

THE WHITE HOUSE  
PRESIDENT LYNDON B. JOHNSON  
DAILY DIARY

Date September 27, 1966

Tuesday

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					The breakfast was served to the President at 8:30 am this morning, Jake Jacobsen and Marvin Watson were in the bedroom.	
✓	9:45a		t		Chairman Gardner Ackley at 8:30a, Mr. Thomas Frost (houseguest) came to the President's room for a visit. At 10:20a, the President went to the West Hall to visit w/ Jay Taylor	
	10:00a		t		Walt Rostow (pl) Paul says the President weight is 218 3/4 -- and the President is tired.	
	10:05a		t		Henry Wilson	
	10:35a				To Oval Office	
✓	10:37	10:44			Governor John Burns of Hawaii	
WJH	10:45a	11:05a			Foreign Minister of Indonesia, Adam Malik Col. Sudjono, aide to Gen. Suharto Mr. Sani of the Indonesian Foreign Ministry Walt Rostow U.S. Ambassador to Indonesia, Marshall Green William J. Jorden of National Security Council Staff	
mf asked Jorden for names + grt					(classified memorandum re this meeting to Bromley Smith)	
					press and photos	

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	12:37p	1:00p			To the Cabinet Room	
	12:40p	Remarks			for meeting with the	
					Bishops of the A. M. E. Church	
					Bishop R. R. Wright, Jr., Philadelphia, Pa	
					Bishop George Wilbur Baber, Washington, D. C.	
					Bishop Joseph Gomez, Cleveland, Ohio	
					Bishop Carey A. Gibbs, Columbia, South Carolina	
					Bishop H. Thomas Primm, Nashville, Tenn.	
					Bishop Frederick Douglass Jordan, Hollywood, Calif	
					Bishop Eugene C. Hatcher, Jacksonville, Fla.	
					Bishop Ernest L. Hickman, Atlanta, Ga	
					Bishop William F. Ball, Miami, Fla	
					Bishop O. L. Sherman, Waco, Tex	
					Bishop John Douglass Bright, Philadelphia	
					Bishop George Napoleon Collins, New Orleans, La	
					Bishop George Blakely, St. Louis, Mo.	
					Bishop Isaiah Bonner, Birmingham, Ala	
					Dr. Robert W. Mance, Washington, DC	
					Dr. Sherman Greene, Jr.,	
					Russell Brown, Secy General of A. M. E. Church	
					Louis Martin, DNC	
	1:00p	that has been made.			To Oval Office	

CIVIL RIGHTS

Bishop Baber read a statement lauding the President's achievements in civil rights, education, and in general, the great society programs and dedicated their total support, and touched on a number of subjects. Said it was important for churchmen to use their pulpits as he was going to use his to see that this country continued to make progress on the important issues of education, civil rights, etc. The President touched on violence and how the leaders could help him by providing constructive leadership, and in regard to the radical wings, help with the progress

The Bishops are currently holding a mtg in Washi ngton. The key leader of the group is OFF RECORD Bishop George Baber who attended the World Council of Churches in Geneva. The A. M. E. Church is the second largest denomination among negroes in the U. S. (Martin ltr to JJ, Sept 1)

The President pledged that as long as he was President, he would continue to work for equal opportunity for all Americans. Bishop Wright held a prayer in the Cabinet Room and pleaded for the personal protection of the President and the success of his work.

Cliff Alexander:mf

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	1:12p	1:25			To Mansion for REMARKS to U. S. Marshals - w/ MW	156
(White House police has no checked off gate list-- The Attorney General and Barefoot Sanders vouched for each guest)						
<i>Martha Raybott</i> <i>C187 x 2127</i> <i>will provide list</i>						
<i>U.S. Marshals from 93 judicial districts</i>						
<i>not XDT</i>						



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September 28, 1966

MEMORANDUM FOR :

THE PERSONAL SECRETARY  
TO THE PRESIDENT

The President's plane touched down at Skid Strip, Cape Kennedy AFB, at 3:36 p.m. The skies were overcast, with a misty rain sprinkling approximately 200 Air Force and NASA officials awaiting the Presidential Party. More than 110 American and German press representatives were on the ground already for the arrival of President Johnson and Chancellor Erhard.

NASA Administrator James E. Webb, who accompanied the President from Washington on AF 1, introduced the President to Maj. General Vincent G. Huston, Commander of the Air Force Eastern Test Range.

Riding with Chancellor Erhard, the President and his motorcade drove past launch gantries which are dispersed throughout the gigantic space complex. Jim Webb narrated. Giant, man-made towers reached toward the skies---which by now were less dismal after the cloud cover began to pass over.

The Presidential motorcade drove past Complex 12, from which are launched the Atlas-Agena, Ranger, Mariner, Orbiting Geophysical Observatory, and the Advanced Technological Satellite. It also passed Complex 13, where the Lunar Orbiter and Mariner were blasted into the heavens. The motorcade passed Complex 14, where the Gemini Atlas and Agena rockets have been launched.

