

THE WHITE HOUSE  
PRESIDENT LYNDON B. JOHNSON  
DAILY DIARY

Date March 12, 1966

The President began his day at (Place) White House

Day SATURDAY

Entry No.	Time		Telephone f or t		Activity (include visited by)	Expenditure Code
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					Today Announced his intention to nominate Farris Bryant as Director of OEP	
	5:58		t		Situation Room	
	7:10		t		Jack Valenti (at his res.)	
	7:10				Breakfast	
	7:38			t	Roy Wilkins - NYC	
	8:12		t		Chairman John Macy - (at his res.)	
	8:59		t		Secy. John Connor - Dallas, Texas (b. 1)	
	10:00				To the office -- w/ Bill Moyers and Bob Fleming and Jake Jacobsen	
	10:35				Cliff Alexander and Joe Califano in joined Moyers and Fleming (Fleming out shortly thereafter)	
	10:44	12:05p			(where?) Oval office Meeting with the Executive Committee of the National Governors' Conference	
		12:05			Governor John Volpe - Mass. The President told the Governors -- off Governor Wm. Scranton - Pa. the record about VietNam and also dis- Governor Philip Johnson - Miss. cussed the creation of a new Commission Governor John Reed - Maine - Chairman to gather together the outstanding public Governor John Burns - Hawaii administrators, scholars and thinkers to Jack Valenti, Bill Moyers, Cliff Alexander, and Joe Califano develop techniques of Former Gov. of Fla. - Gov. Farris Bryant joint federal-state cooperation. Governor Clifford Hansen - Wyoming joined Pics by Oke	
	11:30					

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	10:46	10:51			To the South Grounds -- walked for a bit w/ the Governors' for the benefit of the photographers who followed them.	
	10:51				Returned to the Oval Office w/ the Governors' and continued the Meeting.	
	11:55				Bob Fleming in	
	11:55				<u>PRESS CONFERENCE</u> Photographers and reporters into the Oval Office w/ President and Exec. Committee <del>For briefing on discussion</del> Governor Reed, as Chairman of the Natl Governors' Conference requested the mtg of the Exec Comm of Governors and the President to discuss three matters: 1. What did the President have in mind when he mentioned the establishment of a Commission to study federal, state, and local governments? 2. What about H. R. 11798 3. The President's 1964 pledge to return Federal funds to states (Hester plan) Cliff Alexander said the President and the Governors discussed the above three points and when the press came at 11:55p, the President answered a few questions, and Gov. Reed told the press that the President had briefed them on financing state programs and on a bill which concerns the taxation of corporation activities involved in inter-state commerce -- 11798 --	
	12:09	12:40p			To the Cabinet Room and joined Governors for Meeting on Appalachia area --w/ Joe Califano, Bob Fleming, Jack Valenti, Cliff Alexander	
					REMARKS -- during which time photogs were permitted in the room to photograph the	

*Joe Califano  
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					Attending the Special Meeting with Appalachian Governors were:	
			(1)	Gov	George W. Wallace - Ala	
					Gov. J. Millard Tawes - Md	
					<del>Gov. Nelson</del> Gov. Nelson Rockefeller - NY	<u>Gov. Farris Bryant</u>
					Gov. Dan K. Moore - N. C.	
					Gov James A. Rhodes - Ohio	
					Gov. William Scranton - Pa.	
					Gov Robert E. McNair - S. C.	
					Gov. Frank G. Clement - Tenn.	
					Gov Hulett C. Smith - West Va.	
					and Mr. John Sweeney who is the Federal Cochairman of the Appalachian Regional Commission	
					The President met with this group for the special purpose of receiving from Gov. Scranton and Mr. Sweeney the Appalachian Regional Commission Annual Report 1965. The President then began his remarks, <del>xx</del> from his prepared text again, but got sidetracked, and went in to a fascinating and engrossing discussion of Vietnam today. He later returned to Appalachian report and discussed financing of the Appalchian Program. Several governors said this was the best cooperation between federal and state that they knew of in any Federal program, and that while the dollar amount of aide to Appalachia was cut down this year, the Great Society was helping Appalachia in other ways, with the Teacher Corps, Headstarts, etc.	
	<u>12:45p</u>				<u>PRESS CONFERENCE</u>	
					At the end of the meeting, reporters were allowed in the Cabinet Room. The President made a very brief statement saying that he had accepted the Report, and printed copies of his accpetnace of the report were distributed to the press. Then the President went around the table and each of the Governors had something to say for the benefit of the press regarding the Appalachian Program.	
					Then the President went into mjdr's room and talked with the Appalachian Governors in addition to Gov. John Reed. All were sort of expressing their understanding of the paring of their budgets (The President had made a point in all his mtgs that he wasn't trying to tell them how to run their states -- just asking them to take a look at their budgets)	



