

THE WHITE HOUSE
PRESIDENT LYNDON B. JOHNSON
DAILY DIARY

Date DECEMBER 2, 1965

The President began his day at (Place)

WHITE HOUSE - TEXAS

Day THURSDAY

Entry No.	Time		Telephone for t		Activity (include visited by)	Expenditure Code
	In	Out	Lo	LD		
	6:45a	8:00a	t		Intercom system in House - "bring me my coffee and my papers)	
	8:00a				Awake and reading newspapers in bed.	
	8:24a		t		Jake Jacobsen <i>(at guest house)</i>	
✓	9:08a		t		Dale Malachuk	
✓	9:25a		t		Judge A. W. Moursund - (his office)	
	9:56a	9:59a			The President to the Office - to check microphone set-up w/Signal people - sits at his desk and begins first paragraph - as rehearsal only - for proper audio, etc reception in Wash, DC - Mayflower Hotel. (Stodderl takes pics)	
					Asks that Mrs. Johnson be called into the office - and stand by his side at his desk while he makes,	
✓	10:00a	10:15a			TELEPHONE ADDRESS - to Business Council group gathered in the Mayflower Hotel, Washington, D. C. (re wages, prices and economy)	
					The speaker for the Business Council - at the conclusion of the President's remarks - thanked him by saying "Mr. President, we just want to express our appreciation for your fine message which was so well liked. We do feel that next year will be a good business year. I think we can speak for the entire business community -- with all of the facts on the table. We know even our most difficult problems can be resolved. I would like to add one more thing, Mr. President and that is, that we're prepared to give full support to the government and we're behind you 100%."	
	10:17a	11:25a			The President said "Thank you - and good morning." (see page 5 for complete transcript) Departed the Main House - driving alone.	

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	10:35a		f		mf - through car radio - advising Joe Laitin was calling him - did he want a phone patch. Answer was yes if there were any questions fm Laitin. Laitin did have one question and was delaying the briefing in Austin for an answer.	
	10:37a			f	Joe Laitin - Austin, Texas (via car radio w/phone patch)	
	11:00a		f		Jake Jacobsen - via car radio - advising Pres. guests due to arrive approx. 11:15a.	
	11:30a				✓ Secy Dean Rusk ✓ Secy Orville Freeman Jack Valenti - arrived at the Main House - to the living room (fireplace going)	
	11:31a				The President and Mrs. Johnson joined above. Mrs. Johnson out at 11:45a	
✓	12:15 -	12:22p	f		Secy Robert McNamara (b. l) (The President left the living room and took this call in his bedroom)	
	12:45 -	1:15p			LUNCH w/Mrs. Johnson (Broiled steak, fresh-grown tomatoes, sliced, spinach-souffle, corn, wheat-biscuits w/peach preserves and coconut custard dessert) ✓ Secy Dean Rusk ✓ Secy Orville Freeman Jack Valenti President Jake Jacobsen (Mrs. Johnson asked Secy Rusk to say grace and he did) MF, YB The conversation centered on Food Allotment for India, w/Secy Freeman and Secy Rusk making recommendations and giving facts re this matter so that when Shastri is due to visit in early February, this matter can be and will have been fully resolved.	

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	1:15p	2:55p			The President and Secy Rusk resumed meeting in the living room - Secy Freeman and J.V. into the office.	
	2:55p				Secy Freeman into the living room w/ Rusk and Secy Rusk	
	3:05p				Into the office - to his desk, talking w/Secy Freeman, reading some papers. The President briefed Secy Freeman with Jack Valenti present -- about what to tell the press in Austin when he and Secy Rusk meet with press there before leaving for Wash, DC	
	3:10p				Mrs. Johnson into the office.	
	3:15p				Departed the Main House w/Secy Rusk, Secy Freeman, JV and Mrs. Johnson by car - to the hanger and see group aboard Helicopter for their trip to Austin.	
	3:30p				To the office - working his desk w/mf and JJ. Pouch brought quite a bit of correspondence this morning and Pres.'s desk pretty heavy w/things. He asks mf "where did all this come from?" she replies "in this morning's pouch, sir."	
	4:20p			t	Earle Deathe - Austin, Texas (car radio)	
	4:15 -				Departs the office by car - driving alone - towards Johnson City	
	4:30p			t	Judge A. W. Moursund - Johnson City, Texas (car radio)	

