

THE WHITE HOUSE

PRESIDENT LYNDON B. JOHNSON

DAILY DIARY

The President began his day at (Place)

Bang Saen, Thailand

Date October 28, 1966

Day Friday

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	In	Out	Lo	LD		
	1:40p				<p>The President and the King were on the platform, standing at attention while the American National Anthem and the Thai National N Anthem were played. The President stood, very solemnly, with his hand over his heart--during the playing of the anthems a 21 gun salute was fired.</p> <p>Jets were flying in formation overhead--making several passes.</p> <p>Following the anthems, the President and the King reviewed the guard of honour with top Thai military people accompanying.</p>	
	1:54p				<p>Departed Royal Plaza via Royal Mercedes in motorcade. With The King Thai military aide ;Lem Johns Thai driver</p> <p>There was a three-column motorcade. The President and the King in the King's car followed a large motorcycle escort--the Queen's car following the King's car. A large motorcycle escort was on either side of the Royal Cars. Then the lead cars on the two outer columns was the Secret Service Follow-Up.</p> <p>As the motorcade left the Royal Plaza, the band was playing the "Star Spangled Banner."</p>	

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					The motorcade was formed while the President was being introduced to the dignitaries. The welcome committee was in several tents and included the Thai Girl Scouts who presented Mrs. Johnson with a bouquet.	
					All along the motorcade route people--appearing to be manily children--were lined up about 6 or more deep waving American and Thai Thai flags. It was a very warm, friendly orderly crowd. The children were cheering and very excited. The way was lined with Thai Army and Navy guards--as were in evidence the entire visit to Thailand. Some of the crowd had homemade periscopes to enable them to see the motorcade although they were not on the first row.	
					The procession was very colorful--the children were mainly in uniform: the boys in black shorts and white shirts; the girls in blue skirts and white blouses--all with the two flags. Enourmous pictures about 11'x14' of the President and Mrs. Johnson were at several locations along the route.	
	2:00p				The motorcade arrived at the Bangkok Pavillion for a KEY ceremony.	
					Remarks by the King	
	2:05p	2:11p			REMARKS by the President--very small applause. Arrival statement.	
					Immediately following the President's remarks, Thai music began and dancing girls in turquoise, pink, and lavender dresses appeared--Royal Navy on one side and other officials on the other. The scene was colorful and bequtiful, but was marred by the confusion of the press being intermingled with the performers.	

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	2:20p				Motorcade departed Bangkok Pavillion for Palace--President and King still in Royal Car with motorcade in same formation.	
	2:35p				Arrive Boromabiman Mansion, Royal Guest Residence. The King and Queen accompanied the President and Mrs. Johnson into the palace and went into a drawing room until the President's staff could assemble in the entrance hall to be presented to the King and Queen by the President and Mrs. Johnson. The King and Queen then departed and the President went to his quarters.	
	4:01p				Deapart Royal Guest Residence	
	4:15p				Arrive King's Palace	
	4:35p				Depart Depart King's Palace	
	4:41-	4:55p			Victory Monument for wreath laying	
	5:07p				Arrive Boromabiman Mansion	

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approx	12:00n				LUNCH in dining room at Bang Saen with Mrs. Johnson, Ashton Gonella, Lloyd Hand Marvin Watson, Jake Jacobsen, mf and mary s--shrimp cocktail, sweet potatoes, meat patties, green salad, coconut ice cream with strawberries berries. The President was in his pajamas and robe and appeared somewhat rested.	
					During lunch, the President read over his proposed arrival remarks for Bangkok.	
	12:58p				The President and Mrs. Johnson and Lloyd Hand departed residence of Bang Saen for beach helicopter site. (President in 1966 Ford Falcon driven by a Thai driver with Lem Johns in the front seat.	
	1:03p				President and party departed Bang Saen via U. S. helicopter for arrival ceremonies in Bangkok	
	1:34p				President, Mrs. Johnson arrived Royal Plaza (National Assembly Square)--greeted by the King and Queen at the helicopter and driven in the Royal Cars to the platform for the ceremony. Also, Ambassador Martin, some head Thai military and Col. Joseph Conmy met the Presidential helicopter prior to the King and Queen.	
					It was very warm, sticky, and sunny. The site of the ceremony was a yellow platform with the seal of Thailand upon it. The President and the King stood on this facing an honour guard. In the tents behind were the Queen and Mrs. Johnson and the Official Parties. It was a very colourful setting with United States and Thailand flags every few feet.	