

THE WHITE HOUSE
 PRESIDENT LYNDON B. JOHNSON
 DAILY DIARY

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LBJ RANCH

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					<i>Today announced recess appl. to grade of Lt. Gen. to Major Arthur S. Collins, Jr. USA</i>	
	7:27a			t	Marvin Watson, Washington	
✓	7:50a			t	A. W. Moursund	
✓	8:27a			t	Secy Katzenbach, Washington	
✓	9:15a			t	Don Thomas, Austin	
✓	9:48a			f	Mayor Richard Daley, Chacago (b-1)	
	10:39a			t	Walt Rostow, Washington	
	10:20a			f	Geoge Christian	

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1	10:45a			f	Justice Fortas, Washington (4-2)	
	11:31a			t	Marvin Watson, Washington	
	11:52a			t	George Christian, Austin	
	12:00n				The President, Lynda, and mf departed the LBJ Ranch by car	
	12:19a	1:02p			Sharnhorst	
	1:17	1:21p			Reagan Ranch	
	1:21p				Arrive Main House again	
	1:15p				The President in the office working at his desk	
	1:40p				Mrs. Johnson came in and announced that Mary said lunch was ready. There was no visible response, so she again tried by calling everyone by name--"Lynda, Mary, Marie, Jake--come on to eat." They got response and everyone went into the dining room for lunch.	
	1:45	2:00p			LUNCH w/ Mrs. Johnson Lynda Liz Carpenter Jake Jacobsen mf, mary s green salad, spaghetti, tapioca, buttermilk, coffee The conversation ranged about the bakesale in Johnson City that had been held this morning and the upcoming arrival of the Time-Life people. The President was saying how careful everyone must be about everything that is done and said while they are here--had the office cleaned out---	

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	2:00p		f		Col. Cross	
	@: 2:05p				The President and Mrs. Johnson departed the ranch house by car	
	2:09p				Arrived the hanger area and picked up the guests from Time-Life:	
					Mr. & Mrs. James Linen, <i>Pres of Time, Inc. 2 guests @ Cedar House</i>	
					Mr. & Mrs. Jerome Hardy, <i>Publisher Life Magazine</i>	
					Mr. & Mrs. Andrew Heiskell, <i>Chairman of Bd. of Time - Guest in Ranch House</i>	
					Mr. & Mrs. Hedly Donovan, <i>Editor in Chief, Time wife</i>	
					<i>she is Gov. Scranton's sister</i>	
					<i>she is Mexican Sulphur Springs</i>	
	2:12p				Arrive Cedar House (H ^E re Mrs. J. and Some of the guests--who unknown to Secret Service --remained while the President and others continued.	
	2:14p				The President and guests departed the Cedar House by car and stopped to pick up Lynda at the Main House	
	2:17p				Arrive runway area to pick up more--unknown identities to SS	
	2:18p				Arrive office --looked at desk briefly, then the President went into the living room with his guests	
	2:40p		t		Col. Cross	
	2:48p		f		Secy McNamara	
	2:50p		f		Secy Katzenbach--Mary S took the President a note that Katzenbach was on line one. T	
					(-3) The President rose and said that Katzenbach was calling him and that he would be ready in five minutes.	

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	3:15p				The President departed by car with the Lines Donovans Heiskells Hardys	
	3:30	3:45p			Birthplace	
	3:47p	4:10p			Reagan Ranch	
	4:23p	4:47p			Martin Place	
	4:55p				Arrive main house	
	5:00p				Into house --The P ^{re} sident came into the office and introduced the Donovans to JJ and Mary S. The President went to his desk, reading papers --he picked up a picture taken with General Goodpaster and Cong Martin at Walter Reed and showed it to the Donovans.	
	5:06p				From the office---	
	5:21p				Departed the house by car with some of the guests--identities unknown--Mrs. J in a separate car with more guests	
	5:43p	6:25p			Johnson City Park for tree lighting ceremony	
	6:28p	6:50p			Johnson City Bank apartments	

