color: black; color: black;">████</span> post in the Department of Defense | OFF RECORD               |
|           | <i>12:59</i>       |                                      | <i>+</i>            |    | <i>mW (pl)</i>  |                          |
| <i>C</i>  | <i>1:05 - 1:08</i> |                                      |                     |    | <i>Rev. George Davis Off Record</i><br>Dr. Davis is pastor of Natl City Christian Church (see page 4)   |                          |
| <i>C</i>  | <i>1:08 - 1:19</i> |                                      |                     |    | <i>Lawson Knott and Joseph Moody Off Record (see page 4)</i>  |                          |

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|           |       |       |                  |    | The President asked for a paper on his desk on location of libraries that mjdr had given him earlier in the day, and was heard saying -- (vm) -- to the gentlemen -- "I want to have the greatest library ever in the world."  |                  |
| C         | 1:20  | 1:26  |                  |    | OFF RECORD: Edward C. Sweeney -- a member of the Subversive Activities Control Board   |                  |
|           | 1:40  |       | t                |    | Jake Jacobsen (pl)   |                  |
| C         | 1:44  |       |                  |    | Hon. Jack Vaughn -- BM Press briefing #98-A indicated that he and Mr. Vaughn met and discussed Secretary Vaughn's recent tour of several Latin American Countries.   |                  |
| C         | 1:56  | 2:20p |                  |    | To the Fish Room w/ Mr. Vaughn to join the Valenti-Hand luncheon w/ the following Ambassadors countries:   |                  |
|           |       |       |                  |    | H. E. Gonzalo J. Facio, Ambassador of Costa Rica   |                  |
|           |       |       |                  |    | H. E. Sir Neville Noel Ashenheim, Ambassador of Jamaica  |                  |
|           |       |       |                  |    | H. E. Cherif Guellai, Ambassador of Algeria  |                  |
|           |       |       |                  |    | H. E. Andre Theard, Ambassador of Haiti  |                  |
|           |       |       |                  |    | H. E. Ricardo Midence Soto, Ambassador of Honduras   |                  |
|           |       |       |                  |    | H. E. Michel Gallin-Douthe, Ambassador of Central African Republic   |                  |
|           | 2:20p |       |                  |    | The President left the Fish Room and visited in the hall w/ Mr. Vaughn for about two minutes, he then escorted Mr. Vaughn, to the press lobby, and at 2:26p arrivdd in Horace Busby's ofc. ... he made the rounds, and stopped first in JV's ofc, and then MW's ofc... returning to his ofc at 2:35p |                  |
| C         | 2:36p |       | f                |    | Senator Russell Long (b. 2)  |                  |
|           | 2:51p |       | t                |    | MW (pl)  |                  |

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|           |       |             |                  |    | Re: 1:05-1:08 entry on page 2  |                  |
|           |       |             |                  |    | BM press briefing #98-A indicated that Dr. Davis presented to the President a citation that was awarded the President by the World Convention of Disciples of Christ meeting last month in San Juan, Puerto Rico. Each year they present a citation to an outstanding Disciple in one or more fields -- science, education, theology. This year, one of the citations went to the President. |                  |
|           | 2:55p |             |                  |    | Marvin Watson and Bill Moyers <i>out at 3:11p</i>  |                  |
|           | 3:15p |             |                  |    | Dr. Young and Dr. Burkley  |                  |
|           |       |             |                  |    |  |                  |
|           |       |             |                  |    | Re 1:08-1:19 entry on page 2   |                  |
|           |       |             |                  |    | Mr. Moody is now General Counsel for GSA. Lawson Knott has recommended him for the post of Deputy Administrator of GSA -- this mtg was held prior to the announcement of the appointment.  |                  |
| <i>C</i>  | 3:35p |             | f                |    | Hon. Buford Ellington, Director of Office of Emergency Planning, <del>xxx</del> (b. 1)   |                  |
|           | 3:40p |             | t                |    | Larry O'Brien (pl)   |                  |
|           | 3:54p |             | t                |    | Colonel Cross  |                  |
| <i>C</i>  | 3:56p |             | t                |    | J. Edgar Hoover (b. 2)   |                  |
|           | 4:05p | <i>4.07</i> |                  |    | Bill Moyers  |                  |
|           | 4:14p |             | t                |    | Dr. Burkley  |                  |



