

THE WHITE HOUSE  
PRESIDENT LYNDON B. JOHNSON

DAILY DIARY

The President began his day at (Place)

*White House*

Date *March 29, 1966*

Day *Tuesday*

Entry No.	Time		Telephone for t		Activity (include visited by)	Expendi- ture Code
	In	Out	Lo	LD		
<i>C</i>	8:03a		t		Secy Mann	
<i>C</i>	8:11a		<del>wt</del>		William Crockett	
<i>C</i>	8:54a		t		Chairman Macy	
<i>C</i>	9:10a		t		William Crockett	
<i>C</i>	9:14a		t		Clark Clifford's nurse, Miss Sauer	
<i>C</i>	9:17a		t		Secy Rusk	
	9:35a		f		JV	
<i>C</i>	10:21a			<i>+</i>	<i>Edwin Weisk, Sr - NYC</i>	
	11:00a		<i>f</i>		<i>Bob Fleming</i>	
	11:10a				<i>To Oval ofc w/ JV</i>	
	11:11a				<i>Bob Fleming</i>	
<i>C</i>	11:23a	11:50			OFF RECORD: Oklahoma Congressional Delegation Senator Mike Monroney Senator Fred Harris Cong. Jed Johnson Cong. Ed Edmondson Cong. Page Belcher	appt requested by Cong. Albert to urge the appointment of Don McBride as a member of the TVA Board of Directors

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1	11:51a	- 1:20p			To Oval Office w/ Senator Edmund Muskie  (having walked Oklahoma Delegation down the hall, and picking up Sen. Muskie in the Fish Room) - - appt requested by Senator Muskie to discuss some of the Senator's ideas on Federal-State relations)	OFF RECORD
	12:55p		t		Henry Wilson	
2	12:56p		t		Cong. <u>John</u> Rooney in Bethesda Hospital	
	12:59p		t		Henry Wilson	
3	1:05p				Bill Moyers w/ Crosby Noyes -- <u>Noyes on at 1:00p</u>	
	1:17p		t		Wh. Hse Milt Semer (reached him in the Mess)	
4	1:25p				Departed the Office w/ Bill Moyers, Jack Valenti and Crosby Noyes (Bill Moyers had been having lunch in his ofc w/ Mr. Noyes and sent the Pres a note telling him so) for a walk to South Grounds w/above	
5	1:32p				Upstairs in the Mansion for LUNCH w/ Bill Moyers and Crosby Noyes and JV - <u>back at 2:10p</u>	

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	1:45p		t		Marvin Watson (pl)	
411	2:30p	3:30p			To the First Floor to visit White House Fellows attending a RECEPTION and TOUR hosted by Mrs. Johnson -- however Mrs. J could not attend because she was in bed with a cold. SEE PAGE 8 FOR ATTENDANCE	
					the room. They were delighted with all the news the President was giving to the Fellows, and the mention of the Tax Rise to be proposed was the headline in many of the following day's papers. JV and MW kept tugging at the President's coattail, encouraging him to depart, but he was obviously enjoying himself. Finally, Bill Moyers stood up and said, "Thank you, Mr. President." -- the President ignored this and kept on answering the Fellows questions. The food and coffee went untouched and all present sat completely entranced with the President.	
					Ervin Duggan:mf	
					The President entered the State Dining Room and received guests -- joining Luci in the Receiving Line -- she was substituting for her mother. After receiving the guests the President walked around the room, shaking hands, and making individual comments. The group drifted toward the food and coffee set up in the State Dining Room, and the President interrupted the noises of people having fun and asked them for their attention. He told them that when he was a young man in Washington, and he always wondered what it would be like to come to see the President, wondered what the President would say, and knew what he hoped the President would say. It occurred to him that perhaps the Fellows would like to ask him questions -- instead of hearing a dry lecture from him. -- There was an awkward silence -- no one was brave enough to ask the first question. The President sensed this and loosened up the group with two or three jokes, and then a new White House Fellow stood up and asked the question, "Mr. President, we candidates were sitting around and we wondered which Presidents might have been selected as White House Fellows if they had been such a program in their day." The President laughed, and named Presidents Wilson, Roosevelt, and Kennedy, but pointed out that he didn't think that Harry Truman and Lyndon Johnson would have made it. The President was enjoying himself, and answered questions on VietNam, the Gandhi visit, inflation, and the White House Fellows Program itself. The group was happy and buoyed by having the President spend this much time with them -- he had not even been scheduled to appear -- but he did tell them that he had lots of work in his office, but since Mrs. Johnson couldn't come, he decided to come and substitute for her. The members of the press arrived late in the question and answer session, and gathered in the back of	



Re the meeting with the White House Fellows, Secy Gardner wrote the President a memo which said in part, "... you were great, relaxed and resilient and displayed complete mastery of the most complex problems... it was a confidence-inspiring performance and one that I wish all Americans could have heard and seen."

