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					The President slept in this morning -- up at about 7:45 a.m. -- eggs for breakfast instead of chipped beef, apple juice -- toast and marmalade -- tea	
					In the room this morning -- Leonard Marks, Director of USIA Jake Jacobsen (The President asked for Jack Valenti but he couldn't be located -- he stayed at the Palace.)	
					Harry McPherson in this morning to talk about this morning's speech.	
					Leonard Marks discussed the presentation of the television report to the American people which is to be used around the world -- it can serve both purposes. Marks reported to the President that he had printed 50,000 copies of the Manila Conference pamphlet containing the declaration, the communique, speeches and had shipped it to the six nations involved. Marks talked about getting instructions out to all of our 105 countries where we have information offices interpreting the Manila Conference. Marks told the President of his plans of getting worldwide distribution as soon as possible. Marks:mf	
					The President this morning read digests of all the news from back home	
					As he filed out of his suite, the mx President walked by a group of paintings selected for his perusal, and the President's purchase TWO were selected. -- two abstracts A yellow brown carabao (water buffalo) on grey background - by Oscar Zalameda Three women w/ fish motif - yellow dominant w/ muted orange, red and dark blue as contrast by Magsaysay0	

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	11:04a				In hall outside suite w/ Jake, JV, Mrs. J, Leonard Marks -- looking at possible painting to be purchased --selected one of a fishing village	
	11:10a				Depart Manila Hotel, back entrance, by motorcade, accompanied by his automobile his automobile - w/ Mrs. Johnson, MW	
					On driving the Embassy grounds, the motorcade proceeded to the dock, where the President dropped Mrs. Johnson -- then on the U. S. Embassy helicopter pad	
	11:14a				Helicopter from U S Embassy Pad for Fort Bonifacio w/ Ambassador Blain, Ambassador Romualdez, Jim Jones, Marie Fehmer, Marvin Watson, Ken Gaddis, agents: Youngblood and Johns	
	11:23a				Arrive helicopter pad at Philippine Army Headquarters-Fort Bonifacio-for visit to Philippine cemetery (Libingan ng mga Bayani") (Resting Place of Heroes) Greeted at Fort Bonifacio by President Marcos	
	11:25a				Depart by motorcade w/ President Marcos, Amb Blair, Amb Romualdez	
	11:30a				Arrive Philippine cemetery for wreath-laying ceremony at tomb of the unknown, Greeted at the departure point by General Santos Garcia, Commanding General of the Philippine Army and the Secy of National Defense, Alfonso Arellano	
					--official wreath laying ceremony -	
					The President was assisted by Col. Conmy and Major Robinson	

Interred here are the remains of the men who fought at Bataan, Corregidor and those who were killed in guerrilla warfare against the Japanese in different parts of the Philippines.

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	11:40a				Depart Philippine cemetery by motorcade w/ President Marcos, Amb. Blair, Amb Romualdez	
	11:45a				Arrive gates of American cemetery - drove up right hand driveway and stopped at curbside curbside curbside -- greeted by	
This is situated six miles from Manila - within the limits of the former Army Reservation Fort William McKinley. The military dead came from temporary cemeteries in New Guinea, the Philippines, and other Islands of the Southwest Pacific and Central Pacific area.						
					Mr. Otto Kaufmann, Superintendent, Manila-American Cemetery and memorial	
					Lt. James W. Wilson, Commander, 13th Air Force - Clark Air Base, P.I.	
					Major Gen James R. Winn, Chief, Joint U S Military Advisory Group, P.I.	
					Rear Admiral Herman J. Kossler, Commander, U.S. Navy, P.I.	
					Hail to the Chief, played -- walked over grass toward Troop Commander and Chapel Base. U.S. Marines, sailors, Coast Guard, and army personnel in two files forming honor cordon to Memorial Chapel Plaza.	
					Two national anthems --	
					wreath laying -	
					--then taps	
					(a very moving ceremony)	
	12:00n	12:05p			Departed American cemetery for helicopter pad, Fort Bonifacio	
	12:05p				Arrived pad- departed immediately by helicopter for Los As Banos w/ Amb. Blair, Amb. Romualdez, Rufuse Youngblood, President Marcos, JV, Ken Gaddis, MW, Dr. Burkley, Jim Jones	
	12:34p				Arrived International Rice Research Institute at Los Banos-- --a beautiful, but hot place. The weather must have been in the 90 degree range, w/ intermittent -- very sparse -- drizzle. And the President and First Lady both showed the wear of the heat. The President was perspiring heavily, and Mrs. Johnson's makeup needed freshening.	