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|           |      |     |                  |    | Today released text of Water Resources Council Report to the President on the Drought in Northeastern United States   |                  |
|           |      |     |                  |    | Released text of report to the President from Jack Vaughn on his trip through Latin America   |                  |
|           |      |     |                  |    | Released text of his ltr to the Clerk of the House of Representatives vetoing HR 3329, a bill to incorporate the Youth Councils on Civic Affairs and for other purposes.  |                  |
|           |      |     |                  |    | Released text of statement by the President on signing of HR 6964 and HR 2263   |                  |
|           |      |     |                  |    | TODAY APPROVED:   |                  |
|           |      |     |                  |    | HR 496, An Act to designate lock and dam 3 on the Cap Fear River, North Carolina, as the William O. Huske lock and dam  |                  |
|           |      |     |                  |    | HR 2263, An Act to provide for an objective, thorough, and nationwide analysis and re-evaluation of the extent and means of resolving the critical shortage of qualified manpower in the field of correctional rehabilitation |                  |
|           |      |     |                  |    | HR 6964, An Act to amend section 4082 of title 18, United States Code, to facilitate the rehabilitation of persons convicted of offenses against the U. S.  |                  |
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| 11:15p    |      |     |                  |    | Mrs. Johnson and Lynda returned to the White House  |                  |

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|           | 5:05        |     |                    |    | The President departed the South Grounds via chopper w/<br>Senator Russell Long Jack Valenti<br>Cong. Otto Passman Bill Moyers<br>Cong. Hale Boggs, Jake Jacobsen<br>Cong. Ed Willis Vicky McCammon  |                          |
|           |             |     |                    |    | enroute to New Orleans, Louisiana for review of flood and wind damage to the city caused by Hurricane Betsy.   |                          |
|           | 5:11        |     |                    |    | Arrival at Andrews AFB and boarded AF-1, 26,000 being airborne at 5:18 pm  |                          |
|           |             |     |                    |    | In the stateroom w/ the President were: Those on the helicopter and<br>Secy. Orville Freeman, Hon. Eugene Foley, Hon. Buford Ellington,<br>Senator Allen Ellender, Major Gen. James Graham ( <del>Brig. Gen.</del> ) <i>Dir. Civil Works</i><br><i>In Corps of Engineers, Gen. James Collins - Dir. Am. Natl. Red Cross, Surg. Gen. Luther Terry</i><br>The President spent a good deal of time talking w/ Senator Russell Long and<br>Cong. Hale Boggs during the flight -- also worked in his bedroom w/ VM and JJ<br>on mail that had been taken on the flight.<br>Afterwards, the President napped for about 30 minutes before arrival at New Orleans, |                          |
|           |             |     |                    |    | <u>NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA</u>  |                          |
|           | 5:36 pm CST |     |                    |    | Arrived at New Orleans Municipal Airport.<br>The President walked down the ramp steps of the aircraft -- the Press<br>gathered around him -- and government officials from the airplane stood on the<br>steps behind him. The President read a STATEMENT to the press --<br>and then moved to his motorcade.<br>Mayor <i>Vicini</i> <del>Shapiro</del> <i>Schiro</i> greeted the President at the airport.   |                          |
|           |             |     |                    |    | The airport was the first look at the damage of the hurricane. Parts of the roofing<br>of the terminal were torn away and several of the large windows were broken.  |                          |