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	3:30p				To second floor for NAP	
	3:35		+		JV	
	3:36p		+		Bm	
	3:45p		+		JV (pl)	
	4:02p		+		Bm (pl)	
	4:15p		+		Robert Komer	
					Today sent flowers to the funeral of Mrs. Steve Martini's grandfather who was killed in New Jersey - his name: John Jaconi, Galante Funeral Home, Newark, NJ	
	4:55p				To Oval Office w/med	
C	4:56p	5:15p			Mrs. Indira Gandhi, the Prime Minister of India, with her two sons, Rajiv, 21 $\frac{1}{2}$ and Sanjay, 19 $\frac{1}{2}$ accompanied by the Chief of Protocol, James Syjnington	
		5:10p				
		5:00p				

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C	5:15p				To Cabinet Room w/ Mrs. Gandhi to join: Secretary Rusk Amb. Symington Asst Secy Raymond Hare Amb Bowles Deputy Asst Secy William Handley Miss Carol Laise, Director, Ofc of South Asian Affairs  PM Gandhi Amb. B. K. Nehru ✓ Mr. L. K. Jha, Secy to the Pm X Mr. C. S. Jha, Foreign Secy X Dr. P.K. Banerjee, Minister of Embassy ✓ Mr. P.N. Haksar, Deputy High Commissioner, London X  fr Komer: The President and Mrs. Gandhi met privately to go over the food message the President planned to send the Congress. With the advisors present, they then reviewed and approved the communique.	<i>To discuss Communique</i>
	5:30p				To the West Lobby, to escort Mrs. Gandhi to her car	
	5:35p				To Oval Office	
C	5:39p	- 6:18p			Cissy Morrissey - LIFE Inc	

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	5:40p		+		BM (pl) -- while talking to BM, <del>Larry O'Brien</del> called mjdr who took a note to Bill to read to the President to the effect that [REDACTED] by teller vote the Bow amendment to strike out rent supplement was defeated by 30 votes -- [REDACTED] 153-183	
	5:55p		+		BM (pl)	
	5:56p		f		Henry Wilson (on the Hill)	
	6:10		+		JV (pl)	
	6:20p				Departed the Ofc - alone walking down hallway toward Mildred Stegall's Office - to White House Navy Mess - join	
	6:30p	7:15p			Briefing for Senate Members on Food for India Message	OFF RECORD
President made brief REMARKS					Attendance:	The Vice President
					Sen. Richard Russell	Sen. Caleb Boggs
					Sen. Willis Robertson	Sen. Jack Miller
					Sen. Roman Hruska	Bill Gibbons, AID
					Sen. George Smathers	Clarence Martin AID
					Sen. Mike Mansfield	Hon. David Bell
					Sen. Frank Church	Charles Schultze
					Sen. Stuart Symington	Cliff Alexander
					Sen. Joseph Clark	Secy Dean Rusk
					Sen. Frank Carlson	Amb. Chester Bowles
					Sen. Clifford Case	Secy Orville Freeman
					Sen. Allen Ellender	Robert Komer
					Sen. Everett Jordan	Mike Manatos
					Sen. George McGovern	Jim Jones
					Sen. Ross Bass	Jack Valenti - in and out
					Sen. George Aiken	Marvin Watson - in and out
					Sen. Milton Young	Jake Jacobsen - in and out
					Sen. Ralph Yarborough arr'd at 6:40p	Bill Moyers

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	7:18p				Returned to Oval Rm Ofc - where Luci Baines Johnson was waiting w/ Amb. and Mrs. James Symington - JV joined. (Mrs. Johnson did not accompany because of slight illness)	
	7:20p				Departed by limousine w/all above - for Indian Embassy, arr'g at 7:30p	
	7:30p -				<del>At 7:30p given by Prime Minister Indira Gandhi honoring</del> <del>██████████</del>	
from Joe Laitin:mf					Arrived Indian Embassy for Private call on the Prime Minister of India, accompanied by Luci and Mrs. James Symington. At the door of the Embassy, the President was met by Amb. Nehru -- then greeted by Mrs. Nehru and Amb. James Symington who escorted the President and Luci to the drawing room, where the President sat in a cozy chair grouping and visited privately w/ Mrs. Gandhi and Amb. and Mrs. Nehru with the Symingtons standing near. Luci adjourned to the rear of the room and visited with Mrs. Gandhi's two sons. At 8:00p, Secy and Mrs. McNamara arrived (they were dinner guests, but unfortunately arrived 30 minutes ahead of time) When the President learned they were near, he asked them to come into the room -- w/ Mrs. Nehru's permission -- and join the group. At approx 9:00p The President stood up and started saying his goodbyes, not aware of the fact that guests were arriving downstairs -- Mrs. Nehru invited him to stay for dinner, and the President delighted her by saying, "Do you have enough food," -- and the President, -- visibly having an enjoyable time -- stayed for	
	9:30p				DINNER at the Indian Embassy -- hosted by Ambassador ██████████ and Mrs. Nehru in honor of Prime Minister Gandhi.	
					This resulted in a bit of place card shuffling, and everybody just "moved down a notch." The Vice President was to have been the honor guest, but he moved to Mrs. Gandhi's left as the President took the seat to the right of Mrs. Gandhi which had been ██████████ earlier been designated as the Vice President's.	

