

THE WHITE HOUSE
PRESIDENT LYNDON B. JOHNSON
DAILY DIARY

Date October 8, 1965

The President began his day at (Place) WhiteHouse - N. N. M. C. - Bethesda, Md.

Day FRIDAY

Entry No.	Time		Telephone f or t		Activity (include visited by)	Expenditure Code
	In	Out	Lo	LD		
	5:00 am				The President awakened and showered and shaved...	
	5:10				Pre-operative medication was applied to the President -- then he read the newspapers. He asked for Bill Moyers to come in at 5:15 am -- and they visited and talked. In press briefing #140-A moyers reported that the President asked that a message go to the men in VietNam immediately following his operation to let them know of his progress.	
					Mrs. Johnson, Luci, and Jack Valenti joined Bill Moyers -- and they all gathered before the President was undergo major surgery.	
					Cam Doctors Hallenbech, Kane , Hurst, and Burkley also joined the group.	
					The President read from his "Prayer Book of Poems" and noted several passages... Then Luci read from the book that she had given to her father on his birthday and read some of her poems -- "On Becoming 58", "Confusion", and "Campaign"	
					The President, Mrs. Johnson, and others prayed silently, while the President knelt beside his bed in prayer. (Sgt. Gaddis said that it was the "most touching" scene that he had ever seen.)	
					The President and Mrs. Johnson and Bill Moyers discussed the "Salute to Congress" w/ comments that it was a wonderful show, etc. He then gave instructions to Bill Moyers as far as the press was concerned and for the Vice President. He commented that he loved the picture of the horse that hung in his room and that he was delighted by the pictures of the Mrs. Johnson and Luci and Lynda that had been taken from his office. All commented that he was in an extremely good humor, but rather pensive.	
	6:00				An E. K. G. was given to the President by Dr. Hurst -- the President was running ahead of the post-operative schedule (Electriocardiogram)	
	6:20				The President was placed on a rolling bed that was to carry him to the operating room and he was wheeled out -- w/ all wishing him well. Luci and Mrs. Johnson both kissed him before he left.	

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✓	7:00	10:15			<p>As the President was being wheeled out, he asked a corpsman if he would see to it that he had a "happy landing". The corpsman replied that he would by saying -- "Yes, sir!" He also told Mrs. Johnson that he wanted to have Dr. George Davis - his minister - to be there in his room when he returned. The President was operated on for the removal of his gall bladder and the removal of his gall stone</p> <p><i>Operation ended at 9:15 a</i></p> <p>While the President was being operated on, Oke was there to take pix of the operation just before the incision was made.</p> <p>After Dr. Hallenbeck removed the gall bladder and stone, Dr. Culp took over for removal of a kidney stone that the President has had for quite some time.</p> <p>It was thought before the operation, that if everything went all right and if they could get to the kidney stone that they would remove, and since it was all right, they did. (later the President discussed the pain that he was experiencing and asked the doctors why it hurt so much -- and they told him that they had to probe all over the abdominal region and go through 34 feet of his intestine, etc. to find it...hence the pain)</p>	
	8:40 am				<p>Dr. Cain returned to the reception room in the 3rd floor and called Mrs. Johnson to tell her that the bladder had been removed and that stones were present. That there was some inflammation, but there were no problems w/ anything - i.e. heart, anesthesia, etc.</p> <p>Surgery was performed by: Dr. George Hallenbeck of Mayor Clinick, assisted by Dr. Donald C. McIlrath and Dr. Ormond Culp, both of the Mayo Clinic, and Dr. DavisOsborne of the U.S. Navy. Dr. Hallenbeck removed the gall bladder and Dr. Culp removed the ureter stone. The anesthesiologists were Dr. Edward Didier of the Mayor Clinic and Dr. Robert J. Van-Houten of the U.S. Navy.</p>	

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					Bill Moyers press xxx briefing #140-A indicates the following:	
					"The President was partially awake shortly after 10:00am. I saw him at eleven in the operation recovery room, and talked to him about several matters. Operation was described as routine. All responses normal."	
					Moyers press briefing #141-A indicates the following:	
					"The President spent a restful afternoon. At 2 this afternoon with the assistance of a doctor and a nurse, the President stood beside his bed and took a few short steps. Only caller today was Dr. George Davis.	
	10:15	10:35			Dr. George Davis (The President had asked for him to come in after his operation over. - Mr. Davis went to the President's bed and spoke w/ him for a few minutes - then sat on the couch while the President slept.)	
	5:45				Lynda to the state	
	5:50				The President was asleep and Lynda curled up on the couch and slept until he awakened so that she could see him then	