

THE WHITE HOUSE
PRESIDENT LYNDON B. JOHNSON
DAILY DIARY

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	In	Out	Lo	LD		
					weather: good, mostly sunny, high in lower 50's	
	8:00a				Breakfast	
					The usual people were in to see the President this morning--JJ, MW (out at 9:15a)-- plus Dr. James Cain	
1	9:26a			t	Dale Malechek	
	10:06a		f		Marvin Watson	
	10:15a		t		Marvin Watson (pl)	
	10:19a		t		Harry McPherson (pl)	
C	10:40a		t		Mr. Lane Kirkland, Local AFL-CIO	
	10:48a		t		Tom Johnson (pl)	
	10:55a				Amb. Symington to second floor -- Yellow Oval Room w/ Ambassadors:	
C	11:05a				President to Yellow Oval Room to receive Credentials of:	
					H. E. Arthur Bonhomme, Ambassador of Haiti	
					H. E. Dr. Hernan Echavarria, Ambassador of Colombia	
					H. E. Melik Esenbek Suwito Kusumowidagdo, Amb of Indonesia	
					then to Treaty Room for refreshments	

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C	11:15a				The Ambassador of Turkey, H. E. Melih Esenbel, arrived and went to the Treaty Room to present his credentials (he was late)	
					<i>see attachment</i>	
	11:26a				to oval office	
	11:27a		t		Tom Johnson (pl)--unable to get him	
	11:30a		f		Tom Johnson	
	11:36a		t		Bess Abell	
C	11:47a		f		former Sen. Earle Clements (b-1), Kentucky	
	12:00n		t		<i>Marvin Statson (pl)</i>	
a	11:55a	12:00n			Secretary of Commerce, John Connor	

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	1:11p		t		Marvin Watson (pl)	
	1:20p	1:36p			Holmes Alexander OFF RECORD George Christian	
					Mr. Alexander is affiliated with McNaught Syndicate -- and Tom Johnson says, "he just wants to sit and chat."d	
	1:40p	1:42p			Francis Bator OFF RECORD Bator has a "see me" memo on PL-480 funds for Yugoslavia	
	2:00p				To mansion, stopping in mjdr's room, to sign a ltr to Senator Yarborough	
	2:01p	2:40p			West Sitting Room To to join Mrs. Johnson - Mansion Hon. Alan Boyd, Secretary of Transportation Everett Hutchinson - Under Secretary of Transportation-designate Lowell Bridwell - Assistant Secretary of Commerce Francis Turner- Bureau of Public Roads Liz Carpenter Sharon Frances - Mrs. Johnson's advisor on beautification (see page 9)	

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	2:33p		t		Carol Currie (in Marvin Watson's office) - from the Center Hall	
	2:40p		t		Carol Currie	
	2:42p	4:25p			In West Hall - Secretary Rusk Secretary McNamara Under Secy of State Katzenbach Deputy Secy of Defense Cyrus Vance General Earl Wheeler	
					Today is General Wheeler's birthday, and the President presented him with an autographed copy of "The Living White House," -- "To General and Mrs. Wheeler with our appreciation, Lady Bird and Lyndon B. Johnson, Jan 13, 1966." also --a set of Presidential Papers, 1965, w/ signed bookplate, "'To Buzz Wheeler, from his friend, for his birthday, Lyndon B. Johnson."	
	2:45p				LUNCH w/ in the dining room - the President alone ate -- his 2:42 guests were in the dining room talking to him and conferring with him as he ate.	
	3:25p		t		Marvin Watson	
	3:35p		f		Harry McPherson	

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	<u>C</u>				At approx 4:20p, the President was sitting in the hall when Prince Juan Carlos and Princess Sophia left the second floor -- Mrs. Johnson introduced the President to the Prince and Princess (see attachment)	
	4:11p		t		mjdr - to ask her his schedule of activities for yesterday and this morning	
	4:30p		t		Tom Johnson (pl)	
	4:38p		t		Rufus Youngblood (asked for James Rowley, but he was at the State Dept, so the President said he would would talk to Rufus)	
	5:25p		t		Jake Jacobsen (pl)	
	5:40p		t		Marvin Watson (pl)	
	5:55p				To the Office	
	5:57p		t		Bill Moyers (pl)	
	6:01p		t		Bill Moyers (pl)	

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Credentials were to be presented in the order that the papers had been presented to the Secretary -- in the order Haiti, Colombia, Indonesia, and Turkey. We were glad to make this presentation as quickly as we did because this enables the ambassadors to get to work in a new year and we wished it had been done before the State of the Union so that they could have begun their tour with that function, but this way, they had the opportunity to watch their ministers and judge their deportment on that occasion.

