

THE WHITE HOUSE
PRESIDENT LYNDON B. JOHNSON
DAILY DIARY

Date April 14, 1966

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		
	6:12 am		t		Dale Malechek	
C	6:38			t	Secy. McNamara - Washington, D. C.	
	7:05		t		Dale Meeks	
	7:40		t		Joe Laitin - San Antonio, Texas	
	7:48		t		Jack Valenti - Mexico City, D. F.	
	8:14		f		Luci - Washington, D. C.	
	8:16		t		Lynda Bird - Austin, Texas	
	9:00				To the Dining Room -- and had breakfast -- sat and read the papers -- VM also there.	
	9:13		t		Joe Califano - Washington, D. C.	
C	9:30				Joined by Judge Homer Thornberry (had just come to the ranch from Austin)	
	9:45				Driving on the Reagan Ranch w/ Mary Margaret Valenti and dtr. - Courtenay, and Judge Homer Thornberry	
	10:34		t		Lynda Bird - over the car radio	
	10:50				Returned to the Ranch house And went to the living room to visit w/ Judge Thornberry	
	11:40				Driving again w/ Judge Thornberry -- to the Malechek house -- out the west gate and over the Reagan and Danz Ranches	
	12:30 pm				Retired to the main house	
C	1:00				LUNCH w/ Judge Thornberry, Mrs. Valenti, Jake Jacobsen, Mf, VM	

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FOR TRAVEL ACTIVITY

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	3:26				The President departed the LBJ Ranch via Jet Star -- enroute Randolph AFB, San Antonio, accompanied by Mrs. Jack Valenti, Mr. Jake Jacobsen, MF, VM	
	3:42				Arrived at Randolph AFB -- and went to waiting AF-1, 26,000 -- to join Mrs. Johnson and United States Delegation for trip to Mexico City: (replica by Felix DeWeldon) original by Gaudens Augustus Saint-	
					(*See Below Purpose of the trip: To dedicate the Lincoln Statue in Mexico City. by Augustus Saint-Mrs. Johnson had been in Washington and had come to San Antonio to be joined by by the President for the flight to Mexico City.	
	3:50				Departed Randolph AFB -- w/ Mrs. Johnson, Luci, and Lynda	
					Also on board were:	
					Secy. of State and Mrs. Rusk OFFICIAL DELEGATION	
					Senator George D. Aiken	
					Senator and Mrs. Paul Douglas	
					Senator and Mrs. Everett Dirksen	
					*Purpose of this trip: Senator and Mrs. Mike Mansfield	
					To dedicate a replica Abraham Miss Ann Mansfield	
					Lincoln statue done by Senator and Mrs. Joseph Montoya	
					Felix DeWeldon. Park where Congressman and Mrs. Frank Chelf	
					statue dedicated renamed Congressman and Mrs. Glenard P. Lipscomb	
					Abraham Lincoln Park. Congressman and Mrs. Henry Gonzalez	
					Lincoln replica statue donated Congressman Edward Roybal	
					by U.S. for price of Congressman and Mrs. Eligio de la Garza	
					\$150,000 . The original Mrs. Lincoln Gordon	
					statue was sculpted by Mrs. Felix de Weldon - wife of the sculptor [REDACTED]	
					Augustus Saint-Gaudens whose Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Strelsin - of NYC - industrialist	
					'standing Abe Lincoln statue"	
					is now in Lincoln Park, White House	
					Chicago, Ill unveiled in 1887. Mr. Walt Rostow, Mr. Jake Jacobsen, Dr. George Burkley, Mrs. Bess Abell,	

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					<p>Mrs. Elizabeth Carpenter, MF, VM, Dr. Ley Fox, Chief Baltimore, Chief King, Mrs. Helen Williams, Mr. Yoichi Okamoto, Mr. Bob Flemming & Yolanda Boozar</p> <p>STATE</p> <p>Hon. Tom Mann - Under Secy. of State</p> <p>Hon. and Mrs. James W. Symington - Chief of Protocol</p> <p>Mr. Dixon Donnelly - Asst. Secy. of State for Public Affairs</p> <p>Mr. Arthur C. Borg - Special Asst. to Rusk</p> <p>Miss Mildred J. Asbjornson - Secy. to Rusk</p> <p>Mr. Robert Bruce - Secretariat Staff Officer - State</p> <p>Mr. Al Boyd - Security Officer</p> <p>Mr. William Little - Security Officer</p> <p>PRESS POOL</p> <p>Mr. Bill Lawrence</p> <p>Mr. Merriman Smith</p> <p>Mr. Al Spivak</p> <p>Mr. Frank Cormier</p>	
					<p>Enroute on the trip, the President opened up the stateroom w/ the President's bedroom -- so that the entire official delegation could sit w/ him</p> <p>He visited about the trip -- talked w/ the legislative group about pending legislation on the Hill, and had his picture taken with several of the group.</p>	
					<p>The trip was through very rough weather, and the most part of the trip everyone had to stay fastened in their seat belts. They were jostled about -- and almost</p>	

