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					E. C. Hallbeck, President, United Federation of Postal Clerks	
					Jérôme Keating, President, National Association of Letter Carriers	
					Mark F. Richman, Office of General Counsel, Dept of Justice	
					Congressman Jack Brooks	
					Congressman James C. Corman and his mother <i>Mrs Ransford Corman (Edna)</i>	
					Cong William Hungate	
					Cong Herbert Tenzer	
					Cong Richard Poff	
					Cong William Cramer	
					Cong Robert McClory	
					Cong Henry P. Smith, III	
					Cong Lindley Beckworth	
					Cong Spark Matsunaga	
					Cong Raymond Clevenger	
					Cong Albert W Johnson	
					Cong John H. Buchanan	
					Senator A. S. Mike Monroney	
					Senator Joseph Tydings	
					[REDACTED] George Green	
					[REDACTED] John Holloman	
					[REDACTED] George Autry	
					[REDACTED] Robert Smith	
					[REDACTED] John Burzio	
					[REDACTED] David Minton	

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✓	12:00n	12:05p			<u>John</u> To Oval Office w/ Chairman/Macy, Civil Service Commission	
✓	12:05p		f		Mrs. Simon F. McHugh (nee Vicky McCammon)	
	12:30p		t		Joe Califano (pl)	
<i>ugh</i>	12:32p	12:55p			Delegation from Jewish War Veterans: Malcolm Tarlov, National Commander Monroe Scheinberg, Executive Director Felix Putterman, National Legislative Director	
					Briefing papers for this mtg to DT (in a ltr from Mr. Putterman to Jim [redacted] Jones, Mr. Putterman indicated that Mr. Tarlov would like to discuss: Aid to VietNam with comment on appearance of two servicemen at recent national convention Projected visit of the Natl Cdr with a delegation of JWV ldrs to West Germany Extremism in the U.S. Stability in the Middle East Invitation to attend 72nd natl convention next August here in Washi ngton)	

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✓	1:05p	1:30p			Miss Mary Esther Garner (roommate of Mary Slater) <i>prospective employee</i>	<u>OFF RECORD</u>
	1:30p		t		Marvin Watson (pl)	
	1:32p		t		Marvin Watson (pl)	
	1:35p				President to MJDR's room - looked at some pictures on corner of her desk and gave MJDR instructions having to do with a memo from Larry O'Brien re Federal Employees Group Life Insurance Bill, H. R. 6926, pending the President's signature. Pres. said "tell Charlie Schultze to really go into it quickly; how much money would be involved, how much would we save, whether we can refuse to fund it and accomplish the same purpose as a veto..."	
	1:39p				Leave MJDR's room - comes back with instructions for MJDR to call Dr. Turchin re a bad hang nail on one hand, see if he can do anything about it..	
	1:40p				Departed for the Mansion alone Upstairs at 1:43p	

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	4:30		x		Joe Califano (Pl)	
	4:40		t		Cong Wilbur Mills (b. 1) The President invited him to come down this afternoon to see him privately at 6:15p, and to join him at Jim Lucas' briefing. Discussion centered on	
	4:50p		f		Bm tax increase problems.	
	5:00p		t		MW (pl)	
	5:10p				To Oval Office	
	5:11p				Mrs. Simon F. McHugh (nee Vicky McCammon) --little lounge	
	wing this mtg, a nine piece t set (antique purchased by Fowler for the President) was no longer in the little lounge					
	6:15p		t		Barefoot Sanders (pl)	
	6:16p		t		Joe Califano (pl)	
	6:17p		f		MW (pl)	
	6:17p - 6:25p				Joe Califano in Little Lounge	

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6:53 pm The President, accompanied by Congressman Wilbur Mills, joined the group meeting in the WH theatre on the Presidential Library. (Mrs. Johnson, Mr. Heath, Mr. Ikard, Mr. Erwin, Mr. Bauer, Mr. Bunshaft, Dr. Grover, Mr. Brooks, Mr. White, Mrs. Roberts, Mrs. Territo, Mr. Smith and Mr. Ganns (the last two gentlemen on Mr. Bunshaft's staff))

