

THE WHITE HOUSE
 PRESIDENT LYNDON B. JOHNSON
 DAILY DIARY

Date October 20, 1965

The President began his day at (Place)

N. N. M. C.

Day Wednesday

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	In	Out	Lo	LD		
	7:30a				Awake - the reading the morning papers - drinking a cup of tea	
	8:15a				The President dressed and then sat in a chair across from his row of television sets and watched the morning news as he ate his breakfast. Bill Moyers was in the room with him this a. m. as he ate.	
C	9:00a				The President was joined in his bedroom by members of Congress who witnessed a SIGNING CEREMONY of the Clean Air Act Amendments and Solid Waste Disposal Act of 1965 - S306	
C	9:05a				The President sat at his desk w/ his guests gathered around him and made REMARKS Then he signed the bill	
					Present were: The Vice President Secy Gardner Senator Mansfield Senator McNamara Senator Muskie Senator Boggs Speaker McCormack Cong. Boggs Cong. Harris Cong. Bill Springer Cong. Leo O'Brien	

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	9:55a				The President walked to the door of his suite w/ Senator Mansfield, Speaker McCormack, Larry O'Brien, and the Vice President -- and then returned to his bedroom for a brief chat w/ Bill Moyers Other members had departed earlier, but the President had spent some time visiting privately w/ the above named.	
✓	10:05a	10:15a			The Vice President	
	10:15a				To the first floor by way of elevator for a WALK w/ BM and MF - Drs. Cain, Hallenbach, and Young following. The President walked down the steps, and his attention was attracted by the shouts of some patients in Ward 3-6 4-C. They hung a sign from the window. The President was amused by this and entered the Ward and visited the patients along the way. In one ward, he said, "I don't see any draft card burners," and the group xxx shouted, "No, Sir." Then xxx he walked outside the grounds of Bethesda, down Wisconsin avenue, causing a commotion in traffic, walked past the Natl. Library of Medicine, back through the park and into the grounds again, stopping to pose for Oke pic in front of NNMC sign. From there he walked to the putting green, and suggested that he might like to sit in the sun if some chairs could be put in the sun for him. He then looked at the green, and asked for three putters and some golf balls -- when they arrived, he spent a considerable bit of time on the tee -- even dropping some balls in the hole. He challenged Dr. Hallenbach and Cain to try to beat him -- Dr. Hallenbach dropped one in on the first shot, and the President quipped, "You'll never get to be a federal court judge." He then went to the crowd that had gathered, shook hands -- all this time waiting for the chairs to arrive. When chairs did arrive, he made himself comfortable, and in the sun rested -- sending word back to BM in his press briefing that he might want to bring the press out. Bill did bring press out -- and the President posed for photographers -- and answered several questions, but pointed out xxx to the press that his doctors were with him and they might want to ask the doctors questions. Questions were not really of the substantive type -- and the President would not tell the press when he was leaving the hospital or when he was going to Texas.	
On his way through the hospital the President entered a small private room where Kenneth Detmer of Jacksonville, Fla. was standing w/ his nurse. Oke took pic of the greeting.						
The pedometer showed that the President walked 1 1/8 miles today -- although the President strongly doubted the accuracy of the pedometer. It was his feeling that he had walked more.						

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					After the press left, the President sat quietly in the sun -- he read the first edit editions of the Evening Star and the Washington Daily News -- and then intently listened to radio newsbroadcasts on a portable radio. The President switched the dial incessantly, trying to listen to every portion of news he could. at 1:20, he looked at his watch and said, "Let's go eat, I think I'm hungry," and walked back to NNMC. This time a crowd of people had gathered again, and the President walked out of his way to greet them. He generously posed for pictures and signed autographs. He then walked back to the side door of Bethesda and entered the hospital suite at 1:45p	
	1:45p				In sitting room w/ BM, JJ, mf	
	1:50p				LUNCH w/ JJ, JV, Glenda Temple, MF	
	2:55p			f	Lynda Bird	
					The President changed clothes and dressed in sporty yellow shirt and slacks	
	3:00p			f	Marvin Watson	
	3:10p				The President w/ MF and Glenda Temple walked to the front lawn of Bethesda where he sat in the sun. He napped for a short time and waited for the arrival of Judge and Mrs. James Watson. Mrs. Judge and Mrs. Watson arrived and visited with him privately for about 30 minutes. After they departed, the President was visited by MMV and Daughter, Courtenay. Courtenay playfully kissed and hugged the President and shared with him about 15 minutes of the sun.	
					Hospital	
	5:05p				The President walked back to Bethesda/and to his suite w/ MF and VM -- thence to his bedroom w/ BM to read the evening press briefing.	