The Presidential party saw the Titan rocket at Complex 15 before arriving at Complex 19, the Gemini-Titan launch complex. Gemini 12 was erected at this pad.

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Because of the inclement weather, the briefing on Complex 19 was moved into the blockhouse. Merritt Preston briefed the President about the complex and the rocket which was sitting in its gantry less than a 100 yards from the block house. It was pointed out that the blockhouse could withstand a direct hit by the rocket were it to go off-course and fall on the guidance center.

The blockhouse was filled with approximately 35 photographers and 5 press representatives. The President stood with Chancellor Erhard. Both seemed to show considerable interest in the space technology as it was explained to them by Mr. Preston.

After the 15-minute briefing, the President and Chancellor Erhard walked over by the guidance systems for pictures. Television sets in the background showed the rocket, while a closed circuit channel showed Air Force One as it was being refueled on the landing strip.

After leaving the blockhouse at complex 19, the President and his motorcade drove to Complex 39. This was a 15 minute drive. Along the way, explanations were made of the various space center buildings by Jim Webb.

At Complex 39, the President and Chancellor Erhard were escorted into the towering Vehicle Assembly Building. This massive structure is one and a half times as large as the Pentagon. The United Nations Building can be moved into it without tipping the U.N. building. The President appeared impressed by the size and brilliance of the structure.

The President and his party were taken to the firing room where briefer Rocco Patrone explained how the various rockets are developed and the firing systems coordinated. Refreshments were served.



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After the President left the firing room, Bill Moyers cleared with him the communique which was to be issued to the Press after on-plane consultations between President Johnson and Chancellor Erhard. This was approved, and the statements were issued to the Press outside Complex 39. About half of the writing press left the motorcade in two buses to go to file this major story of the day. The others stayed with the President.

After a short drive, the President and his party arrived inside the spacious Vehicle Assembly Room, nick-named "VAB" by the space-age employees of the building. The President and Chancellor Erhard were briefed by Rocco Patrone for 10 minutes on the specifications and uses of the building. A multi-engine, first stage section of one of the rockets destined for an upcoming moon shot was in the center of the building, overwhelming in size and complexity.

After the briefing, the President made a very well-received speech which ended with this line: "The earth moves on, and the heavens wait."

The motorcade proceeded to Pad A, where the Saturn-Apollo 500 F was erected. The President and the Chancellor went up an elevator to a level where they inspected the 500 F. A presspool was along for pictures.

After reviewing the 500-F, the President departed for Skid Strip for the trip back to Washington

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	2:25p				Helicopter departed South Lawn with the following aboard #1 The President Chancellor Ludwig Erhard Ambassador George McGhee Mr. Gerhard Schroeder Secy of Defense, Robert McNamara Hon. James Webb Hon. Walt Rostow Ambassador James Symington Mr. Kusterer (German interpreter) Mr. Harry Orbst (U. S. interpreter) Hon. Jake Jacobsen, Hon. Bill Moyers <del>██████████</del> 7 Marie Fehmer, Mary Slater	During the flight to Andrews the President read the latest briefing; after he read it, he showed it to Secy McNamara and Amb McGhee.
	2:50p				Helicopter arrived at Andrews AF Base	
	2:53p				AF One 26,000 off ground (Manifest on page 16)	
	3:00p				President resting in bedroom	
	3:05p				Chancellor Erhard joined the President in the bedroom to rest	
	3:30p	3:40p			Dr. Fox in bedroom	
	4:00p				Paul Glynn and Dr. Fox in bedroom -- Dr. Fox came out immediately and said that the President was "feeling fine" now, or so he said anyway. They had awakened the President from his nap early at his request, for he wanted to talk to Chancellor Erhard a while before landing.	

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	4:03p				Secretary McNamara into bedroom	
	4:10p				The President and Secy McNamara joined the group in the cabin. The President sat on one of the benches in the aisle of the plane and talked at length with Secy McNamara, Bill Moyers, and others after he had visited with Erhard for a while	
	4:40p				AF One landed at Cape Kennedy Air Force Base--The President was still seated on the bench in the aisle talking, but he stood up just as the plane touched down and went over to speak to the Germans.	
					Went directly to waiting cars. In the car with the President were the following:	
					Chancellor Erhard	
					Gerhard Boe Den	
					Secy McNamara	
					Lem Johns	
					Mr. Gerhard Schroedor	
					driver	
					Hon. Kurt Debus, Director of Space Center	
					Hon Jim WEbb, NASA	
					The Presidential motorcade consisted of the President's car, the Secret Service follow-up, Staff, Wire Car, Press-photo (2 trucks), and two VIP cars.	
					The motorcade departed Skid Strip, so called because the Snark used to skid in there after a run around Puerto Rico.	
					Motorcade drove past: Complex 12 from which are launched the Atlas/Agena, Ranger, Mariner, Orbiting Geophysical Observatory, Orbiting Astronomical Observatory, and Advanced Technological Satellites. Complex 13 from which the Atlas/Agena, Lunar Orbital and Mariner are launched. Complex 14 made famous by the Mercury astronauts, all of whom were launched from here, and from which the Gemini 12 target vehicle will be launched. Complex 15 where the Titax are launched.	