Mr. Bunshaft displayed to the President the new model of the LBJ Presidential Library, calling attention to the alterations in location of the Presidential suite and the floating appearance of the entire upper floor. The top floor rests on heavy beamed supports, with a three foot panel of tinted glass underneath. At night the light from within the building reflects through the glass. The President viewed the model with interest and appeared to like the suggestion of a six-foot bust of him at the top of the stairs in the Great Hall of Achievement. He also listened attentively to the briefing on the layout of the various floors within the Library and the auditorium joining underground the school and the library.

Following through on Mr. Bunshaft's recommendation that someone write a scenario ~~scenario~~ so a graphic arts specialist could begin the planning for the great hall (a suggestion that originated with Dr. Stanton) Mrs. Johnson asked the President who he thought could write such a scenario and what subjects would be appropriate. The President named Horace Busby as one who could probably undertake this assignment the best, having known the President so long.

The President then began speaking of his achievements through the years, the projects and legislation he initiated and/or steered through the Congress, and those he has sent to the Congress and signed into being during the Presidency. The subjects he considered worthy of development in the scenario were: Science, Conservation (REA, recreation, parks, beautification); Health, Human Relations-Civil Rights, Education, Space, Atomic Energy (Atoms for Peace), Youth, International Affairs (Health, Food for Freedom, etc.), Poverty.

7:12 pm The President departed the theatre with Congressman Mills to join the other Congressmen assembled in the State Dining Room.

(Note, the times are accurate -- they were obtained from Secret Service)

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	7:25p	9:30p			Upstairs in the Mansion - to East Room for BRIEFING by Scripps-Howard Correspondent Jim Lucas for 100 bi-partisan members of the House of Reps. (to follow - State Dining Room) Dr inks and snacks served during mtg The President received guests at the entrance of the state dining room -- and then went into the Dining Room for the meeting.	BIPARTISAN	90
					ATTENDANCE:		
					Cong. E Ross Adair	Cong Charles P. Farnsley	Cong Hervey Machen
					Cong Brock Adams	Cong Billie S Barnum	Cong James A Mackay
					Cong William H Ayres	Cong Wm D Ford	Cong John Mackie
					Cong Frank Annunzio	Cong Stanley Greigg	Cong Charles Mathias
					Cong William H. Bates	Cong Frank Horton	Cong Lloyd Meeds
					Cong Alphonzo Bell	Cong Charles A. Halleck	Cong Patsy Mink
					Cong Jonathan Bingham	Cong Lee Hamilton	Cong Chester L Mize
					Cong Wm Frances Bolton	Cong James M Hanley	Speaker McCormack
					Cong Wm G Bray	Cong Wm Hathaway	Cong Walter H Moeller
					Cong William Broomfield	Cong Henry Helstoski	Cong Bradford Morse
					Cong Clarence J Brown	Cong James J Howard	Cong Maston O'Neal
					Cong Laurence Burton	Cong Wm L Hungate	PMG O'Brien
					Cong John W Byrnes	Cong J Oliva Huot	Cong John A Race
					Cong William T. Cahill	Cong George Hansen	Cong Rolland Redlin
					Cong Clair Callan	Cong Donald J Irwin	Cong Thomas Rees
					Cong Tim Lee Carter	Cong Andrew Jacobs, Jr	Cong Joseph Resnick
					Cong Raymond Clevenger	Cong Walter B Jones	Cong Daniel Ronan
					Cong Barber B Conable	Cong David S King	Cong David Satterfield
					Cong John Conyers	Cong John C Kunkel	Cong John P. Saylor
					Cong Neiman Craley, Jr.	Cong Rodney M Love	Cong James Scheuer
					Cong John C Culver	Cong Clark MacGregor	Cong John Schmidhauser
					Cong John G Dow	Cong Wm McCulloch	Cong Henry P Smith
					Cong John J Duncan	Cong Joseph M McDade	Cong William Springer
					Cong Ken W Dyal	Cong Robert C McEwen	Cong Lynn E Stalbaum
					Cong John Erlenborn	Cong Thomas C McGrath	Cong J William Stanton