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					White House flower arrangement w/ card reading, the President and Mrs. Johnson sent to Mrs. Betty Fulbright at Georgetown Hospital.	
✓	5:32		t		Senator Edward Kennedy	
✓	5:38		t		Hon. Robert Weaver	
	5:46		t		Marvin Watson (signal line)	
✓	5:52				Secy. Dean Rusk, Secy. Robert McNamara, and Hon. William S. Gaud -- to the President's bedroom_00 for the signing of the Foreign Aid Bill.	
The President discussed the administration of the Appropriations Act which he signed.						
c	5:52				Bill Moyers left -----	
✓	6:24				Signed the Foreign Aid Bill -- in the presence of Secy. Rusk, S cy. McNamara Mr. Gaud, and JV	
	6:34				Secy. Rusk and Hon. Wm. Gaud departed -- as did Secy. McNamara	
	6:45				VM w/ work	
	6:50	7:00			Bill Moyers joined -- w/ the press briefing of his	
	6 :52				Jack Valenti in	
	7:15				Mrs. Johnson in - (she had just returned fr. NYC and New Haven, Conn. where she had looked at prospective architect's buildings for the design of the LBJ Library	
	7:30		t		Bill Moyers // 7:40 pm -- f Larry O'Brien	
	7:45				DINNER w/ Mrs. Johnson, Dr. Hallenbech Luci, Pat Nugent -- VM	
	8:06		f		Larry O'Brien	

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					DINNER continued --	
	7:30				Luci and Pat Nugent arrived -- and intended to just stop to say hello before they went to the concert of Van Cliburn's -- but decided to stay for dinner.	
	7:45				Everyone went into dinner thinking that the President would soon join -- after his phone call w/ Mr. O'Brien -- but he didn't come to the dinnertable until until 8:15 pm -- everyone had already eaten and was on their dessert...	
					The President had roast beef roast fillet of beef, stewed tomatoes; spinach -- (the others had for the vegetables -- califlower casserole, asparagus) The President had tapioca for dessert and others had fresh fruit	
	8:05				Luci and Pat departed	
	9:00				The President went to his bedroom -- and worked after reading the newspapers	
✓	9:17		f		Senator Everett Dirksen (b.1)	
✓	9:56		t		Senator Thomas Dodd	
	10:15	10:45			Mrs. Johnson also in -- (sunlamp)	
	11:00				The President watched the news while working on mail	
	2:30 am				Retired for the evening	

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					nomination sent to the SENATE on October 20, 1965	
					Philip H. Trezise, of Michigan, to be the Representative of the USA to the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development, vice John Leddy	
					Nathan M. Koffsky, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Commodity Credit Corporation	
					Archie Craft, of Kentucky, to be U.S. Marshal for the Eastern District of Kentucky for the term of four years.	
					Released text of statement by the President on the signing of J. R. 10871, the Foreign Assistance and Related Agencies Appropriations Act for FY 197 1966	
					Issued Executive Order transferring the duties of the Director of the Food-for-Peace Program to the Secretary of State, and providing for the appointment of a Special Assistant to the Secretary to assist him in the execution of this additional responsibility	
					Today approved the following: H. R. 6726 - An Act for the relief of Wm S. Ferrigo	
					Today Amended Executive Order #11157 as it relates to incentive pay for hazardous duty.	

OCTOBER 21, 1965

OFFICE OF THE WHITE HOUSE PRESS SECRETARY

THE WHITE HOUSE

THE PRESIDENT HAS APPROVED THE FOLLOWING:

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- S. J. Res. 106, Joint Resolution to allow the showing in the United States of the United States Information Agency film "John F. Kennedy-- Years of Lightning, Day of Drums".
- S. 1516, An Act to amend the Federal Property and Administrative Services Act of 1949, as amended, so as to authorize the Administrator of General Services to enter into contracts for the inspection, maintenance, and repair of fixed equipment in federally owned buildings for periods not to exceed three years, and for other purposes.
- S. 1715, An Act to extend the penalty for assault on a police officer in the District of Columbia to assaults on employees of penal and correctional institutions and places of confinement of juveniles of the District of Columbia.
- H. R. 1805, An Act to amend section 5899 of title 10, United States Code, to provide permanent authority under which Naval Reserve officers in the grade of captain shall be eligible for consideration for promotion when their running mates are eligible for consideration for promotion.
- H. R. 5571, An Act to amend title 37, United States Code, to authorize payment of incentive pay for submarine duty to personnel qualified in submarines attached to staffs of submarine operational commanders.
- H. R. 6852, An Act to authorize the disposal, without regard to the prescribed six-month waiting period, of approximately ninety-seven million pounds of abaca from the national stockpile.
- H. R. 7059, An Act to amend the Act of July 2, 1940 (54 Stat. 724; 20 U.S.C. 79-79e), so as to increase the amount authorized to be appropriated to the Smithsonian Institution for use in carrying out its functions under said Act, and for other purposes.

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