The presentations were scheduled for 11:00 a.m. As usual I waited at the Diplomatic Entrance for the cars to arrive--they normally arrive 2 minutes apart at any time after 10:45 a.m. Three cars arrived. The fourth did not come. We decided that we would send up the three Ambassadors who had arrived with their escorts. So the Ambassadors of Haiti, Colombia, and Indonesia went to the second floor and to the Yellow Oval Room accompanied by Ambassador Symington; Asst Secretary Lincoln Gordon, ARA for Haiti and Colombia; and Asst Secretary William Bundy, EA for Indonesia. Ambassador Symington left Acting Asst Secretary William Handley, NEA for Turkey, waiting at the Diplomatic Entrance to escort the Turkish Ambassador to the second floor upon his arrival. Handley remained then on the first/ground floor.

On the second floor, the three Ambassadors signed the President's book--they were all in good spirits.

Symington at this point put in a call to the Turkish Embassy, but was not able to get through, but Protocol assured him that the Embassy of Turkey had assured them the Ambassador would be along "momentarily." Symington did not rush the President who at the time was still in his bedroom, dressing. But at 11:00 a.m. he walked out of his room and inquired if we were prepared to go ahead with the presentations. I (Symington) informed him that the Turkish Ambassador had not yet arrived, but that we did expect him momentarily. The decision was made go go ahead with the other presentations, particularly in light of the fact that the Turkish Ambassador was the last one to be presented.

The President then went to the Yellow Oval Room to receive the credentials of the Ambassadors of Haiti, Colombia, and Indonesia -- press and television coverage.

After the presentations, the President leaned to Amb Symington and asked, "Where do you think the Turkish Ambassador is?" Symington replied, "I don't know, but I'm afraid he's probably very concerned just now." At this point, the President w/ Amb. Symington took a stroll onto the porch and balcony. The President was totally unmoved and not distressed. He leaned out over the balustrade and shouted to the guard, "Where is that fellow?" The guard told the President that he was not in sight. Symington suggested that the President might like to go back into the Treaty Room and have coffee and chat and thereby waste as little time as possible. As the President was back in the corridor en route the Treaty Room, Ray Scherer said, "Well, Mr. President, the Turkish Ambassador is late." The President gave him a verbal poke in the rib and said, "If you've never been late, you can complain." He walked into the Treaty Room and sat down with the three Ambassadors. He took his regular place on the sofa and indicated to Symington that he wanted to be informed when the Turkish Ambassador arrived. About ten minutes later, M Watson came in and indicated that the Turkish Ambassador had arrived. The President excused himself with the promise that he would return.

As he left the room, he asked M Watson what had happened. And Marvin said, "We don't know what happened." He walked into the Oval Room and received the credentials of the Turkish Ambassador in front of a severely reduced press corps. The Ambassador presented his credentials--and it was very sporting of him--he made no mention of the reason for his delay, nor did he apologize--he simply presented his credentials. The President received him warmly and escorted him to the Treaty Room. (It was at this time that Amb Symington learned the reason for the delay. Sam King, the escort officer, came to Amb Symington and said, "It's all my fault. I was taking a medical exam this morning, and I missed the boat.")

On entering the Treaty Room w/ the Turkish Ambassador, the President turned to him and said that he was reminded of his pleasant visit to Turkey. The President paid particular attention to the Turkish Ambassador even though at this time the President did not know that it was not the Turkish Ambassador's fault for being late. The President also mentioned how sad it was that the former Turkish President passed away, and that he had done all he could to help. The Turkish Ambassador was grateful.

The President then said, "Let's have some coffee--but I don't know whether it's colombian or java." The Indonesian Ambassador said that it was probably a mix. (Only later did we learn that coffee is Haiti's largest export.) The President chatted with all of the Ambassadors, mentioned the hopes for the upcoming conference of foreign ministers with the Colombian Ambassador and was very glad to have the Indonesian Ambassador and looked forward to renewing relationships with that country. He talked a little bit about his state of the union message. He said that he always wanted to give a brief message, but said that any message written by a committee will be longer than it should be and not as well organized. He seemed remorseful and apologetic when talking about it, but all Ambassadors assured him it was a fine presentation and was forthright. Looking at the Assistant Secretaries in the room, the President said, "I can promise you this, if you send a draft to an Assistant Secretary, they will never delete anything--only add to it."

