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	In	Out	Lo	LD		
	7:40a				Breakfast	
✓	7:53		f		Secy McNamara	
	9:30a		t		Joe Califano (pl)	
✓	9:38a			t	Jack Valenti - NYC	
✓	10:10a		t		Hon. Joseph Sisco, Asst Secy of State	
	10:30a		+		Robert Kentner (pl)	
	10:45		+		Walt Rostow (pl)	
	11:32a		t		Marvin Watson (pl)	

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✓	12:05p		f		Sen. Everett Dirksen	
✓	12:18p		t		Justice Abe Fortas	
✓	12:55p	12:58p			President to theater for TAPING on message for Governor Lawrence.	
	12:58p				The President returned to the apartment	
	1:00p	3:40p			✓ Secretary dean Rusk Walt Rostow	
	1:05	3:40p			✓ Secretary Robert McNamara	
	2:10	3:40p			Bill Moyers	

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	2:05				<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> LUNCHw/ <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Secretary Rusk Walt Rostow <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Secy McNamara Bill Moyers	Luncheon topics included Prime Minister Wilson's message on US-UK Germany talks; the Chinese representation in the UN; Secy Rusk's Asian trip; food for India; Vietnam questions; non-proliferation; Colombian Program;
	2:07	3:40			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bob Komer	the foreign visitors scheduled to come in December:
	2:47p	4:15p			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Justice Fortas	Turkish - Dec 6-8
	3:41p		t		Marvin Watson	Chinese VP - Dec 13 and the Presidential emissary to Italy. (This was from a Rostow memo prepared in advance)
	3:47		f		Bill Moyers	
	3:50		t		Joe Califano	
	(3:07p)				Pat Nugent arrived.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	4:10p		f		The Vice President	
	4:18p		t		Robert Kintner (pl)	
	4:20p		t		Joe Califano (pl)	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	4:27		t		Mrs. Arthur Krim, NYC (returning her call) She wanted to speak to the President the Krim's wishes for his surgery.	

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	4:34					
	4:34p				The President to his office--Immediately called Mary S in to give her a paper to send to Walt Rostow.	
	4:36p		t		Bill Moyers (pl)	
	4:42p		t		Joe Califano (pl)--Mr. Califano had tried to call the President, but the President had not answered his buzzer.	
✓	4:55p		t		Mr. na and Mrs. Martin J. Hammer, St. Mary's Pa. parents of 1st Lt. Martin A. Hammer, USA whom the President awarded the Distinguished Service Cross and ate dinner with in Cam Rahn Bay, South Vietnam (b-1)	
					The President also placed a call to Mrs. Barbara Coffman, wife of 1st Sgt. Clovis C. Coffman whom the President awarded the Navy Cross in Vietnam. She did not answer and the President said to keep the call in.	
	5:00p	5:15 5:15			Mrs. Johnson and ✓ Mrs. Mary Lasker in to Oval Rm Ofc	
	5:10p		t		Joe Califano (pl)	
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	5:25p				President sitting at desk in the oval office, reading and disposing of various materials. He called Mary S in from time to time to give instructions on the items.	
	5:35		t		<i>Robert Komer</i>	
	5:55p	6:00p			Charles Maguire and Juanita Roberts in	
	6:01p		t		<i>Joe Califano (PL)</i>	
	6:05p	6:20			Yolanda Boozer in--to wish the President well and take some letters to be signed.	
	6:05p		t		Bill Moyers (PI)	
	6:06p		t		The Secretary of State, Dean Rusk	
	6:06p	6:18p			Bill Moyers	
	6:22p				<i>Mrs. Johnson</i>	
	6:25				<i>President to Mide's office - reading material at her desk and signing some pictures</i>	
	6:26	6:28			<i>Charles Maguire in</i>	

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					The President said to tell Bill Moyers to come on in. Bill joined the group in mjd's office.	
	6:28p				Back to oval office --Bill Moyers in too	
	6:30p		t		Marvin Watson (Pl)	
	6:30p		t		Walt Rostow (Pl)	
	6:32p				Called out so long to mjd's, kissed her goodbye.	
	6:33p		t		James Brown	
	6:36p				Departed for hospital	

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	6:36p				The President went to the South Grounds from his office to join Mrs. Johnson Bill Moyers Mary Slater in his car, driven by Norman Edwards with Lem Johns in the fornt seat.	
					During the ride the President and Bill Moyers discussed the possiblilties of moving the press center in Texas back to Austin. The President said he had told J. C. Kellam to be checking into the facilities to see if they had improved enough to amerit the move back. The President kidded about Bill's secretary seeing a rat in one of the Austin suites previously.	
					The President then discussed part of the Asian trip with Bill Moyers. He commented on how enterprising the Malaysians were and how much imagination and initiative they seemed to have. He also kidded about the soup he had been served at a luncheon in Malayasia where there had been a raw egg in the bottom of the soup and a dead bird--feathers and all with his eye staring up--also in the soup. He discussed a tapioca-like dish that had been served, also.	
					The President then commented on his opinion of the Philippines.	
	6:53p		t		Luci--from the car. The President told her to try to find Lynda and the two of them come on out to the hospital to see him before his examinations began.	
					The President asked Norman Edwards (the driver) several times how much longer. He commented that they seemed to be taking the long way--but Norman xxx and Lem Johns assured that although it was longer, it q was quicker. The President was anxious to arrive on time, because the arrival was being carried live on television.	
	7:02p				The President arrived U. S. Naval Hospital, Bethesda, Maryland. The President and Mrs. Johnson alighted from the right side of the door and went through the crowd of newsmen, pausing to shake a few hands and wave to the cameras.	