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Both Ford Foundation and Rockefeller Foundation have been responsible for the construction and operation, of the IRRI. It conducts a comprehensive research program on the rice plant and its desire to find ways to increase rice yields.					Mrs. Johnson and Mrs. Marcos joined the party at this stop	
					The President walked down a cordon of Philippine troops, and then went through a very long receiving line -- made up of officials of IRRI, the Agricultural College of the Philippines and the town of Los Banos.	
12:40p					Presidential party leaves by motorcade by for a tour of the rice fields -- the President and Mrs. Johnson President and Mrs. Marcos Amb Blair Amb Romualdez rode in a small air conditioned bus.	
					One stop was made -- the four principals departed the bus and walked to a rice paddy demonstrating techniques of transplanting and rice cultivation. A very interesting scene, natives barefooted up to their knees in the rice paddy, water plows being pulled by water buffalo. -- The President was very interested -- and paid particular attention to the water buffalo (a mean looking animal)	
					Another stop was made at a paddy paddy of new experimental rice -- walkways had been built, and the President walked between the paddies of old rice and newly developed rice.	
					He then walked 50 feet away to nearby stand-up microphone for brief remarks -- introduction by Dr. Robert Chandler, Jr., former President of Univ of New Hampshire	
12:58p 12:55p					REMARKS by the President (a very picturesque sight -- an umbrella being held over the President to protect him from the hot sun, palm trees in the background, and in the far far, background,	

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					great mountains covered in deep green vegetation.	
	1:05p				The President concluded his remarks, and proceeded through large, large crowds--screaming, and waving flags -- to the dining room. He merely walked through the dining - CANCELED the planned lunch he was to have there --and went to the helicopter. A surprise move, and staff members had to hustle to get through the crowd. -- in the dining room, he greeted briefly about 22 luncheon guests.	
	1:15p				Wheels up - via helicopter - for xxxx Corregidor w/ Mrs. Johnson, President and Mrs. Marcos, Amb Blair, Amb Romualdez MW, Jim Jones, Okamoto, Jack Valenti, mf (talk about Philippines GNP, civil side of war in VietNam)	
					The helicopter circled Corregidor for views of gun emplacements, barracks, etc at Battery Hearn, Battery xxxx Crockett, Battery Way, etc.	
	2:45p				Helicopter landed at Bottom Side (surrender site) -- The President walked w/ President Marcos to a spot near where General Wainwright surrendered, and to a small monument "Corregidor" --two microphones, and the President (donned a Veterans xxxx cap as did Marcos) and President Marcos stood px facing the memorial.	
	1:55	2:10p			REMARKS xxxx by the President	
The President received a symbolic title scroll of one square inch of Philippine soil as a gift to the Americans who lost their lives on Philippine soil.						
					Then in motorcade, the President riding w/ President Marcos - motorcaded one-quarter mile to point where they could see the tunnel entrance and stopped at Malinta Tunnel Historical marker -- the marker explained Malinta Tunnel's mission, General MacArthur's departure and return to Corregidor.	

