

Date December 19, 1966

LBJ RANCH

Day Monday

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THE WHITE HOUSE
PRESIDENT LYNDON B. JOHNSON
DAILY DIARY

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1	10:09a			f	Justice Fortas	
					The President then went into the living room for a meeting w/ Gardner Ackley, Charles Schultze, Joe Califano, Secy Freeman --went out to the front lawn and sat in chairs discussing economic matters.	
	12:18p			t	George Christian, Austin	
	12:21p		t		Col. Cross--arranging for a Kingair or Jetstar or chopper to take Secy Freeman into Austin to see the press.	
	12:44p				The President walking east with Joe Califano Charles Schultze Garnder Ackley John Roche	
	1:18p				The group entered a car at the low-water bridge	
	1:20p				Heading east on Park Road 49	
	1:29p				Reagan Ranch	
	2:04p				Into house	
approx	2:15p				LUNCH w/ Mrs. Johnson Chairman & Mrs. Gardner Ackley Director Schultze	

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					Director James Webb Joe Califano Conrad Witth Mr. & Mrs. Charles Maguire Dr. & Mrs. John Roche Joe Califano Lynda Bird Marie Fehmer Jake John Jacobsen Mary Slater	
					After lunch, the President and his men advisers went outside for conferences--	
3	3:30p				Into house--the President, Webb, Califano, Ackley, Schultze, and Freeman (who had returned) and Roche met in the living room--People kept tramping in and out and the President had notices put on all the doors that a meeting was in progress and to stay out--that included any stragglers to the meeting!	
	4:28p				The President departed the house walking east with Joe Califano	
	4:45				The President and Joe Califano in the front yard	
5	5:00p				The President, Mrs. Johnson and guests walked to the hanger where Director Webb Secy Freeman departed by jetstar for Chairman & Mrs. Ackley Washington-- Joe Califano	
	5:06p				The President The President , Mrs. J, the Maguires, the Roches, MW, JJ, and Lynda Bird returned to the house and the President went to the office	

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					The President went to his desk and read the latest tickers --	
					Approved a telegram to Cong. Ray Roberts upon the death of his father and said to send flowers	
	5:12-				The President and Mrs. Johnson and Lynda departed by car	
	5:23	6:00			Martin Place	
	5:45p				Joined by Dr. & Mrs. John Roche	
	6:00	6:19p			Dantz	
	6:24p				The President, Mrs. Johnson, and Lynda entered the house	
	6:29p				The President entered his office and began working the desk w/ mf The President dictated a letter to mf--Mrs. J. and Lynda came in for a while	
					The President said to get Ed Wight, the chief steward on AF One to come on up for his re-enlistment swearing in ceremony.	
✓	6:50	6:52			Ceremony for the re-enlistment of MSgt Edward Earl Wight. The President and Ed Wight stood behind the President's desk in front of the Presidential flag with their hands raised as Col. Cross read the oath. The President then congratulated Ed Wight and began signing the necessary papers. The President laughed as he was signing that he was a one or two signature man--not one to sign all these places! (For the ceremony the President had put on a tie and sports coat.)	
					The President continued to work his desk w/ mf--	

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					The President signed pictures to the men on his staff whom he had not given the pic on last Thursday night in Washington--	
					The President went into the bedroom to see	
	8:22p	8:25p			Dr. Gerard	
					Dr. Burkley	
					Chief Stu Baltimore	
					into the office to check the President's eyes	
	8:45p				DINNER W/	
					Mrs. Johnson	
					Lynda	
					Dr. & Mrs. John Roche	
					Mr. & Mrs. Charles Maguire	
					Jake Jacobsen	
					Marv in Watson	
					Marie Fehmer	
					Mary Slater	
					The President was asking about a report he had received from some professor last week, wondering whom he had given it to to put into language more easily understood--someone said G. Christian--	
	8:52p			t	George Christian--re paper by professor--the President talked on this call the remained of dinner	
					To office briefly after dinner, then to living room with his guests--	
	9:34p			f	Col. Cross--to tell the President that Secy McNamara was due in at 3:10p Tuesday.	