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					In the midst of all this talk about their pledge to keep budgets down, Governor Rockefeller said, "Well, Mr. President, I hope that you know that some of us are running this year and you may receive a telegram that might indicate that we are complaining" thereby intimating that he might not really mean what he said in his telegram, but sent it merely for the sake of votes which might come from having sent it., and the President replied, "Well, I thought it was the Republicans who were in favor of fiscal responsibility." And the group laughed loudly.	
	12:45p				To the West Lobby with the Governors where two statements were made: <del>xxx</del> The President and Governor Reed -- for the benefit of the <del>networks</del> -- networks, repeated what they had said in the President's office for press concerning the substance of the Executive Committee meeting And then the President and Governor Scranton -- for the networks again -- repeated the summary that had been given in the Cabinet Room on the Appalachian Committee Mtg.	
	1:15p				Then the President and governors walked to the State Dining Room for BUFFET LUNCHEON There was no seating arrangement, and the tables were <del>sak</del> arranged to seat 8-10 at each table.	
	2:30p				To the Blue Room for BRIEFING -- for all Governors The President began by telling them a good deal of our foreign policy problems; about some of his discussions with the members of the Senate; the dissenters; the economic decisions that we were willing to face if necessary as a result of VietNam. He also stressed that these would be frank discussions with them and he suggested that they use their discretion about repeating anything heard in the meetings since the substance would necessarily be classified data. The President then introduced Brig Gen <u>Ellis</u> Williamson who has just returned from VietNam -- and Gen. Williamson gave the Governors his first hand impressions of the War there.	

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	5:20p				To Oval Ofc w/ JV, JJ, JC --	
	5:30p				To the press office where he visited in BM's office with Bill Moyers, Bob Fleming, Jack Valenti	
	5:39p				To Jack Valenti's office where he visited w/ Courtenay and the dogs and MM at 5:50p the President w/ courtenay and the dogs went to the West Lobby where they greeted the press there and the photographers. Then the President took Courtenay to the steps of the Lobby where they posed for photogs w/ dogs At 5:55p, he left the lobby w/ the Valentis and returned to JV's office	
	5:6:00p				To office w/ all Valentis, the dogs, and a photographer	
	6:02p	6:26p			Bill Moyers joined	
	6:30p				Valentis out	
	<del>6:30p</del> 7:07p				To JV's ofc	
	7:25p				To Oval Office w/ Mrs. Johnson (who had joined him in JV's ofc)	
	<i>7:27p</i>				<i>Mrs. Johnson departed</i>	
	7:35p				To Bill Moyers ofc	



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					Governors attending Buffet Luncheon and Briefing -- in addition to those already shown on the Exec Committee of Governors and the Appalachian Group:	
					Alaska - William A. Egan	
					Arizona - Sam Goddard	
					Arkansas - Orval Faubus	
					California - Edmund G. "Pat" Brown	
					Colorado - John A. Love	
					Connecticut - John Dempsey	
					Florida - Haydon Burns	
					Illinois - Otto Kerner	
					Indiana - Roger Branigan	
					Kansas - William Avery	
					<del>Kentucky - Edward Breathitt</del>	
					Louisiana - John M. J. McKeithen	
					Michigan - George Romney	
					Minnesota - Karl F. Rolvaag	
					Montana - Tim Babcock	
					Nebraska - Frank Morrison	
					New Hampshire - John W King	
					New Jersey - Richard Hughes	
					New Mexico - Jack Campbell	
					<del>North Carolina - Dan M. Moore</del>	
					North Dakota - William L. Guy	
					Oklahoma - Henry Bellmon	
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					Rhode Island - John H. Chafee	
					Utah - Calvin L. Rampton	
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					Washington - Daniel J. Evans	
					Wisconsin - Warren P. Knowles	
					Puerto Rico - Robert Sanches-Vilella	
					Guam - Manuel F L Guerrero	
					Virgin Islands, Ralph M. Paiewonsky	

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H. E. Vu Van Thai, Amb of Viet Nam; Mayor of New York, John Lindsay; Senator Jacob Javits, John Cowles.