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	9:38p				The President arrived in MJDR's room - w/Henry Wilson, Bob Komer and MW	
	9:40p - 10:00				In Oval Rm Office - working desk w/yb and MW	
	10:00p				Departed the Office and went to the Mansion	
	10:18p				The President asked the operator for Jack Valenti - found he was in New York City - "never mind"	
	10:25p		t		Joe Califano	
✓	10:27p			t	Dale Meeks - Ranch	
	10:30p	11:12p			DINNER w/ Joe Califano	
✓	11:25p		f		Dr. Walter Heller (b. 1) - to tell the President of his conversations with members of the FRB concerning interest rates and money market conditions	
✓	11:45p				Retired	
					Dr. Walter Heller houseguest	
					Telegram sent today to Cong Carl Albert who suffered a mild heart attack and is recuperating in Bethesda Naval Hospital--flowers also sent w/ Pres and Mrs. J card	

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					Tonight signed H. R. 14921, the Independent Offices Appropriations Act of 1967. --one part is the appropriations for the rent supplements, a statement about which was handed to members of press on Sept 7. The bill provides appropriations for Fiscal Year 1967 totalling \$13,910,851 for the Dept of Housing and Urban Development and various independent agencies, and \$55 million in Fiscal Year 1968 appropriations for urban mass transportation grants.	
					Concerning today's mtg w/ Congressmen and the Jim Lucas briefing this evening, the <u>press briefing #583-A</u> dated Sept 7, 1966 states: "Congressman Albert had suggested to the President that he spend some time with Jim Lucas of Scripps Howard who has been covering the war in VietNam for more than two years. "After the Congressman told the President some of the things that Mr. Lucas had told him--Mr. Albert--the President thought it would be a good idea, as another way of keeping Congress informed, to give several of the Congressmen a chance to hear Lucas. So, the President, made it a joint briefing, in asense. "The President had not hand a chance to talk to Lucas first. He simply introduced him to the group and let Lucas fill in his report on Vietnam to the Congress at the same time he was talking to the President, in a fashion. He did that for about 35-40 minutes, or a little longer than that, and then he answered questions from the group. "Then following that, the President, Mr. Rostow, Mr. Komer, and Asst Secy of State William Bundy took questions from the floor. "It was bipartisan.....no comittees.....no particular regions. In anser to question to what Lucas said, Moyers replied: "It is pretty dangerous reporting on what a reporter says, but he told them that he felt that the situation militarily had turned around in Vietnam, that he personally felt we were <u> </u> right to be there, that it was important and honorable for the U.S. to keep its commitment to South VietNam. He had a lot of words to say of a generous	

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					nature about the men who are doing the fighting and their combat commanders. He said he thohght that we were making significant strides forward on the field of battle. The one thing that impressed me (Moyers) was his statement that we have taken the night away from the enemy. By that he meant that we have developed the capability of dealing with the guerillas at night, an advantage that heretofore had been exclusively theirs. He pointed out to the Congressmen that this was an [REDACTED] area of real strength to the Viet Cong, their ability to heretofore maneuver at night. He thought that our troops had taken that initiative away from them. He talked (Lucas) about the difficulties particularly in pacification, the important work that still must be done in the area of security, of civilian personnel."	
					Jim Lucas is author of the book, "Dateline in VietNam"	
					Henry Wilson wrote the President--in a memo dated Sept 7-- "Several members of Congress have told me, with friendly intent, that the Lucas lecture [REDACTED] did not merit your sponsorship. They felt that he had nothing to tell them that they did not already know, that his generalizations about foreign policy were pretty crude, and that this combined with the boorishness of the Republican comments did not add up to an enlightening evening."	