

THE WHITE HOUSE
PRESIDENT LYNDON B. JOHNSON
DAILY DIARY

Date March 17, 1966

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Day Thursday

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	In	Out	Lo	LD		
	7:05				<i>Breakfast</i>	
<i>c</i>	8:35a		t		Senator Herman Talmadge of Georgia (b. 1) - to talk to him about our Ambassador to Dominican Republic, W. Tapley Bennett, who wants to change posts and be assigned to	
<i>c</i>	8:55p		t		Senator Richard Russell of Georgia Portugal.	
<i>c</i>	9:09p		t		Hon. Joseph Palmer, newly designated Asst Secy of State for African Affairs	
	9:55a		t		Liz Carpenter	
	10:44a		f		Joe Califano	
<i>c</i>	11:00a	11:21			To the Civil Service Commission Auditorium for the Government Equal Employment Opportunity Program John Macy introduced the President for his	
					REMARKS	
					Seated on the stage w/ the President were:	
					The Vice President	
					and members of the Cabinet: -- or their representatives:	
					William Crockett	
					Robert Weaver, HUD	
					Secretary Udall, Interior	
					Secretary Vance, Defense	
					Secretary Wirtz, Labor	
					The Attorney General, Nicholas Katzenbach	
					Hon. Wilbur Cohen, HEW	
					Hon. John Schnittker, Agriculture	

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C	11:25p	12:20p			Returned to the White House, and to the Oval Office w/ The Vice President, Secy Udall, Secy Wirtz	
	11:30a		t		JV (pl)	
C	11:50		f		Sen Russell Long	
C	11:45a	12:22-12:26			The Ambassador of Ireland, H. E. William Fay and Mrs. Fay	
					This is the annual St. Patrick's day visit by the Ambassador of Ireland to the President of the United States to present him with fresh shamrocks which flown in from Ireland. The shamrocks were presented in a large (about 18 inches tall) Waterford crystal vase. The Ambassador and his wife also left with the President a book of Irish art for Mrs. Johnson	Press photos in
C	12:35p	12:50p			Prime Minister Dudley Senanayake of Ceylon Ambassador of Ceylon, Oliver Weerasinghe Hon. Raymond Hare Accompanied by Chief of Protocol, Lloyd Hand	
					This is a courtesy call on the President -- the P.M. is making his visit first visit to the United States -- he has been here for a medical checkup	

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C	12:50p	12:59p			OFF RECORD: Senator Frank Carlson and former Senator Harry Darby to discuss the Eisenhower Memorial in Abilene, Texas. <i>Senator Darby was appointed to the U.S. Senate to fill the vacancy of Sen. Clyde M. Reed of Kan. and served from December 2, 1949 - November 28, 1950</i>	
C	1:00p		f		<i>Mrs. Charles "Mary Love" Bailey</i> (Mrs. Bailey has been a houseguest in the mansion for the last two days, and is departing today -- she wanted to say goodbye and thank you to the President)	
	1:10p		f		<i>Joe Califano</i>	
C	1:15p		t		<i>James Webb, Administrator of NASA</i>	
	1:30p		t		Wilbur Cohen - wasn't in the office - <u>DID NOT TALK</u> --left word.	
C	1:55p		f		Wilbur Cohen (returning the President's call)	
	2:28		+		<i>Mrs Johnson</i>	
	2:30				<i>Departed the Oval w/ vms</i>	
	2:40				<i>LUNCH w/ vms</i>	
	3:10		+		<i>Bill Moyers (pl)</i>	
	3:45		+		<i>Bill Moyers (pl)</i>	

