

THE WHITE HOUSE
PRESIDENT LYNDON B. JOHNSON
DAILY DIARY

Date October 27, 1966

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	In	Out	Lo	LD		
	10:40a				Out of back door of Manila Hotel to car with Mrs. Johnson, President and Mrs. Marcos	
	10:40a				Motorcade moving to Manila International Airport. People were scarreted all along the way --waving American flags, smiling, waving. Jeeps of Philippine police or army were saattered throught the motorcade.	
	10:54a				Arrive Philippine International Airport for departure ceremony President and Mrs. Johnson and President and Mrs. Marcos proceeded to a central location in front of guard of honor. During a 21-gun salute the "Star Spangled Banner" and the "Philippine National Anthem were played--the President standing at attention with his hand over his heart. Then the two Presidents reviewed the troops. After leaving the review troops, the President made his way over to the far end of the red carpet which was lined with American troops and Philippine girls with leis--he greeted some of the troops.	
	11:10a				The President and President Marcos boarded the plane, followed by Mrs. Johnson and Mrs. Marcos. In the state room the President autographed two pictures for them and had them put in silver frames. Also he gave Mrs. Marcos a small bronze bust by Jemilu Mason and President Marcos a larger white bust. The said their farewells, Mrs. Marcos telling Mrs. Johnson that she had never had nicer visitors and that she was trying to model herself after Mrs. Johnson as a First Lady.	

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	11:18a				President and Mrs. Marcos departed the plane	
	11:20a				Taxiing out--people at airport waving	
	11:22a				AF One 26000 off -- In the cabin with the President were: Marvin Watson, Jake Jacobsen, Jack Valenti, and Mrs. Johnson	
	11:34a				To bedroom for rest	
	11:38a	12:00a			George Christian in bedroom -- re press coverage of Manila -- problems encountered there, and problems to be encountered in Thailand	
					Aboard AF One 26000 Manila to Bangkok	
					The President Mrs. Johnson Mr. Walt Rostow	
					Mr. George Chiristian Secy Rusk Mr. Jake Jacobsen	
					Mr. W. Marvin Watson Captain James Jones Miss Marie Fehmer	
					Miss Mary Slater Mr. Jack Valenti Dr. George Burkley	
					Chief Tom Mills Mr. William Decoursey Mr. Tom Mossellem	
					Sergeant Robert Duffy Colonel Joseph B. Conmy Major Hugh G. Robinson	
					Mr. Yoichi Okamoto Lieutenant Thomas Atkins Mrs. Elizabeth S. Carpenter	
					Mrs. Helen Williams Mrs. Ashton G. Gonella Mrs. Bess Abell	
					Mr. Rufus Youngblood Mr. Thomas L. Johns Mr. Arthur Godfrey	
					Mr. Ronald Pontius Mr. Dale Keaner Mr. Richard Johnsen	
					Mr. Jerry Kivett Amb James W. Symington Mr. William J. P. Jorden	
					Mr. Clark Clifford Sergeant Paul Glynn Sergeant Marshall Gaddis	
					Mr. Harry McPherson Mr. Ben Wattenberg Mrs. Yolanda Boozer	
					Major Peter Rice, Army Chopper Pilot Mr. William Bundy	
					PRESS POOL: Burris Merriman Smith Frank Cormier	

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	1:05p	(Time changed)			Landed U Ta Pao Air Station, USAF, Thailand	
	1:11p				Off back of plane after Major Hugh Robinson and Colonel Joseph Conmy with Mrs. Johnson It was pouring rain, so greetings were minimal.	
					While in the back of plane, prior to leaving, the President was talking to Jack Valenti telling him that since Leonard Marks was his friend, to tell him to stop production of the publication with his picture on it. He said he didn't care if that was the only picture Okamoto could give him, he did not ever want that picture published. That in the future none of the USIS publications were to carry a picture of him unless he initialed them first. The President told Jack Valenti to relay the message to Leonard Marks, and for him to consider it an order--the only back-talk he would accept on the subject was a resignation if the USIS did not comply.	
					Also prior to deplaning, the President told Mary S and mf to get copies of "Life," "Time," "Newsweek," the "New York Times" and other newspapers and bring them along.	
					After very brief greetings by base officials and Prime Minister Thanom K the President and Mrs. Johnson proceeded to the first helicopter for the ride to Bang Saen.	
	1:13p				The President's helicopter departed U Ta Pao for Bang Saen. Also aboard were Mrs. Johnson Ambassador and Mrs. Martin Prime Minister Thanom Military aide of the Prime Minister Rufus Youngblood	

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	6:15p				mf and mary s joined the President on the patio outside his lodgings. He was in a reclining chair looking at the sunset. As the girls walked up, he asked what had taken them so long that he had called about an hour previously and they were bathing then. (It was an extremely warm evening, but the sunset was beautiful--pinks, purples, and blues. As the sun set in front, a full moon was rising over the President's back.)	
					Soon after mf and mary s joined the President, Ambassador Martin ambled up--uninvited by the President and began to make conversation. The President almost ignored the Ambassador, but let the Ambassador tell him about the political situation in Thailand.	
					The President ordered a Scotch and soda, and as the Ambassador rambled on, the President leaned his head back and closed w his eyes.	
					At this point the President began to count the helicopters going overhead, asking why there was so much traffic.	
	6:35p				Mrs. Johnson and Mrs. Martin joined the group on the patio--Mrs. Johnson joining the President and the Ambassador for a drink, although Mrs. Martin declined. She told the President about her pleasant afternoon swimming at Crystal Island, owned by the Deputy Defense Minister who is Secretary of the Air Force.	
					In answer to Mrs. Johnson's inquiry as to what she should talk about if a microphone were to be placed under her in order to appear that she had intellegently kept her eyes open in Thailand, the Ambassador laulched a discussion on the rural reconstruction in the northeastern part of the country, the rice, population planning, etc. He also mentioned that the rain this afternoon at the airport when the President landed was regarded as a good omen ---rain is an omen of good luck at arrivals.	

