

THE WHITE HOUSE
PRESIDENT LYNDON B. JOHNSON
DAILY DIARY

Bethesda Naval Medical Center

Date October 17, 1965

The President began his day at (Place)

White House

Day Sunday

Entry No.	Time		Telephone f or t		Activity (include visited by)	Expendi- ture Code
	In	Out	Lo	LD		
					The nurses reported that the President slept straight through until 5:30a and then napped until about 7:00a, when he started reading the morning papers.	
	7:45a				Joined by Mrs. Johnson and mf for coffee	
✓	9:00a				the President, dressed in slacks and blue sport coat went for a walk around the hospital grounds accompanied by Dr. Burkley, Dr. Hallenbach and Dr. McIlrath. He returned to the suite at 9:40a, bearing three roses which he'd cut from a garden on the grounds, and made ceremony of giving one to mf and one to Glenda Temple, and then went into Mrs. Johnson's bedroom to give the red rose to her.	
	9:45a				The President breakfasted in the reception room sitting on the blue couch with a tray on the table in front of him. He ate melon balls and chipped beef on toast, asking for a second helping of chipped beef. During breakfast he looked at a book which Eric Goldman had found while researching -- a book believed to be used by the President when he was teaching debate at Sam Houston, and he read letters of encouragement from Senator Richard Russell and his sister, Lucia. He also autographed a picture to Dr. Donald McIlrath, Dr. Hallenbach's assistant, who is leaving this afternoon to return to Mayo Clinic. Mrs. Johnson joined him on the couch for a visit.	
	10:05a				10/ To his bedroom, where the President got on his bed -- but remained dressed.	
✓	10:10		t		Cong. Mendel Rivers (The President called on the request of a Charles Schultze, who, in a memo dated Oct 16, requested that the President talk to Cong. Rivers re Stockpile Disposal and the Foundation on the Arts and Humanities)	
✓	10:28			t	J. C. Kellam - Austin, Texas	

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✓	10:55a				Mr. and Mrs. O. P. Bobbitt and their son, Philip, joined the President in his bedroom.	
✓	11:00		t		Lawson Knott - Administrator of GSA - to ask him to get together with Cong. Rivers and work out the nickel and zinc dispute in House.	
	11:50a				Mrs. Johnson joined (she had been at the dentist) and with the Bobbitts and Mrs. Johnson, the President went into the sitting room.	
	12:30p				The President watched "Face the Nation" on television in the sitting room w/ his guests. Appearing on the program was the Attorney General of Alabama, Richmond Flowers.	
	1:05p				LUNCH in the sitting room w/ Mrs. Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. Bobbitt and Philip while watching "Meet the Press" xxx where NYC mayoralty candidates appeared: Beame, Lindsey, Buckley.	
	1:30p				The President, w/ his guests, watched General Eisenhower on the television program, "Issues and Answers."	
	2:00p				The President walked to the door w/ the Bobbitts and said goodbye to them at the elevator. He then returned to the sitting room of the suite to visit w/ Mrs. Johnson for a brief moment, and then he went to his bedroom. He spent a short time visitng w/ Dr. McIlrath, who is leaving this afternoon, and then awaited the arrival of Dr. Davis -- passed the time by watching television.	
✓	2:30p				CHURCH services in the sitting room conducted by Dr. George Davis, Pastor of the National City Christian Church in Washington. During the service, which lasted about 25 minutes, the President listened intently to Dr. Davis. Mrs. Johnson said xxx sat on the sofa on the Presiddnt's right, and next to her Sat Luci. Okie took pictures during the service. Also in the room were Mrs. Davis, Jack Valenti, Mrs. Sammie Bear, MF	

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	3:00p				Dr. and Mrs. Davis departed and the President went to his bedroom to read the ticker and to visit w/ Luci (Mrs. Johnson departed, saying to mf that she would return in about 3 hours)	
					The President sat in bed and napped and sort of dozed , but did not sleep during the afternoon	
	5:30p				The President asked mf if there was any work to be done, any decisions to be madehe was ready to look at anything we had.	
	6:00p				The President stopped working and sat down to watch Frank McGee's news program -- joined in the room by Mr. and Mrs. Jack Valenti and Courtenay.	
	6:20				To the sitting room -- w/ Mrs. Valenti and Courtenay and Jack Valenti	
	6:30				vm was asked to join and did -- visited there -- and MMV and Courtenay departed at 6:45 pm	
	6:50				Mrs. Johnson returned and joined the President and JV and vm in the sitting room	
✓	7:16			t	Judge A. W. Moursund, Round Mountain, Texas	
	7:25	8:35			DINNER w/ Mrs. Johnson, Jack Valenti, Mrs. Sammy Bear , vm	
	8:40				Returned to his bedroom and read the UPI tickers -- then prepared for bed -- sitting under the sunlamp first. <i>- went to sleep at midnight</i>	