Then the meeting adjourned, and as we left, Symington informed the President privately of the reason for the Turkish Ambassador's delay--that the fault was in the Office of Protocol in not getting the car to the Embassy on time and the President said, "Well, that's too bad. I hope you'll make appropriate apologies."

Symington made verbal apologies in private assuring him that the President knew the circumstances and was fully aware of the problem. Symington followed this up within an hour by a letter to the Turkish Ambassador so stating. Also cleared it up with Robert McCloskey, White House Press Office, and Simon Poulain, to be sure that no blame was cast on the Turkish Ambassador.

Ambassador Symington/mf
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4:30p

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	6:32p				Robert Kintner	
C	6:37p	6:50			Mr. and Mrs. William Martin Blackburn (she is Melinda) He worked in J. W. "Waddy" Bullion's law firm in Dallas, Texas	
C	6:52p		t		Secretary Fowler	
C	7:25p		t		Secretary Connor	
C	7:40p		t		Charles Schultze - re a ltr the President recd this afnoon from Mrs. Kennedy concerning budget appropriations for her office force and staff	
	8:30p		t		Mrs. Johnson - tell her he xx would be home soon.	

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C	8:40p				On second floor, the President joined Mrs. Johnson, Mrs. Homer Thornberry, Warren Woodward, and Dr. James Cain (houseguest)	
	9:08p		t		Jake Jacobsen	
	9:26p		f		Jake Jacobsen	
C	9:35	10:30p			DINNER w/ Mrs. Johnson, Mrs. Thornberry, Mr. Woodward, Dr. Cain	
	10:32p				The President asked the operator for Jack Valenti--he was out for the evening-- "never mind"	
	11:13p		f		The Usher - Ray Hare	
	12:00midnight				Retired	

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The Spanish desk had been apprised a month ago of the visit of Prince Juan Carlos and Princess Sophia and had recommended to the Secretary that he recommended that the President see Juan Carlos in a reasonably substantive private visit or for an alternative--that they have a tea for the couple with Mrs. Johnson and the President, if possible. As we drew closer to the moment when the State of the Union and other things were taking the President's time, we could not see time-wise or substantive-wise the need for having the President see a non-reigning member of a royal family. But Mrs. Johnson invited them to tea.

Ambassador and Mrs. Symington escorted them from the Spanish Embassy to the White House--and found them to be a very attractive, bright young couple.

Mrs. Johnson met them at the Diplomatic Entrance and took them to the Yellow Room. We all sat down, and Mrs. Symington poured tea. The First Lady was brimming with that wonderful generous spirit of inquiry and hospitality and put them at ease immediately. She talked a great deal about their trip in which they visited many areas of American life--from night clubs to SAC bases. She discovered that both the Prince and Princess remembered in great detail the briefing and both of them expressed confidence in the world projects because of the degree of control and dedication of the men who operated those facilities.

Lynda Bird arrived, looking wonderful and full of good spirits. She sat down and immediately conversation turned to her trip to Spain. She reminisced about the art of Spain, talked about El Greco, Dali and other Spanish painters. (Dali of course, had been in town for festivities) Prince Juan Carlos pointed out that Dali had been after him for years to let him do a portrait, but he didn't want to have the portrait done until he got some sort of promise from Dali as to the nature of it. He said that he didn't want to be pictured with a big watch hanging from his pocket or wearing a ten foot cape. He then confided that he thought Dali was about to be ready to do such a portrait.

They talked about education and the differences between European and American systems. They agreed that while the European education system is more direct and specialized, the broad experience of a good American school results in greater maturity and a better overall relationship with the real world.

It was a very relaxing afternoon, and they had been visiting for an hour now. Prince Carlos looked at Symington asking for a cue. The Ambassador lowered his eyes, and the Prince said that perhaps they should be going now. Mrs. Johnson sat back and smiled and said, "We're having such a good time, and we're not in a hurry, and we'd love to sit and chat with you." They had another cup of tea, but at 4:30, the Prince once again said that the visit had been wonderful. Mrs. Johnson stood and said that it was so nice of them to have come.

As they walked down the corridor towards the West Hall, They saw three figures sitting in the Hall--the President, Under Secretary Katzenbach, and Secretary Rusk. The President stood, and Mrs. Johnson presented Prince Juan Carlos and Princess Sophia to the President. The President expressed his delight in having them here and said he was glad to see them and hoped they were enjoying their stay. He introduced them to Secretary Rusk and Secretary Katzenbach. They then departed via the elevator.

Amb Symington/mf

1-17-67

4:30p