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	11:05p				Departed Indian Embassy	
	11:15p				Arrived South Grounds - to the second floor	
	11:45p				Retired	

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ATTENDANCE AT WHITE HOUSE FELLOWS RECEPTION - ~~2:30-3:30p~~ 2:30-3:30p

Hon. Charles Haar	Mr. and Mrs. Andrew N. Farley - Finalist
Richard Murphy	Dr. Edwin B. Firmage - 1965 WH Fellow
Benjamin Read	<del>Miss Nancy Folk - Secy at Commission on WH Fellow</del>
Stanley Resor	Secy Fowler
LeRoy Collins	Secy Orville Freeman
Mr. and Mrs. William S. Abbott - Finalist	Dr. and Mrs. William C. Friday, Commission Member
Hon. Gardner Ackley, Chairman, CEA	Secy and Mrs. John Gardner, Secy HEW and Comm Member
Dean and Mrs. Ernest C. Arbuckle - Commission Member	Mr. and Mrs. William P. Graham, Finalist
Mr. and Mrs. James W. Aston - Commission Members	Mr. and Mrs. Sanford D. Greenberg, Finalist
Mr. and Mrs. Walter S. Baer - Finalist	Mr. and Mrs. Harry N. Hollis, Jr., Finalist
Mr. and Mrs. John W. Bassett, Jr. - Finalist	Mr. Samuel H. Howard, Finalist
Mr. and Mrs. Meredith M. Brown - Finalist	Mr. Walter J. Humann, Finalist
Miss Lynn A. Buckingham - Finalist	Jake Jacobsen
Miss Jane P. Cahill - Finalist	Mr. and Mrs. Thomas O. Jones, Finalist
Mr. and Mrs. Thomas W. Carr - Dir., Comm on WH Fellows	Hon. Nicholas deB. Katzenbach, the Attorney General
S. Douglass Cater	<del>Mr. Walter W. Kemmerer, Jr., Finalist</del>
Mr. and Mrs. Russell M. Coombs - Finalist	Mr. Duane W. Krohnke - Finalist
Mr. and Mrs. Richard Copaken - Finalist	Mr. R. Stanley Ladley, Finalist
Cotter, Mr. William B. - 1965 WH Fellow	Dr. Robert R. Lee, 1965 WH Fellow
Mr. Thomas E. Cronin, Finalist	Maj. Ronald B. Lee, 1965 WH Fellow
Mr. Jerry H. Curnutt, Finalist	Dr. Frank P. Linaweaver, Finalist
Mr. Richard G. Dahlen, Finalist	Hon John Macy - Commission Member
Dr. Richard L. deNeufville, 1965 WH Fellow	Mr. James P. Maloney, Jr., Finalist
Hon and Mrs. C. Douglas Dillon - Commission Member	Mike Manatos



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					Today announced the selection of 1966 White House Fellows	
					Re the briefing for SENATE members on Indian Food message, Mike Manatos said, "Last night (tonight) was probably the most successful meeting of the kind that I have witnessed. To the 30 Senators the President expressed and explained what he felt he had to do <del>xxx</del> to help the Indian starvation problem. Then he went around the room, and asked each Senator to give his view, and all were in favor of the President's plans/position. On one point, Senator Ellender made a constructive suggestion which the President appreciated. He suggested that rather than call upon our allies to assist in the endeavor, we should just say that we're doing this much, and we hope our allies will do the same -- thus not committing ourselves to compensating for any deficiencies or slack. Senator Mansfield remarked to me when he was leaving that it was the best meeting he had ever seen, and that he was surprised by the unanimity of the agreement and the desire of all Senators present to be helpful. " Manatos' own comment about the meeting was, "More meetings like this and we would have less problems."	
					Today announced the appt of C. Robert Perrin as Asst Director for Inter-Agency Relations in the Office of Economic Opportunity	
					Today asked the Congress for 1966 supplemental appropriations totaling \$180,843,000 for various agencies	
					Released statement by the President on the approval of H. R. 3584	
					Issued joint communique with H. E. Indira Gandhi the Prime Minister of India following their talks	
					NOMINATION SENT TO THE SENATE TODAY: Alvin Grossman of NY, to be U.S. Marshal for the Western District of NY for the term of four years	