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					The President and Mrs. Johnson waited in the elevator for Bill Moyers and Mary Slater who had gotten separated in the crowd. The President asked why they hadn't come along, and when Mary S replied that she had been dodging the cameras, he said, "You don't think they would like to see you on television in Lufkin?"	
					The President was in good spirits and kidding those around him.	
	7:05p				Arrive Presidential suite, 3rd floor	
	7:25p				Bill Moyers, George Christian, Mrs. Johnson, and Mary S in the room with the President. The President was talking about the influence poetry can have on people and cited examples from his times as high school debate coach.	
	7:30				Bill Moyers went down to the Press Room for a briefing	
					The President was talking to George Christian about the organization of the press to give the President ideas. He said that there had been a break-down in the chain of suggestions for the past 10 days or so. He said the press office should organize so that each one has a definite responsibility.	
					Mrs. Johnson showed the President some papers--one telling about a man who had given the Democratic party \$100,000 this year to help with the campaign expenses. The President said that if that man had not given that money, that perhaps 44 freshman Democrats in Congress would have lost.	
	7:31p				Luci came in. The President was delighted to see her. She had on a suede jumper, and the President was kidding her about the poor doe that had given her life for the dress. He told Luci that he wanted her to keep her weight at its present point, and not to gain any weight. Luci said that she would try not to, but circumstances might arise in the future beyond her control!	

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					The President told George Christian that he should have someone edit the press conferences before the typist even did them, for that transcript would be in history forever and the extras such and as "But, and, uh" could easily be omitted and sentences broken down.	
	7:40p		f		Bill Moyers--The President asked Mary S for a list of everyone he had talked to during the day for Bill To be able to tell the press.	
	8:17p		t		Mrs. Clovis Coffman (Barbara) -- The President had awarded her husband, a 1st Sgt. in the Marines, the Navy Cross while he was in Vietnam. Sgt. Coffman has also been the receipt of six Purple Hearts. The President enjoyed talking with her and later told Bill Moyers that the couple have two children, and the 5-year-old boy wears his fathers Navy Cross on his "Marine uniform". (Signal made b)	
					Richmond, Va.	
	8:20p	9:00p			DINNER w/ Mrs. Johnson and Mary S--Luci also sat and talked with the President. The dinner conversations were personal bits of advice to Luci on her financial matters and schooling. At the end of the meal, the President was served a scoop of icecream and chocolate sauce. As he started to eat it, he looked up and said that up to this point he hadn't been worried about the operation, but this was like a prisoner's last meal before his execution. Mrs. Johnson was letting him eat the ice cream and chocolate without chiding remarks! The President then kidded Mary S about also eating some-- saying that it must be her last meal too.	
	8:00p	8:12p			The President and Dr. Fox went to the first floor to the dental x-ray unit where the doctors x-rayed his teeth as the cylinder that will be used during his throat operation sometimes breaks teeth off. The dentists were going to make false teeth during the night in case the front two teeth are broken off accidentally during the operation.	

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	9:30p				Mary S reentered the President's room with some tickers. The President had seen Lynda and Luci, and both had departed.	
					President on the rub table and Chief Nauser was working on him. The President had Mary S rub his hands with oil as he read the tickers, other papers, and talked with her and various others--	
	9:31p		t		Bob Fleming --the President had read in the ticker about a space statement released from the White House that he had not seen before and wanted to know who released it.	
	9:32	9:42p			Dr. Cain in-- The President asked him about the time of the operation; he then cautioned the doctor, Chief Nauser, and Mary S not to let the time get outside the room. The President and Dr. Cain then discussed what would be released to the press following the operation. The President told the doctor that he believed the polyp in his throat had disappeared for the doctor in San Antonio had not been able to find it.	
					The President also commented on the excess number of people that were around. He said to cut out everyone that was not essential.	
					The President said that the only two things that really hurt him now were his right thumbnail and his shoulder.	
					Marvin Watson came in and out several times, bringing messages. The President told him to call Dr. Davis and ask him to come out about 5:00a to see him. Said to have Secret Service pick him up and to keep it very quiet but that he would like very much to see him prior to the operation in the morning.	
	9:55p	10:03p			Dr Cain Dr. H Hallenbeck	The doctors came in to look at the President's thumb nail which he was complaining about. They decided to look further at it tomorrow.

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	10:06p		t		Bill Moyers (at his home). The President asked Bill what Rusk said about the Canada thing. Bill said that he would find out--later he sent a note in to the President saying that Secy Rusk knew nothing about the matter. The President also talked to Bill about the space statement. He asked why he had not been notified as to how how it had been released. Bill replied that one of the President's assistants had been notified with the expectation that he would pass the information on to the President. The President then told Mary S to take a lesson from this--when people call with information it should always be passed on to him, for they would not be calling just for Mary S's information or for the information of the various speci special assistants.	
	10:10p		t		Marvin Watson--About the space statement.	
	10:50	11:30			the President and Mary S watched the television news. There was a short program by Secretary Wirtz concerning strikes--the President commented what an able man he thought the Secretary was and asked Mary S if she knew him. ¹ he President watched with interest the news--especially what the commentators were saying about him. As he listened to the news, he read Wednesday's Washington Post.	
	11:30p				¹ he President told Mary S to go get the nurses and let them do whatever they wished to him.--Mary S out; <u>nurses in</u>	
	12:05a	the 16th			The President called Mary S in to his room to ask how the diary was coming. and tell her goodnight. The President was reading the US News and World Report.	
	12:25a				The President turned out his light	

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