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	4:15p		t		Jack Valenti (pl)	
	4:45		+		JV (..pl)	
	4:46		+		Bill Moyers	
	5:15p				The President arrived in the Office -- through Oval Rm Ofc into MJDR/s Ofc - asking for Sen. Mansfield birthday present - the Senator's birthday was yesterday but a book already giftwrapped was on MJDR's desk.	
	5:16p				Back to Oval Rm Ofc	
	5:19p		t		Bill Moyers (pl)	
	5:20p		t		Bill Moyers (pl)	
	5:27p		t		Joe Califano (pl)	
	5:28				To MJDR's room - sees Oke and says "Oke -- I'm going over to the Mansion to see Sen. Mansfield - on his birthday -- you might want to come over and take some pictures."	
C	5:30p				Departed the Office and went to the Mansion - to 2d floor, West Hall - where he greeted Mr. and Mrs. Charles Engelhard, Senator and Mrs. Mike Mansfield and their daughter, Anne. Yesterday was the Senator's birthday -- and the Pres. and Mrs. Johnson asked them over for refreshments in celebration thereof today. The President gave his guests small pocket-knives and the Senator a Book titled "Oxford History of the American People." written by Admiral <i>Samuel Eliot Morison</i>	
		(Oke took pics)				
					(The President called for State Dept proposed reply to DeGaulle (NATO) as Bill Moyers resubmitted to the President this afternoon)	

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					was met by	
	6:29p				The President arrived in the Oval Rm Ofc w/JV and/Marvin Watson	
	6:30p		t		Bill Moyers (pl)	
	6:31p		t		Jake Jacobsen (pl)	
	6:37p				Bill Moyers	
C	6:40p - 7:15p				To the Cabinet Room w/Bill Moyers for MEETING w/ Secy Rusk Secy Ball (Oke for pics) Amb. Böhlen (Charles) - U.S. Ambassador to France Dean Acheson (This followup meeting enabled the President and his Secy Cy Vance advisors to review the various implications of the Francis Bator French position and the possible alternative U.S. and Secy Leddy NATO responses) Komer:mf Clark Clifford Jack Valenti Robert Komer	
	7:15p				To Oval Rm Ofc w/Bill Moyers and Jack Valenti - JV out at 7:30 out at 7:45p	
	7:20p - 7:25				Mrs. Johnson arrived - beautifully gowned in long evening dress (Oke in for pics) w/coat to match -- gown the one worn at 1965 Inaugural Ball.	
C	7:21 - 7:24				Mrs. Johnson was en route to the Sulgrave Club to attend a dinner in her honor hosted by Secy Rusk in the Oval Rm Ofc Mr. and Mrs. Paul Mellon and Mr. and Mrs. Mellon Bruce	

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	7:50p				The President departed the Office --saying to yb "he was going over to the House to change shirts --because he was going to help the Irish celebrate..."	
	8:02p	8:25p			Deparated the White House by car - to Statler Hilton Hotel. ...to attend Dinner w/JV and for Friendly Sons of St. Patrick in the Federal Room. Jim Jones (at 8:00 pm Chapter President Rev. C. Leslie Glenn of the Washington Cathedral was to toast the Pres. of the U.S. irregardless of whether or not the President is there)	
		(Oke went for pics)				
	8:02p				The President was presented with a medallion, gold finish, size of a 50-cent piece one side reading "Washington Society Friendly Sons of St. Patrick - St. Patrick's statue on it -- w/wide green ribbon. Presentation was made by Rev. Glenn. This medal signified an honorary membership in the Society of the Friendly Sons of St. Patrick and was draped around the President's neck. The President then walked the length of the head table and shook hands with those sitting there.	
					REMARKS -- by the President, after accepting the honorary membership	
	8:27p				Returned to the Oval Rm Ofc alone.	
	8:30p	9:30			Working desk w/yb	
	8:35p	8:45			Jake Jacobsen in (Pres. gave him few items fm signing table)	
	8:45p		t		Sit Room - re latest info on VietNam	
	8:50p		t		William B. Prendergast, Minority Sgt at Arms - House of Reps (the President had asked the Wh. House Operator for William William F. Arbogast, AP man in Senate Press Gallery and she made a mistake)	

Only two other Presidents have received this honorary membership: George Washington and Theodore Roosevelt.

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