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					Mrs. Johnson went upstairs to change clothes after her afternoon's swim, leaving the Ambassador, mf, and mary s with the President. The President was fidgety, for he wanted the time peaceful--hence the Ambassador was not invited to saty for dinner.	
					The President asked for Marvin n Watson and Jake Jacobsen several times, and also for Ashton Gonella. He had mary s call Ashton and ask her to come down.	
					The President dozed a few minutes, then awoke and went up to the porchon the third floor of his lodgings. In the President's absence, Ashton, Marvin, Jake, Lloyd Hand, and Mrs. Johnson joined mf and mary s downstairs.	
					The President rejoined the assembled group downstairs a few minutes before dinner. He asked mf what she had for him and as a result designated a bill that he wanted to have a public signing ceremony for--possibly in Korea-- and signed a bill.	
approx	7:15p				DINNER in dining room of the lodging--prepared by the chef at a Bangkok Hotel specially brought in for the President. w/ Mrs. Johnson, Mrs. John Gonella, Hon. Lloyd Hand, Hon. Marvin Watson, Hon. Jake Jacobsen, mf and mary s For dinner the President had corn soup, a Thai smoked fish, a filet staak, braised celery, baked potato, a good bread, and coconut ice cream over fresh pineappbe. During the mealn the President remarked several times on how good the bread was, and said the meat was as good or better as beef from Kansas City. The ice cream seemed to fascinate the President, for he could not taste the coconut in it he said--he ate two dishes of it.	
					The President talked of many things during the dinner;	
					The President spokex about the Manila Conference and the issuance of the comminique.	

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					The dining room was rather warm, and the President was uncomfortably warm--he wiped perspiration for from his brow several times.	
					He asked Marvin Watson to check on Col. James. U. Cross's promotion saying that he had asked Secy McNamara three times and Joe Califano several times also--the President wants to promote him from Lt. Col. to full Col.	
					The President also told Marvin Watson to stop the helicopters from flying overhead--the President said he felt like he was staying at National Airport. He told Marvin that anyone else wanting to go in could drive--to stop all this helicopter flying. He said all he could hear was their buzzing overhead or Secret Service talking on their radios saying "Can you read me?" "I read you loud and clear."---This has got to stop the President said.	
					The President spent some time reminiscing: he told about the time when he was 15 years old that he had wanted a date with a 19-year-old girl. He had asked the girl out, but rather than accepting immediately, she had stalled him so she could find out about him. When she asked part of the local sewing circle about "this Lyndon Johnson" she was told why he is only a boy of 15." At which point the mother of Kitty Clyde Ross Leonard had spoken up and said, "But Lyndon had been dating and wearing a straw Katy since he was out of diapers!"---The girls went on the date, and they became good friends. After she married they kept in touch for a while and the President said he had eaten with her and her husband at their ranch.	
					Marvin Watson reminded the President of the President's first trip to Dangerfield in 1956 when he had gone briefly by Marvin's office then to eat on the open floor of Lone Star Steel. Mrs Johnson had joined the President, and Luci, then 9 years old with pigtailis met her parents here after visiting her uncle. To her mother's horror she had appeared in earrings at that dangled almost to her shoulders. The President said he could hardly remember the incident.	
					When the meal was finished the President suggested the group move to the porch again for	

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					On the way to the Patio, the President stopped and told the head waiter that "That was the best meal I have had."	
					Outside the topics of onversation continued to ramble.	
					The President talked at length about California politics with Lloyd Hand, Marvin and Jake. He discussed the chances of Brown vs. Regan and a possible Presidential trip to California.	
					He then talked about the Texas oil buisness--starting on it by mentioning Tyler and Longview.	
					The President appeared very relaxed, but rather tired--lying in his reclining lawn chair with his head back.	
					Mrs. Johnson said goodnight and went up to her room.	
					The President ook several cat-naps , awakening to ask questions of Lloyd, Jake, and Marvin. He asked how George Chirsitan was getting along with the press and was told there were no problems except that three of the press along could not understand why the Thai's would not allow them in to eat with the sax staff and other employees at a pavilion especially set up for that purpose.	
					Jake J mac bsen commented that he had never seen George Christian work harder than on this trip--This prompted the President to ask "Is George lazy?"	
					The President asked Marvin Watson what news he heard from Kuala Lumpur. Marvin replied that the cable was that the connection had been bad so he asked them to send a cable relaying the information information--but from what it sounded like they had said it would be a good stop with no security problems.	
	9:50p				President to his room--told JJ, my mf and mary s goodnight and asked them to call the chief and tell him he was ready for him.	