

THE WHITE HOUSE
PRESIDENT LYNDON B. JOHNSON
DAILY DIARY

Date October 18, 1965

The President began his day at (Place) Bethesda Naval Medical Center

Day Monday

Entry No.	Time		Telephone for t		Activity (include visited by)	Expendi- ture Code
	In	Out	Lo	LD		
					Weighed slightly under 200 today	
	7:00a				Awake - visited by doctors breakfasted on melon balls and chipped beef, w/ hot tea	
	8:45a				The President was joined by Mrs. Johnson who stayed with him briefly while he rested. He mentioned that he had not slept long enough and wanted to take a nap. He also complained of abdominal pains. w/ mf and Nurse Chapowicki, the President slept through most of the morning, waking at intervals to ask Bill Moyers to come in -- to talk to him about the press briefing, to ask Dr. Cain to come in to look at him. Generally, he slept quietly until 11:15 a. when he awakened and got out of bed and put on a robe and sat in his green chair.	
	9:25a			f	Lynda Bird - Austin, Texas (she talked to Mrs. Johnson)	
	11:50a				Ginny Thrift	
	1:30p				JV and BM joined	
					Bath	
	2:00p				LUNCH in conference room w/ Dr. Cain, Ginny Thrift, JV, BM, Sammie Bear, MF -- the President ate a meat meat patty, spinach, pear salad, tapioca -- drank some tea	
	2:40p	3:20			To bedroom w/ JV, BM, Ginny Thrift	
	2:45p		f		Larry O'Brien (did not talk - call not completed) (see 6:02p entry this date)	
	3:40				The President walked into the area known as the reception room -- and greeted Mrs. Johnson who had just returned -- The President was wearing light green slacks that he had purchased in 1961 in Burmuda and was quite proud of	

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					and sported a bright red polo shirt w/ matching red socks and his black loafers.	
	3:45				Asking what the weather was outside, he decided to go for a walk in the vicinity of the hospital accompanied by Mrs. Johnson, MW, Dr. Cain, and VM	
					The group walked all around the rear part of the hospital -- the President and Mrs. Johnson greeting those who were "passerbys". Many people greeted the President w/ wishes of "speedy recovery" and asking him how he felt. He also stopped and talked w/ a family of three boys were who were w/ their mother. They were all ranging between the ages of 5 and 8 years of age -- and were wearing Indian headresses.	
	4:03				Bill Moyers joined the group -- and the President suggested that the Press might want to come out and take pictures -- BM went back inside the hospital to gather the news people.	
	4:09				The Press joined the President and Mrs. Johnson and party on the golf green directly across from the hospital. The President and Mrs. J. posed for pics and then walked w/ the reporters around the area where Secy. Udall had planted the tree -- and then back into the hospital thru the front entrance.	
	4:25				At this point, the President and party left the press and went to the 5th floor sundeck, where the President removed his shirt and sat in the sun w/ Mrs. Johnson, Dr. Cain, MW, VM	
	5:00				The sun had gone down and it was getting chilly on the sundeck, so the party departed and went to the first floor -- passing the cafeteria where the President decided to out onto the sundeck directly adjacent. The doors were unlocked and the President and party went to the deck. Mrs. Johnson remarked to the President as they entered the cafeteria -- that this was the same place that she spent so many hours in 1955 eating her meals while the President was recuperating from his heart attack.	

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					On the sundeck, the President was told by Agent Youngblood that Agent Clarence Knetsch was in town and asked the President if he would like to see him. The President said that he would, and Clarence joined the group. (Mr. Knetsch is in charge of the SS around the Ranch area and now lives in Johnson City, Texas) The President and Clarence talked most of the time about rainfall, various projects at the Ranch - e.g. - planting of grasses, bluebonnets, etc. -- and asked about the cattle, etc.	
	5:07		f		Mrs. Rebecca Bobbitt (did not talk - call not completed)	
	5:18				Left the sundeck w/ the party and walked the remainder of the distance through the front entrance of the hospital and walked around to the side entrance. The President didn't want to walk in the corridors because he said that it was too slippery.	
	5:25				Returned to the hospital suite w/ Mrs. Johnson, Dr. Cain, MW and VM Mrs. Johnson went to her bedroom to do some work w/ Ashton Gonella and the President sat in the reception room reading the latest tickers and the press briefing of BM's.	
	5:45				To his bedroom sitting in his green chair reading LIFE and The Reporter and tickers as they were brought in. (vm also in the room)	
	6:00	6:45			Joined by BM at request of President -- and they sat watching the 6:00 news	
	6:02		f		Larry O'Brien -- re legislation on the Hill and the nomination of Francis Morrissey.	
	6:32	6:40			Luci and Pat Nugent -- w/ a Present for the President -- it was a pre-Halloween gift -- A jack-o-lantern filled w/ candy and a funny picture of 4 very shabbily dressed men that looked as if they came straight from the Ozarks hills -- w the caption underneath saying-"our highly skilled and intelligent personnel -- are xxx eagerly waiting to serve you" - and Luci had written on the picture -- "To the Man we will always love and respect -- Here's hoping this little pre-Halloween gift will scare all the evil spirits away and make you well again. Luci & Pat"	

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	7:00				Mrs. Johnson joined the President in the bedroom	
✓	7:20				Doctors Cain and Hallenbeck joined	
	7:30				To the conference room for dinner w/ Mrs. Johnson, Doctors Cain and Hallenbeck, MW, Ruby Moy, VM - <i>(Canned beef, stewed tomatoes, cooked carrots, spinach, and canned apricot halves for dessert.)</i>	
✓	8:10				Warren Woodward joined -- bringing tie samples fr. A. Sulka Co. in NYC -- for the President to see. He selected some and returned the box to Mr. Woodward to order the ties.	
✓	8:35				<i>7:30pm</i> To his bedroom - w/ Mr. Woodward, Doctors Hallenbeck and Cain, - w/ Mrs. Johnson joining... the doctors removed the large bandage that was x covering the President's incision -- and just left a bandage over the tube that was still connected to the President for drainage (they expect to remove the tube tomorrow night). (Marvin Watson was in and out)	
✓	9:00	10:40			Mr. and Mrs. Phillip O. P. Bobbitt --	
	10:15				VM in w/ work to do -- the President read aloud some of the messages, etc. that he had received to them -- and visited some more. He gave Mrs. Bobbitt one of the books by his mother - "A Family Album"	
	1:30 am				Retired for the evening.	
					Today - Nomination sent to the Senate: William K. Thomas, of Ohio, to be U. S. District Judge for the Northern District of Ohio, vice Paul Jones, deceased.	