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	3:52p				To back of plane kidding mf and marys not to get lost with any young officers-- also kidding Jack Valenti about taking Mary Esther Garner to the Barrio Fiesta last night.	
	3:55p	4:20			To bedroom to rest	
	3:56p	4:20p			Clark Clifford in bedroom	
					Aboard AF One 26000 from Sangley Point to	
					The President	Clark Clifford
					Secretary Rusk	Jack Valenti
					Marvin W ^{rt} son	HMCS Mills
					Gov. Bryant	William Bundy
					Jim Jones	Mr. Jordan
					Ken Gaddis	Mr. Hardesty
					Okamoto	Leonard Marks
					Lt. Atkins	Paul Glynn
					Dr. Burkley	Youngblood, USSS
					Marie Fehmer	L. Johns, USSS
					Jake Jacobsen	Johnsen, USSS
					Duncan, USSS	HEYN, USSS
					Godfrey, USSS	Nunn, USSS
					Mary Slater	Hal Pachios
					Mr. Schoen	Mr. Sparks
					K. Lynch	PRESS POOL: Merriman Smith
					Mr. McNulty	F. Ward Joe Pinto
					B. Thompson	G. Silk J. Atherton
					S. Davis	F. Cormier F. Lara
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	4:34p				Wheels down - Cam Ranh Bay, South VietNam -- a long run way, men in battle dress, and the feeling of the unknown was in everyone's face as they deplaned.	
FARRIS BRYANT dictated to					Greeted by General Westmoreland	
yb his impressions					Thieu	
of visit to VietNam.					Ky	
					and many military people	
					(Ky and Thieu had arrived from Manila only 30 minutes earlier)	
	4:42p	4:47p			Motorcade to troop inspection area -	
					w/	
	4:47p				Arrived the reviewing area -- A band playing "Hail to the Chief." -- then the "Yellow Rose of Texas" as the President reviewed crack troops representing every fighting unit in South VietNam. The President rode in an open jeep standing alongside General Westmoreland. The President wore khakis and his khaki battle jacket w/ the President seal over the left hand pocket.	
					Then the President rode to the reviewing stand where he joined principals: Secy Rusk, Ky, Thieu, and General Westmoreland.	

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	5:08p	5:17p	5:17p		General Westmoreland introduced the President for his REMARKS	
					For the first time -- at the last part of his speech, the President's voice quavered, and most of the party felt he was quite choked up -- the scene was such a moving one -- the President's voice began to break a little. The newsmen around said he he gave the best speech ever, and they could feel his speaking from his heart -- obviously emotionally wound up.	
					At the end of his remarks, the President awarded the Distinguished Service Medal to General Westmoreland -- and pinned the medal on Westmoreland	
					At this point, the President removed his battle jacket -- and the crowd cheered.	
	5:24p				To the Base Hospital - by motorcade In this building, the President awarded Purple Hearts to all Americans in each ward.	

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	6:18p				Departed the NCO mess hall, en route the Officers Club - via motorcade	
	6:21p	6:28p	6:21p		Officer's Club	
					The President met with top commanders from all over VietNam. The President was introduced by General Westmoreland to this group (he removed his tie in this room and was tieless -- the heat was almost unbearable.) He told the Commanders essentially what he had said outside. He told them that if this was the best army that the U.S. had ever put in the field, then they were the best commanders that any Commander-in-Chief ever had. He told them that America was counting on this and he was counting on them. He told them that he had no doubt that they would do what they needed to do. He pledged them that whatever they needed in the way of men and material they would get. He then introduced Secy Rusk, calling him "one of the greatest patriots of all time." "a great hero whose thinking was many times responsible for their actions your actions in VietNam," said the President as he introduced Rusk.	
					Rusk responded saying that since 1945, America had taken 185,000 casualties -- killed and wounded -- in the preservation of freedom around the world. And that ever since the Japanese invaded Manchuria, Hitler invaded the Rhineland, Mussolini invaded Ethi Ethiopia -- the beginning of World War II -- our troops had been ready. "We must be ready now," said the Secy, and that is why we are in VietNam today -- to not let this happen again.	
					The President then departed by motorcade-- night had fallen, and motorcaded back to the plane --	
					the cars drove through a two block long cordon of men standing at attention .	

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					Then showed film of the Marcos visit to the United States. They applauded when the film was over -- and then departed with Mrs. Johnson (escorted to the car by the Marcoses --	
	10:04p				Accompanied to the Manila Hotel by Amb. Harriman and Amb and Mrs. Blair	
			q		--and to the suite for drinks w/ them	
	10:12p				REMARKS The President telephoned thru the White House switchboard to the Recording Studio, where his remarks were recorded and released on 10/27 to broadcast networks.	
	10:28p			t	Mrs. William C. Westmoreland - Hawaii to tell her that he had just seen her husband and that he was looking well and doing all right.	
	10:34p		t		Jake Jacobsen 11:02p t Bill Moyers	
	11:00p	11:00p			Blairs and Harriman left	
	11:42p		f		Bill Moyers	
					yb in President's room tonight as he told Mrs. Johnson of his visit to VietNam. -- she promises to provide notes	