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	4:56p	5:10p			Arrive Complex 19--Gemini-Titan launch complex. Gemini 12 is erected on this pad. Fifteen minute briefing by Merritt Preston during which the press and photographers listened and filmed.	
	5:34p				Arrive Complex 39, Vehicle Assembly Building. This building has more cubic feet than the Pentagon and the Merchandising Mart put together and is thought to be the largest man-made structure in the world. Toured Vehicle Assembly Building with Rocco [REDACTED] Petrone as briefer. Went to a large lecture room where there were flow charts and other technical diagrams on the wall and a model of the vehicle. The President, Chancellor Erhard, and dignitaries saw in a semicircle overlooking the stage and were served refreshments of coffee, fresh Florida orange juice, cokes, etc. during the briefing. The press was taking notes and pictures.	
	6:00p				Went up to the Fire Room and looked out picture window overlooking much of the complex.	
	6:02p				Into car, drove around into the assembly part of the building--personnel was lined up and clapped as the motorcade progressed.	
	6:07p				Out of car, still at complex 39, Vehicle Assembly Building. Rocco Petrone continued the briefing (The President later commented that he thought this briefer was excellent.)	
(5:05 p.m. st.)	6:12p	6:23p			REMARKS by President Afterwards the briefer, Mr. Petrone, expressed thanks but added they could not consider the President as a visitor, but they would like to hear	
	6:25	6:39			Remarks by Chancellor Erhard the visitor.	
	6:32p	6:35p			The President made some concluding REMARKS thanking all concerned with the space preogram for their effort	
	6:36p				Depart via motorcade Vehicle Assembly Building for Pad A	



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	6:45p				Arrive Pad A--Presidential party took elevator to base of Sturn/Apollo 500F.	
	6:58p				Motorcade depart Pad A for Skid Strip	
	7:15p				Arrive at AF One--President and Chancellor Erhard posed for pictures. Then James Webb, Secy McNamara, and Gerhard Schroeder joined the President and the Chancellor for pictures at the door of the plane.	
	7:20p				Airplane off for Washington. The Cabin and bedroom were opened up and the President visited with his guests during the flight. They were served DINNER.	
	8:40p				The President came back and talked to Mary S about the trip asking if she had learned anything and what and if she had enjoyed it and why. Then he went back and sat in the seat by Maire F, awakened her, and said that the Chancellor said it was time for her to wake up!	
	8:55p				Landed at █████ National Airport, for due to the weather conditions it was the only airport open. The landing was rather rough due to the short runway.	
	9:00p				Leave plane--to car waiting at base of steps. Car to White House w/ Jake Jacobsen Paul Glynn Marie Fehmer, Marie Slater Clint Hill	
	9:07p				Oval office Worked desk w/ mary s and also inscribed a copy of THIS IS AMERICA by Lyndon B. Johnson "To Lib Porter, In the hope this will help you understand all that we are working for, with affection, Lyndon B. Johnson, █████ September 28, 1966"--This was for her birthday (mary s's mother) on Wednesday, Sep. 28.	
	10:00p				to mansion	

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					While at Cape Kennedy Astronaut Pete Conrad presented the President a flag they had in their space capsule that had orbited the earth. The flag along with a picture taken from the space craft was mounted and framed.	
					The Director of Cape Kennedy Space Center presented the President <del>thx</del> with an Apollo/Saturn V space vehicle model and a picture of the vehicle at the launch pad.	
					The President received a hard hat w/ the seal of the President and the name tag "L. B. Johnson" on it	
					<i>Joint Communique w/ Erhard issued today</i>	



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					MANIFEST FOR FLIGHT TO CAPE KENNEDY:	
✓					Chancellor Erhard	
✓					Mr. Walter Stoessel, Dept of State	
✓					Mr. Alfred Puhon	
✓					Secy McNamara	
✓					Mr. James Webb, Administrator, NASA	
✓					Dr. George E. Mueller, Assoc Adm for Manned Space Flight, NASA	
✓					U. S. Amb to Germany, George McGhee	
					Jake Jacobsen	
					Walt Rostow	
✓					Bruce Howe	
✓					Mr. Hermann Kusterer, Counselor, German Foreign Office	
✓					Dr. Gerhard Schroeder, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Fed Rep of Germany	
✓					von Hassel, H. E. Kai- Uwe, Minister of Defense	
✓					H. E. Dr. Ludger Westrick, Minister for the Federal Chancery	
✓					H. E. Heinrich Knappstein, Amb of Germany	
✓					von Hase, Hon Karl-Guenther, State Secy and Federal press chief	
✓					Minister Georg Lilienfeld	
✓					Mr. Gerhard Boeden	
✓					Mr. Klaus Marx	
✓					Mr. Theo Doehm	
✓					Francis Bator	
✓					Governor Farris, Bryant, Director, OEP	
✓					Astronaut Pete Conrad	
✓					Astronaut Richard Gordon	
					staff and support personnel	