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|           |      |     |                  |    | The members of the Presidential party had seen from the air a previews of the city -- water over 3/4 of the city up to the eaves of the homes, etc...and extensive damage to the harbors, etc.   |                  |
|           |      |     |                  |    | At this point, the party would move in to the city to see for first hand just how much damage had actually occurred.   |                  |
|           | 5:40 |     |                  |    | The motorcade departed the airport -- and the President and party motored into the City proper.  |                  |
|           | 6:20 |     |                  |    | At this point, the motorcade stopped, though the President did not get out of the car... Two schools were located on both sides of the street -- that were being used as refugee centers   |                  |
|           | 6:25 |     |                  |    | The motorcade stopped again on a bridge and this time did depart from the limousine. The press scoured around the President and members of his party as they looked over both sides of the bridge below at the water that had engulfed the neighborhoods. People were walking along the bridge where they had disembarked from the boats that had brought them to dry land. Many of the people were carrying the barest of their possessions, and many of them had been sitting on top of their houses waiting for rescue squads to retrieve the families and carry them to dry land -- and to food and water. |                  |
|           |      |     |                  |    | The President stopped and talked w/ some of them -- among them a gentleman by the name of William Marshall -- a 74 year old Negro man. The President asked him how he was and they chatted for while -- the man leaving the President saying -- "God bless you, Mr. President -- God ever bless you."  |                  |
|           |      |     |                  |    | The motorcade soon departed and returned into the city... enroute <del>the</del> stopping at Washington High School on St. Claude's Avenue. The President again left his car and walked into the building that was being used as a refugee center. Most of the people inside and outside of the building were Negro. At first, they did not believe that it was actually the President. He walked up steps leading in to the school and the only light was that of a few flashlights lighting the way for him.   |                  |



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|           |      |     |                  |    | The President would stop and talk w/ a few of them in the school...It was a mass of human suffering. They were crowded into the school w/ their families gathered around them. Calls of "water - water - water" were resounded over and over again in terribly emotional wails from voices of all ages.   |                  |
|           |      |     |                  |    | The President left the building and in front of it, called for Hon. Buford Ellington to come to him and asked him to send water to them immediately. He also suggested to the Mayor Victor Schiro that the soft drink companies in New Orleans make available the bottled soft drinks (since the water had to be boiled - and no electricity was available -- contamination could set in.) The Mayor agreed to check into the possibilities of this.              |                  |
|           |      |     |                  |    | The people all about were bedraggled and homeless...thirsty and hungry. It was a most pitiful sight of human and material destruction.  |                  |
|           | 6:29 |     |                  |    | Departed New Orleans city and returned to the airport travelling through downtown - Canal Street - where the store windows were broken and heavy signs supported by steel were bent as if they were rubber.   |                  |
|           |      |     |                  |    | The President returned to the Mouisiana Airport - New Orleans, La. and after talking w/ the Press and bidding Mayor Schiro boarded his aircraft. The President told the Press that it was inadvisable to travel to Baton Rouge and view the damage there because of weather conditions...and this he reported to the Press. ...at the same time telling them that he intended to cut "all red tape and place New Orleans on top priority in getting aid to them." |                  |
| C         | 7:43 |     |                  | t  | Governor John McKeithen - aboard AF-1 - Baton Rouge, La. -- telling him that he could not come to Baton Rouge and see the damage there. He also told him what plans and measures he intended to accomplish. Sen. Russell Long and Cong. Jim Morrisson of Baton Rouge district also talked w/ the Governor.  |                  |
| C         | 7:56 |     |                  | t  | Mayor <i>Woodrow</i> Dumas of Baton Rouge, La. -- told him he was sorry that he could not come -- Sen. Long and Cong. Morrisson also talked on this call.   |                  |

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| approx.   | 8:20     |      | t                |    | Mr. George Healy - of the newspaper in New Orleans --  |                  |
|           | 8:29     |      |                  |    | Departed New Orleans, La. enroute to Washington, D. C. -- the President was visiting w/ Cong. Hale Boggs -- and then changed in his pajamas and went to bed. In the bedroom he visited w/ VM, JJ, JV, BM   |                  |
|           |          |      |                  |    | The members of the Press also travelled on AF-1 since they could not get a plane chartered in time to carry them to New Orleans and accompany the President.   |                  |
|           |          |      |                  |    | The same people accompanied on return flight to Washington w/ exception of Sen. Russell Long and Cong. Jim Morrisson (they stayed in New Orleans and waited for the Governor's plane to transport them to Baton Rouge, La.   |                  |
|           | 12:24 am | EDST |                  |    | Arrived at ANDREWS AIR FORCE BASE -- and boarded helicopter w/<br>Senator Allen Ellender                      Cong. <i>Joe</i> Waggoner<br>Cong. Otto Passman                              Secy. Freeman,<br>Cong. Hale Boggs                                  Governor Buford Ellington<br>Cong. Ed Willis                                      JJ, VM, Dr. Burkley |                  |
|           | 12:38 am |      |                  |    | Returned to the South Grounds -- and went into the Mansion -- retired for the evening.   |                  |