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	5:30p		t		Jake Jacobsen - car radio - (fm car - to Main House)	
	6:40p		t		Jake Jacobsen - car radio (that he was at Judge Moursund's and would be back at the Main House in approx. 15 minutes).	
	6:41p			t	Joe Laitin - car radio - asking how the press conference had gone and what news there were.	
	7:05p				Arrived at the Main House - to the Office. Working his desk w/mf - reading tickers, etc. on his desk.	
✓	7:10p		t		Dale Malachuk	
	7:16 - 7:45p				DINNER w/Jake Jacobsen (Stuffed peppers, squash, tomato & onion salad, mf and yb green peas, gelatin and cream dessert) (Pres. asked mf to say grace and she did)	
	7:45p - 8:15p				To the office President delighted in talking about the friendship of his family w/Moursund family and talked at length about this subject) - see p. 6 for more	
✓	8:15p		t		Earle Deathe (who was in a car leaving the LBJ Ranch) and whom the President heard on the radio unit talking to Dale Malachuk.	
	8:15p				To the bedroom - to retire.	
✓	10:21p			t	Justice Abe Fortas - Wash, DC (returning his call)	
	10:52p			t	Joe Califano - Wash, DC	
					11:00p Retired	

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✓	11:10p			f	Chairman Joseph C. Swidler of Federal Power Commission (Wash,DC) to advise that power had been restored in the affected areas at 9:55 pm local time. El Paso, Las Cruces, NMex and White Sands, NMex.	
					Today announced the selection of Dr. Finn J. Larsen of Hopkins, Minn an industrial executive and former Asst Secy of the Army, as Principal Deputy Director of Defense Research and Engineering. He succeeds Dr. E. G. Fubini, who served as Asst Secy of Defense until last July 15. The position has since been redesignated Principal Deputy Director of Defense Research and Engineering.	
					Re entry 10:00a - 10:15a (complete transcript of W. B. Murphys remarks to the President)	
					"On behalf of the members of the Business Council, I would like to express our appreciation for your fine message which so well summarized our present situation and our prospects. We, too, feel that next year will be a good business year. I think I can speak for the members of this group when I say that we feel that when there is full consultation of all parties concerned, when all the facts are on the table, even our most difficult problems can be solved. I would like to add one more thing, I have never known a businessman, I have never heard a businessman say anything but to give full support to the government on VietNam. We are behind you 100%, I believe. Thank you, Mr. President."	
					<i>Issued proclamation proclaiming Dec. 10, 1965 as Human Rights Day and Dec 15 as Bill 7 Rights Day</i>	

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					Re: Entry 7:16p - 7:45p - Cont'd conv. at Dinner	
					The President proceeded to tell a historical exp information about Judge Moursund's Mother and Father - about the Judge's mother and Mrs. Rebekah Baines Johnson (the President's Mother) being room-mates at Baylor and how fond they were of each other but that Sam Ealy Johnson, Jr. (the President's father) and Judge Moursund's father could not stand each other and would avoid talking and just didn't see each other for many, many years. That the President's father forbade Mrs. Johnson (President's mother) from continuing their friendship in spite of their fond respect and admiration for each other. That it wasn't until Judge Moursund's father's death that the President's Mother could then seek out Mary Moursund (Judge Moursund's mother) and since then were inseparable.	
					The President also told about giving Judge A. W. Moursund \$250.00 to help him get elected as County Judge and went out and bought \$250.00 worth of pencils w/wording on the pencils that read "use this pencil and write-in your vote for A. W. Moursund for Country Judge." A. W. Moursund was elected County Judge and the President seem exhuberant in telling how fond he was of A. W. and his family and how for so many years both their fathers had not spoken and pursued this personal feud for so long in spite of both their mother's great admiration and respect for each other.	
					The President said "I'm so fond of A. W. - and he's a wonderful businessman -- but when he drinks - which is now and then, he gets carried away and I can still see shades of his father in him. He gets belligerant and antagonistic and he sure gets in a bad way when he has a few too many, but he's one of my closest friends and I think the world of him and his family. You know he's Norwegian and he sure can deal a lot of hell but he gets the job done and I respect his judgment on business matters, especially mine."	