

THE WHITE HOUSE  
PRESIDENT LYNDON B. JOHNSON  
DAILY DIARY

Date December 9, 1965

The President began his day at (Place)

White House -- LBJ Ranch, Texas

Day THURSDAY

Entry No.	Time		Telephone for t		Activity (include visited by)	Expendi- ture Code
	In	Out	Lo	LD		
	8:30 am				In the office w/ Secy. Freeman and Cong. Purcell (who had been houseguests the evening before)	
	8:45				Mrs. Johnson joined in the office for coffee	
	8:56 am		t		Bill Moyers - (talked on JJ's call) - Austin, Texas	
✓	9:11		t		Judge A. W. Moursund - Johnson City, Texas	
	9:26 am				The President w/ Secy. Freeman and Cong. Purcell toured the ranch area -- up the runway etc.	
	9:56				At Cousin Oriole's house -- looking at the new house	
	10:08				In the office -- then to the Living Room w/ guests.	
✓	10:21				To the runway to pick up Mr. and Mrs. John Mecom -- had just arrived from Houston, Texas in their private conveyer.	
	10:25				Returned to the main ranch house.	
	11:14		t		Bill Moyers - Austin, Texas	
	11:22				The President w/ Mrs. Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. John Mecom, Secy. Freeman, Mr. Jim Thornton (Freeman's aide), and Cong. Graham Purcell drove to the runway to take Freeman and Purcell to the plane waiting to take them to Dallas, Texas.	
	11:27				Departed the hangar -- w/ Mrs. Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. John Mecom -- and drove around --	
	11:36 am				At the Martin Ranch	

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	11:37				Departed the Martin Ranch and drove to the Danz Ranch	
	11:45				Departed Danz Ranch and drove out on RR 290...	
	12:07				Arrived at the Hartman Ranch and toured the area.	
	12:30				Departed the Hartman Ranch and headed for the Lewis Ranch	
	12:34				Arrived at the Lewis Ranch and drove on the area until 12:43 when the group went inside to the Lewis Ranch house...	
	12:56				Departed the Lewis Ranch and headed back to the LBJ Ranch	
	1:09				Returned to the LBJ Ranch	
✓	1:10				LUNCH w/ Mrs. Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. John Mecom, JJ, MF, VM cheese souffle, popovers, ham, beets, and melon for dessert., green beans salad w/ onions	
✓	1:13			f	Secy. Robert McNamara - Washington, D. C.	
	1:50				The President w/ Mrs. Johnson and the Mecoms went to the living room to finish their coffee.	
					The President came into the office and autographed a large color pic for them -- "to Mary Elizabeth and John Mecom, w/ affectionate regards, Lyndon B. Johnson"	
	2:09				The President, Mrs. J., and the Mecoms left the house -- and went to the hangar to say goodbye to the Mecoms.	
	2:17 pm				Returned to the main house...	
	2:25	3:40			NAP	

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	3:50				To the Living Room and joined guests -- Congressman Jim Wright, Mrs. James B. Boleford, and Mr. <i>Bill</i> McDavid <i>(Aides of the Congressman)</i> <i>of Cong. Wright's pilot of aircraft - took Cong. Wright to Ranch</i> <i>of Cong. Wright's life in 11 Ward</i>	
	4:25				Said goodbye to the Congressman and group and went to the office.	
✓	4:25	4:47			REMARKS live over the telephone to San Francisco California -- to the AFL-CIO National Convention. --- President of Convention - George Meany.	
	4:54				The President w/ party -- Harry Reasoner of CBS News, Bill Moyers (they had just arrived from Austin, Texas), MF and VM -- motored from the ranch house towards the new guest house next door to Mrs. Bailey.	
	4:56				At the Frame House -- joined there by Mrs. Johnson -- and the group went on an inspection tour of the house.	
	5:00				Departed the frame house -- w/ same group plus Mrs. Johnson Stopped at the cemetery briefly to show it to Mr. Reasoner. ✓	
	5:19				Arrived at the Heath Ranch -- for driving around -- no hunting -- just looking at the deer and visiting and admiring the sunset and scenery.	
	6:25				At the Hartman House -- the President and Mrs. Johnson and BM went inside to inspect the improvements that are being made there.	
✓	6:33				+ <i>Albert Weirich - Johnson City 11/6/38 + Dale Meeks</i>	
	6:42				Left the Hartman Ranch house -- w/ same group.	
	6:56				In Johnson City, Texas -- looking at the newly-painted warehouse -- and to the Boyhood home arriving at 7:02 pm... <i>[redacted]</i> President, Mrs. Johnson and Mrs. Jessie Hunter showed things of interest to Mr. Reasoner. ✓	
	7:22				At the Johnson City Bank -- upstairs looking at the newly-painted and built apartments...	



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	7:34				Departed the Johnson City Bank --	
	7:53				Returned to the LBJ Ranch, Texas -- w/ Mrs. Johnson, Mr. Harry Reasoner, Bill Moyers, MF, and VM	
	8:00				In the office	
✓	8:05				DINNER w/ the same guests -- broiled chicken, rice, gravy, peas, Huntland's gelatin for dessert.	
✓	8:45	9:20			Movie in the Living Room w/ the same guests -- "Why Vietnam"	
✓	9:05		+		Mr. Reasoner had requested to talk w/ the President about Vietnam -- because CBS is going to do a program on the U. S. and Vietnam and her commitment there... The afternoon, dinner, etc. were spent discussing the United States position in Vietnam, and why the President felt committed.	
	9:30				BM and Harry Reasoner left the Ranch to return to Austin.	
	9:34	9:55			Walking w/ Mrs. Johnson, MF and VM -- joined by Col. Cross at his trailer -- and walking up the runway w/ the group --	
	9:50				JJ returned to the ranch fr. Austin and joined for the remainder of the walk	
	9:56				Back in the Living Room -- watching the 10:00 news w/ MF and VM & JJ (Mrs. J. retired)	
	10:08		+		Hal Pacheco - Austin, Texas (To tell him of Gov. Harriman's trip)	
	10:15				To the runway to meet the Jet Star carrying Gov. Averell Harriman -- (had been in Dallas speaking)...	
	10:20				To the office w/ Governor Averell Harriman. The President worked his desk w/ MF while Gov. Harriman read reports from the President's desk.	

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