

THE WHITE HOUSE
PRESIDENT LYNDON B. JOHNSON
DAILY DIARY

Date November 18, 1966

The President began his day at (Place) Bethesda Naval Hospital

Day FRIDAY

Entry No.	Time		Telephone f or t		Activity (include visited by)	Expendi- ture Code
	In	Out	Lo	LD		
					<i>Today awarded Presidential Unit Citation to the 52d Ranger Battalion, Republic of Vietnam, for extraordinary heroism in action against hostile forces.</i>	
	7:15a				Awake and up. Combed his hair, brushed his beeth, used "water pic" - Paul Glynn says the name of a gadget then put on a pair of socks and slippers and robe and conferred with doctors, Very jovial mood said he "rested very well".	
	7:55a				Breakfast - Melon balls, Chipped beef, hot tea...on a tray.	
	8:00am				Bob Fleming plus doctors (list) Dr. Burkley Dr. Fox Dr. Hurst Dr. Cain Dr. Hollenbeck (spk) Dr. Wilbur Gould Dr. Kenneth Devine Dr. Paul Didier Dr. Lewis Wollner Dr. George Rich	
					Bob Fleming reports the President was in an extremely teasing mood and was especially teasing Dr. Burkley about their recent visit to Brooke ARMY Hospital. President turned to Dr. Burkley and said while at Brooke "well what do you think Doctor?" -- and said Dr. Burkley very sheepishly replied "it looks fine Mr. President, just whatever you want."...but looking more like he'd rather go to any Coast Guard Hospital in the world than an ARMY hospital ever! President added that Naval Hospitals are certainly fine ones as are Army.	
	8:15a				MW in w/Sit Rm report on SVnam.	

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	8:30a				The President walked into the living room of the white, where Mary S had spent the night sleeping on the couch. As he entered, she was just coming out of her dressing room--the President kidded her about sleeping so late, then the two --the President and Mary S returned to the President's room.	
	9:00a - 9:10a				Bill Moyers in	
	8:35a	8:50a			Bill Moyers in-- Talking with the President about seeing Secretary S Rusk today--suggested it would be good to confer with him about the non-proliferation treaty and the space treaty. The President agreed and said to tell him to come out sometime today.	
					The President and Bill Moyers also discussed the twisted story appearing in the morning's Baltimore Baltimore Sun--laughing about the descriptive words used which made a nice anniversary gathering appear almost vicious.	
	9:20a				At Bill Moyers, Dr. Cain, Mrs. Johnson and Mary S in the room--The President and Bill talked about the press center for the upcoming stay in Texas. The President read a memo from Jake concerning J. C. Kellam's findings and Bill left to call J. C. Kellam. Dr. Cain and Mrs. Johnson were discussing what the President could and could not do safely. The doctor suggested that the President should not go riding over rough country for another week or two--the President said he didn't see how anything could be too rough in a Continental, and he thought that Mrs. Johnson was just trying to arm herself with something to say no to. Dr. Cain finally admitted that were the President in New York with a 500 mile auto trip to make to reach home, he would see nothing wrong with it!	
					The President asked Mary S to call Mary Margaret Valenti and see when she was bring Courtenay back to see him. As the two children had doctors appointments in the morning, she agreed to come up around 4:15p.	
	10:10a				The President was resting--had Mary S in rubbing his hands.	

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	12:30p				Reading newspapers and watching television from his bed.	
	1:15p				Bill Moyers - to talk about arrangements for the press in Austin	
	1:30p				The Mayor of Baltimore, Theodore McKeldin and Victor Frenkil (gave the President the LBJ shaped from a dollar bill, and a ring made from a two dollar bill)	
	1:40p				Yolanda Boozer	
C✓	1:50p		t		J. C. Kellam - Austin, Tex.	
			t		Bill Moyers	
	2:20p				LUNCH w/ Marvin Watson --in dining room of suite (The President wore mjdr his panamas and robe) mf Joined by Bob Fleming and George Christian (who did not eat)	

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	2:50p				To bedroom w/ George Christian and Bob Fleming	
	3:00p				Dr. Gould	
C	3:25p	3:30p			Beverly Johnson	
	3:30	3:35			Luci and Pat Nugent	
	3:35p				Fell asleep	
C	4:05p	4:10p			Stanley Marcus just to say hello to the President and wish him well	
	4:20p				To sleep	
					(mf left at 6:00p	

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	6:10p				The President awakened from his nap. During his long nap, mf had been in the room most of the time. The President said that he did not like to be alone, so mf had stayed in sitting in a chair, where the President could see her shadow when he awakened. However, when the President awoke, mf had gone. The President felt very bad, according to his later report, and tried to call someone. He finally reached the phone by his bed, and when he picked up the receiver he asked to send mf in. As the button was still punched for the Bill Moyers PL, Carol Welch relayed the President's request upstairs. Since mf had left for the day, Mary S went in. The President commented on her appearance, asked about mf, and began reading tickers and the latest briefing. He approved a telegram to be sent to Roy Roberts of Kansas City.	
	6:18p				Luci came in to tell the President that Mary Margaret Valenti and Courtenay were waiting, so the President told them to come right on in. The President was obviously delighted to see Courtenay. She climbed up on the bed by the President and was very warm and concerned. Courtenay presented the President two pictures she had painted at play school--which he admired properly, but then said "All I see is the purple. What is it? Modern art?"	
	6:20p				Mrs. Johnson and Pat Nugent joined. Paul Glynn helped the President comb his hair and shave	
	6:30p				Television news--the President alternately watched, listened, and ignored it as Courtenay was by far more interesting to him at this time, it seemed. The Photographer was in and took many pictures of the two together.	
	7:00p				Mary S and the President sitting on the end of the President's bed doing some of the accumulated action items while Mrs. Johnson, Mrs. Valenti, Luci, and Pat watched and talked to each other and Courtenay.	
	7:20p				Mrs. Jack Valenti and Courtenay left.	
	7:30p				The president and Mrs. Johnson sitting together in the corner of the President's room talking while the President was doing some work on some papers Mary S had taken him.	

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	7:35p	7:45p			Marvin Watson in--The President discussed some personal business matters with him and also some wedding gifts that he wished to purchase for Merriman Smith and his bride.	
					Mrs. Johnson showed the President lists of people invited to the various functions she is having--minus the President for his approval.	
	8:00p				The President still working papers-- Pat, Mrs. Johnson, Marvin Watson, and Mary S in the room.	
					The President said that he thought some changes in the administration of the Secret Service needed to be made	
	8:27p				Pat Nugent out	
					Upon reading a speech to be given tonight by Andrew Brimmer the President remarked that he did not see where Brimmer mentioned the President at all during the speech.	
					Mrs. Johnson remarked that dinner was ready at any time, and kept gently reminding the President until he finally told her to go on without him--She left the room to join Luci, Pat, and Lynda in the living room while the President worked the papers some more. The President had also kidded Mrs. Johnson about just "moving in and appropriating his desk" to the point that he could not have any of his papers put upon it. She moved her papers, and Mary S laid his signing out, as he requested--although the President did not sign out one letter during the course of the evening.	
	8:50p				✓ DINNER in the dining room w/ Mrs. Johnson	
					Lynda	
					Luci and Pat Nugent	
					Marvin Watson	
					Ginny Thrift	
					Mary Slater	
					The dinner conversation varied widely ranging from the President saying what a wonderful man he thought J. C. Kellam was, to kidding Mary S about not going to Texas with him tomorrow but waiting to come down for a few days, to office moving of White House groups, etc.	

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