

THE WHITE HOUSE
PRESIDENT LYNDON B. JOHNSON
DAILY DIARY

The President began his day at (Place)

White House

Date May 30, 1966

Day Monday

Memorial Day

Entry No.	Time		Telephone f or t		Activity (include visited by)	Expenditure Code
	In	Out	Lo	LD		
	7:45a				Breakfast	
	9:02a		+		JV	
	9:25a		+		JV	
	9:45a		t		Walt Rostow (pl)	
	10:20a		+		MW (pl)	
	10:25a		+		Bm (pl)	
	10:59a				To Arlington National Cemetery w/Mrs. Johnson for wreath-laying ceremony and --accompanied by Col. Col. Cross and Marvin Watson <i>Chairman, KS</i> On arrival, met by General Herrick and General Earle Wheeler. General Herrick escorted the President and General Wheeler escorted Mrs. Johnson to the Tomb of the REMARKS - live TV fm Arlington National Cemetery and theatre of the Tomb of Unknown Soldier - to throng of veterans and tourists Unknown S. The President w/ Gen Herrick at his side, stood at attention while the National Anthem was being played. The President placed a Presidential Wreath at the Tomb, and stood briefly with head bowed in front of the tomb. Taps were played, following which 30 seconds of silence were observed -- as ordered by the President in his Memorial Day proclamation. The President and Mrs. Johnson were then escorted to the Trophy Room of the Custis-Lee Mansion where they were greeted by Robert F Sutphin, President of the GAR Memorial Day Corporation. They waited inside the Trophy room for about five minutes, thus allowing press and military personnel to gather in the amphitheater. The President and Mrs. Johnson then went to the stage of the amphitheater to the sounds of "Hail to the Chief." Lt. Col. James A. Conant delivered the invocation, and Mr. Sutphin introduced the President for his	

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	11:20	11:37a			REMARKS - Live television coverage - Arlington National Cemetery Amphitheater on this MEMORIAL DAY	
					Following his remarks, the President immediately departed the amphitheater w/ Mrs. Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Bishop, MW, Col. Cross, and went to the	
					Graveside of John F Kennedy	
					At the gravesite the President placed a wreath at the head of the grave, and stood and observed a few seconds of silence.	
					He then drove back to the White House w/ Mrs. Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Bishop, MW and Col Cross	

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	11:55a				To Oval Office	
	12:05a		T		BM (pl) 12:15p -- see bottom of page for phone calls placed by the President	
C	12:35				Mrs Jack Valenti and Courtenay -- thence to the Flower Garden and to the Sunning Area w/ Mrs. Valenti and Courtenay, sitting in the chairs and enjoying the sunlight 12:39p - joined by Mrs. Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Bishop, and Lynda	
					12:50 mm and Courtenay departed	
					1:05 the Bishops left w/ Mrs. Johnson	
	1:10p				To Office w/ BM and Walt Rostow	
C	1:20p	- 2:25pm			To mansion w/ MW for lunch w/ Secy Rusk Secy McNamara B. Maynard Walt Rostow Agenda included: (1) State - Defense Atlantic Nuclear Paper, (2) Brussels mtg (3) Harriman trip, (4) possible speech on Europe by the President after Brussels.	
	12:15p				The President asked for the following, saying if their office or residences didn't answer he wanted a report; also would talk only if the respective people in the City -- didn't want to reach them if they were out-of-town:	
			t		Cong. Jack Brooks (no answer at office or residence)	
			t		Cong. J. J. Pickle - enroute to Wash DC fm Texas - due to land at 2:30p - left word	
			t		Sen. Mike Mansfield - no answer at office or residence Out of City: Sen. Bayh; Sen. Harris and Sen. McGee	

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	3:50p		t		Marvin Watson	
	4:00p				Departed South Grounds by car w/Mrs. Johnson, Lynda and Mrs. Walt Rostow and Mrs. Jim Bishop Mrs. Jack Valenti and Courtenay to Navy Weapons Plant dock arr'g at 4:11 pm	
C	4:11 - 8:58p				Boarded "Honey Fitz" w/above - <u>joining</u> the following for cruise down the Potomac River Mr. and Mrs. Emmet Riordan Mr. and Mrs. Warren Woodward (19 total incl. Courtenay) Mr. Walt Rostow Mr. and Mrs. Aubrey Boozer, Jr. Mrs. Juanita Roberts Victoria McCammon and Simon McHugh Mr. George Christian Mr. and Mrs. Jim Bishop	

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					The President upon boarding the "Honey Fitz" greeted everyone gathered in the main cabin and donned a sportcoat and denim cap and sat in the aft deck sunning and relaxing, playing with Courtenay Valenti while the other guests sat around conversing. After a few minutes of this he went to the upper deck for a more private sunning period. Various guests joined him on upper deck at intervals --this sunning period lasting approximately two hours. (During this interval of time Mr. and Mrs. Jim Bishop were taking notes and data/material for a book Mr. Bishop is writing to be titled "A Day in the Life Of a President" -- and talking to Mrs. Juanita Roberts firstly then Mr. Walt Rostow)	
					The "Honey Fitz" cruised down the Potomac River past Mount Vernon -- at this point Honors honors were paid with the assistance of a tape recording while all guests stood at attention.	
	7:30p (approx)				The President returned to aft deck and Dinner was served on TV-trays consisting of Broiled Lamb Chops, Steamed Rice, Baked Squash, Lettuce, Tommate and Avocado Salad Mint Jelly, hot rolls and vanilla ice cream w/fudge sauce for dessert. After dinner the coolness and breeze of the evening (unusually cool for Memorial Day in Wash. DC) -- made the greater part of the group go into inside main cabin for refuge and warmth. The President joined Mrs. Johnson and guests in Main Cabin and he read newspapers dozing off for a short nap until docking at Navy Weapons Plant at 8:52p. Courtenay Valenti came running into cabin saying "Prez, wake up, wake up, we're here..."	
	8:58p				Mr. Geo. Christian <i>MMV + Courtenay</i> The President, Mrs. Johnson, Lynda, /Mr. and Mrs. Jim Bishop, departed by car arriving at Wh. Hse Mansion at 9:10p	

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C-9:46p			t		Justice Abe Fortas - (ret. his call - when President was on the boat)	
10:06p			t		Juanita Roberts (her residence)	
C-10:10p				t	Dale Meeks - LBJ Ranch	
10:53p			t		Walt Rostow (his residence)	
11:00p					Retired Mr. George Christian - houseguest	
					Flowers sent today fm Pres. and Mrs. Johnson to Mrs. Clifton Daniel (Margaret Truman) at University Hospital in New York on the birth of her 4th son.	