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✓	9:44p		t		Dale Meeks	
					The President decided to have Ambassador Sol Linowitz and Under Secy of State Lin Gordon come on out from San Antonio tonight to give their report on their tours through Latin America--due to arrive at 10:54p and they arrived on time!	
					The President autographed pics for Christmas for the four chiefs and for his doctors	
					The President worked in the office a while; then he returned to the living room to visit with the guests--Roches and Maguires.	
	10:50p				The President walked to the hanger to meet Under Secy of State Lincoln Gordon Ambassador Sol Linowitz, U. S. Representative to the OAS	
	10:58p				The President and his guests entered the office--mf started to take their coats and hats but the President asked if mf and mary s wouldn't accompany them on a walk.	
	11:05p				The President, Secy Gordon, Amb Linowitz, mf and marys departed the office entrance walking east towards Cousin Oreole's--Secy Gordon and Amb Linowitz reported to the President on what they had found on their trip trthough Latin America and plans for the hemisphere summit meeting in April.	
	11:23p				Into the house and to bed--	
					Today announced the appointment of an Advisory Committee on the Vocational Student Guaranteed Loan Program which will support financial aid to students who seek vocational training.	

MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

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MEMORANDUM TO

MARVIN WATSON

Iowa Governor Harold Hughes telephoned me at noon today concerning the forthcoming meeting between the President and a group of Democratic Governors. He said he was calling me because he knew you and the President were at the ranch.

The Governor said that he has discussed the possible meeting with 8 or 10 Democratic Governors and they would request that the meeting be held sometime during the week of January 23. The Governor would very much like to settle on the meeting date as quickly as possible so as to decrease the number of speculative news articles which will be written. He says that he has full authority to agree on any date.

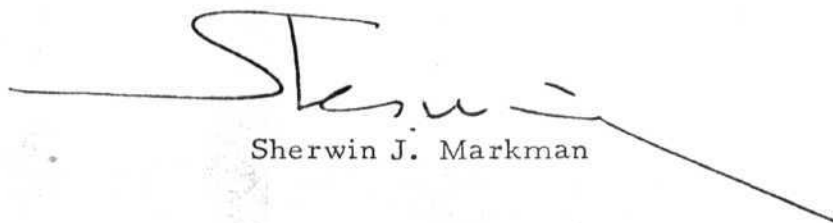
The Governor also has authority to pick the Governors who would meet with the President. On this score he wishes to do that which might be best for the President. His present thinking is that a committee of perhaps 5 Governors would be adequate. He feels that the larger the group, the less meaningful a meeting might be. He says that he will carefully select the Governors so as to omit those who are "hot heads" and whose presence would not be helpful. He says that he is open to suggestions regarding the number and makeup of this committee.

The Governor mentioned several specifics which he wishes to bring up with the President. A primary point to be raised is the suggestion that in the consideration of any reorganization of the Democratic National Committee that 3 Governors be invited to meet on an ex officio basis with the national committee or its executive committee so that these Governors might participate in the decision making process. Through this committee of 3, the Governors are asking for an opportunity to voice their opinions on any reorganization of the National Committee. Other specifics mentioned by Governor Hughes are his desire to rename the Democratic Governors "Caucus" and to regularize their meetings on a quarterly basis.

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The Governor again repeated his unhappiness that all of this had to occur. He said that if he had known the subject of the meeting in West Virginia, he would not have called the caucus. He also says that he believes that all of this might eventually prove to be useful. He says that it has tended to clear the air and that also it may give the President an opportunity to do those things which he has been wanting to do for sometime. The Governor continues to repeat his feeling that he has "never felt worse" about being in the middle of anything; that he has a deep affection for the President; and that he is very sorry that he has been part of something which might have hurt the President. The Governor says that he has "gone through the torture of the damned" about this whole matter.

The Governor concluded by saying that he fundamentally wishes to do what is best for the President. He says that he would like to continue to operate as a voice for moderation amongst various of the Governors, and do what he can to be of help to the President.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Sherwin', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Sherwin J. Markman