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	7:13p				Arrive the Main House--to living room after changing into slacks, sports coat The President visited with his guests.	
	8:05	8:50p	(fm Liz)		<p>✓ Dinner w/ steak, corn, spinach souffle, pecan pie wine, coffee in living room</p> <p>Conversation at Dinner: Excellent, Mrs. Johnson Pres. had shown some concern about Lynda having Time/Life people down there Mr. & Mrs. Donovan but anyway he did, talked about their Mr. & Mrs. Linen ... Life Mag runs a periodic tour of Mr. & Mrs. Hardy businessmen, and they'd just come Mr. & Mrs. Heiskell back fm one to Eastern Europe Cong. & Mrs. Jake Pickle and Pres. was asking them about Mr. & Mrs. Brownie McNeil, that and as a result, Liz says she's Mr. James Pitts, PR Man for Time-Life sure. he instructed Orville Freeman Mrs. Elizabeth Carpenter two days later to take a bunch of Marie Fehmer farm heads to Eastern Europe. and Mary Slater he said to Freeman get in touch with Hedley Donovan t.. and Freeman is To living room--Brownie McNeil sang to entertain the group now working on that.. but they President of Sul Ross College .. he played guitar and gave background on folklore songs. feel that Eastern Europe is still</p>	
	10:10p				Departed the Main House for a walk with Mr. & Mrs. Donovan	
Marx, Karl.					Mr. Linen Jake Jacobsen Mary S	
	10:15	10:20p			Toured the Secret Service Command Post Walked back by the office entrance and Marie Fehmer joined	
					Walked down to the cattle guard past the Cedar Guest House--During the walk the President talked about tax increases and asked the opinion of Linen and Donovan.	

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	10:45p				The President and group returned to the house--rejoined the others in the living room	
	Staying at Cedar House were:				Mary S took the President a wire from the Com Center--The President read it briefly then told the group that he wanted them to be in on the take-off of this decision as then they might approve the landing. He discussed the situation with King Hussein.	
	Mr/Mrs James Linen				and asked the assembled group what they would do about it. He said we had given them relatively little. ☉ Would you give them \$20,000,000 Answer from all: yes---	
	Mr/Mrs. Jerome Hardy				<i>20 million</i>	
	At LBJ Ranch House:				Mr. Linen said he would give food to Nasser but back up Hussein.	
	Mr/Mrs Andrew Heiskell				Mr. Donovan said he was very impatient with Israel. The President replied that was disgusted with it.	
	Mr/Mrs. Hedley Donovan				Mr. Linen asked if the Israelis bend over backwards? The President said no.	
					The President then said that he would not give away \$1,000,000 to India on his own authority. He went to congress and Congress approved it.	
					The President said that the United States had never had an ambassador to India--they are all from India. That is true with Bowles, Galbraith, and all of them. They always want to give all that India wants.	
					The President told the group that he had seen Nehru the previous day at 5 o'clock off the record. The President talked about the wheat shipments.	
	1:25p				The President showed the "Trails through Texas" film, having cut it to the Big Bend part. The President introduced it saying that he wanted them to see his favorite movie star.	
	12:00m				To his bedroom--	

More conversation notes
fm LizCarpenter in Living Room:

President said "all right I just want to hear... Hedley Donovan is also Editor-in-Chief of Life.. so you've titled him Editor-in-Chief of TIME & Life, Andrew Heiskell is also Chairman of the Board of Life and TIME, James Linen is President of the Bd of Life and TIME and Jerome Hardy's title is Publisher of Life Magazine. . now in the evening President said to them serveral things that were very interesting:

- 1) He told them the story about hardhead not wanting to catch the ball. . . but it keeps being thrown to him. . and he said, for instance right now King Hussein wants me to give him \$250 million. . he said suppose you had the ball. . . what would you do?

Went on and elaborated about Israel having made a big booboo recently and that King Hussein was our friend and that Pres. thought he was willing to go \$20 million. . . what would they. . . he said if you very much you get Life and NYTimes and everything on top of you. . . and his term was something like "fallout" . . you get so much "fall-out" . . . sitting there incidentally Mrs. Andrew Heiskell is Marion Salzburger (NYTimes). . when Heiskell divorced Madeline Carroll he married this girl, heiress to NYTimes.

So all of the men spoke up and said. . . "give him \$20 to \$30 million. . . to Hussein. . and the Life people said why do you have to put up with all of that psychopatic criticism everythime you do anything for the Arabs. . . and the President said

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"cause they come trotting around to you all."

Then he went on and he asked their advice on what would you do about Germany. He said he had great faith in tErhardt and really more faith in Erhardt than he did in the new man... and that Germany is forever standing there with its hand out... and then he went on and was talking generally about people...are always using Russia..to threaten you.. and he said "I think it would be a good thing if they got in the foreign aid business.. what's wrong with that/?"

He also talked about the Indian grain and said again he had the problem of the NY Times and the Wall Street Journal and everybody.. Wash. Post jumping on him... because it looked like he was starving people.. when the truth was they have more than they can unload but nobody wants to listen to the facts."

He did as much brain-picking as I've ever seen Johnson willing to do. I wish he did more of it.

Pres. was relaxed and enjoyed them... enjoyed some of Brownie McNeil's songs ...

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