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	5:30 pm				Arrived MEXICO CITY, D. F. INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT Full military honors were accorded the President's arrival..	
	5:34				Disembarked from the plane following the official delegation -- from the front of the aircraft instead of from the rear of the aircraft as usual.	
					The airport was gaily decorated in the colors of green, white, and red -- the colors in the Mexican flag. President and Mrs. Gustavo Diaz Ordaz along w/ officials of his government were on hand to greet the delegation	
					The President and Mrs. Johnson -- accompanied by President and Mrs. Diaz Ordaz walked to the platform set up in a special area for remarks	
					The President and Mrs. Johnson - along w/ President and Mrs. Diaz Ordaz stood on the platform -- w/ interpreter Donald Barnes.	
					Luci and Lynda stood to their side - off the platform w/ Ambassador Symington and to the side off the platform of the Diaz Ordaz were his son - and Ambassador and Mrs. Carrillo Flores.	
					Remarks first by the President of Mexico	
					REMARKS BY THE PRESIDENT -- pausing for the interpreter to translate	
					The President was accorded a full 21-gun salute	
					Then to the receiving line -- to receive the Mexican officials and to introduce in turn the members of his delegation to Diaz Ordaz	
					Mariachi bands were playing -- and it was just like a fiesta -- gay colors, happy music, and hundreds of laughing and shouting Mexicans.	

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	6:38				The President and Mrs. Johnson - President and Mrs. Diaz Ordaz -- and members of the party departed the Airport.	
					The President and family were to stay at Los Pinos - the official residence of the President of Mexico -- and a motorcade had been planned to go through the entire city	
					As the motorcade departed the airport, confetti was thrown from surrounding office buildings atop the car that the President and President Diaz Ordaz were riding in. It was Diaz Ordaz' convertible Lincoln limousine -- and the President rode w/ him w/ the top down (per Diaz Ordaz' request)	
					The streets were filled with Mexicans waving American and Mexican flags -- displaying also pictures of the President and first Lady along w/ Pictures of President and Mrs. Diaz Ordaz. Throughout the streets in all the windows of the stores along the route, pictures of President and Mrs. Johnson were seen...and constantly the greeting "Bienvenidos" which means "Welcome" in Spanish. The Mexicans were in a very friendly mood and all wanted to wave and smile at anyone in the motorcade.	
					The Mexican polic estimated that it was the largest crowd in memory, and that there were at least 2 - 3 million people on hand.	
					The President was quoted in the Evening Star of Friday, April 15, 1966 -- that "I think it was the most wonderful reception I have ever had anywhere in the world."	
					The motorcade was scheduled to take 45 minutes -- since it was only 10 miles from the Airport to Los Pinos...instead -- because of the throngs of people, the motorcade lasted for 2 1/2 hours.	
					(Mrs. Johnson and Mrs. Gustavo Diaz Ordaz were in another car separate from their husbands.)	

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	9:07	pm			Arrived at Los Pinos -- the official residence of Mexico City -- called "The President's Residence"	
					The President went to a reception in the residence on the first floor -- w/ members of both the American Delegation and the members of the Mexican Government.	
	9:30	10:15			The President met privately with President Diaz Ordaz -- the only one in the room was interpreter -- Donald Barnes of State	
	10:20				To the quarters in which he and Mrs. Johnson and the girls stayed in -- also MF and VM stayed w/ them. These were the actual rooms that President and Mrs. Diaz Ordaz use ... and they had turned them over to the President -- without the President or Mrs. Johnson knowing (the President found out the next day)	
	10:20				Visiting in the sitting room of the private quarters of the family suite w/ Mrs. Johnson, Luci, Lynda, Mary Margaret and Jack Valenti, MF and VM The President was a bit tired -- but in a very good mood -- feeling that the trip had already started out to be a great success. He talked of the crowds -- and how they were really unbelievable. He asked Mrs. Johnson if she had ever seen such crowds greeting them before, and she said that only perhaps on the New England part of the campaign trail in '64. He asked MF if she had ever seen such -- and she said perhaps the only thing equal to it could have been in Turkey. The President and JV then talked of the President's meeting w/ Diaz Ordaz -- and what they had to look forward to tomorrow... the speech that the President was to give, etc.	
	11:15				DINNER w/ Mrs. Johnson, Luci, Lynda, Mary Margaret and Jack Valenti, and MF and VM The group ate in the Diaz Ordaz' private dining room and were served by the Mexican help of the Residence, however, the food that was eaten, was from AF-1 -- at the direction of the President -- steak, crab meat cocktail, potatoes, and bread.	

For dessert, the President and party had tapioca and sugar wafer

cookies.

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	11:55 pm				The President went to his room and retired for the evening. The Valentis departed and went to their hotel -- Maria Isabel.	
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					Guests at the reception in the Mexican President's Residence included:	
					President and Mrs. Johnson ----Luci and Lynda	
					Ambassador and Mrs. Fulton Freeman	
					Ambassador and Mrs. Jim Symington	
					Senator and Mrs. Mike Mansfield	
					Under Secy. Thomas Mann	
					Asst. Secy. and Mrs. Lincoln Gordon	
					Mr. Walt Rostow	
					Mr. Jack Valenti	
					Mr. Bill Moyers	
					Mr. Donald Barnes - Interpreter	
					Mexicans--	
					President and Mrs. Diaz Ordaz	
					Minister and Mrs. Antonio Carillo Flores	
					Ambassador and Mrs. Hugo B. Margain	
					Ambassador and Mrs. Zapata	
					and other Mexican officials (Chester Carter of State furnished this list)	
					TODAY signed two bills, S. 1404 on Daylight Savings Time, and HR 6568 concerning duties on copra and palm nuts.	
					Flowers sent to Clark Clifford at his residence w/ Pres and Mrs. J card	
					and to Cong Charles M Mathias, Jr. at Bethesda w/ " " " " "	