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| | 10:25a | | f | | Mrs. Johnson (in the swimming pool) | |
| | 10:25a | 11:00a | | | Mrs. Johnson and Mrs. George Brown to swimming pool (to 2d floor at 11:00am) | |
| | | | | | | |
| | 10:40a | 11:30a | | | The President and Mr. George Brown to White House swimming pool. | |
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| | 11:30a | | | | To 2d floor w/Mr. George Brown | |
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| | 11:41a | | | | The President and Mr. George Brown to West Wing through hall outside MJDR's room -- apparently looking at construction work being done. | |
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| | 11:43a | | | | Entered MJDR's room w/Mr. George Brown saying "good morning ladies and gentlemen" to MJDR, yb and Marvin Watson | |
| | | | | | To newspaper stand in MJDR's room - reading newspapers | |
| | xxx | | | | MJDR pointed out article in Washington Post re Presidential Succession Plan Is Law and said "Mr. President, it isn't often that an amendment to the Constitution becomes law, do you want to dictate notes for your diary regarding this." | |
| | | | | | The President replied yes. | |
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| <u>1</u> | 12:23p | -2:26 p | | | The President to the Cabinet Room for Meeting w/ Secy Robert McNamara Secy Dean Rusk Walt Rostow William Bundy Under Secy Nicholas Katzenbach House Speaker Carl Albert House Minority Leader Gordon William Dawson | OFF RECORD |
| | 12:59p | | t | | Ma4vin Watson (pl) --from the Cabinet Room | |
| | 2:26p | 2:30p | | | The President working papers on mjdr's desk | |
| | 2:30p | | | | To the office (oval room) | |
| <u>C</u> | 2:35 | 3:17p | | | OFF RECORD: Lane Kirkland, AFL-CIO Joe Califano in lounge | |
| | 3:25p | | | | To the mansion--- | |

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| | 4:00p | | t | | Marvin Watson (pl) | |
| | 4:01p | | t | | Jake Jacobsen (pl) | |
| | 4:02p | | t | | Marvin Watson | |
| | 4:04p | | f | | mary s --returning the President's call | |
| | | | | | The President was in the West Hall visiting with Mr. & Mrs. George Brown and Mr. Joe Batson (Lynda's friend)--Mrs. Johnson and Lynda going in and out frequently. | |
| | 4:30p | | t | | Jack Valenti | |
| | 4:44p | | f | | Douglass Cater | |
| | 5:23p | | t | | Marvin Watson (pl) | |
| | 5:27p | | t | | William S. White | |
| | 5:30p | | t | | Walt Rostow (pl) | |
| | 5:31p | | t | | Cong. George Mahon--not in--talked to Mrs. Mahon | |
| | 5:35p | | t | | Jim Jones (MW pl) | |
| | 5:45p | | f | | Secy McNamara--returning your call | |
| | 5:58p | | t | | Hon. Abe Fortas | |

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| | 6:34p | | t | | Mildred Stegall | |
| | 7:00p | | t | | Joe Califano | |
| | 7:12p | | f | | Mrs. Johnson | |
| | 7:22p | | | | The President to the office To work desk and night reading-- | |
| | 7:52p | | | | Joe and Trudy Califano joined-- The President remarked to her that he had just read her letter to him thanking him | |
| | 8:13p | | f | | Mildred Stegall | |
| | 8:17p | | | | To the mansion | |
| | 11:17 | | | | Cw Hon. & Mrs. Joseph A. Califano, Jr. | |
| | | | | | ythe President joined and The Califanos | |
| | | | | | Mrs. Johnson | |
| | - 11:17 | | | | Mr. & Mrs. William S. White | |
| | - 11:17 | | | | Cong. & Mrs. George Mahon | |
| | - 11:17 | | | | C Cong. & Mrs. Jake J. Pickle | |

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During dinner Saturday night the President and his guests watched the David Susskind program. On his panel were
Ronald Kriss, Time-Life
Frank Trippitt, Newsweek
Jim Deakin, St. Louis Post-Dispatch

The President later remarked that the only one of the group who had ever been in the White House to his knowledge was Jim Deakin and he is there daily.

Cong. Mahon remarked on Feb. 13th to Bill Blackburn that he thought the program in poor taste and asked Bill Blackburn to get the names of the panelists for him.

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| | 8:21p | | f | | Mildred Stegall | |
| | 8:55p | | | | The President asked for W. P. Kelly, Assnt Director of the OEO, assoc w/ the Job Corps. Mr. Kelly was out at a party. When he called in, the President couldn't talk. The President finally said he would call back tomorrow. | |
| | 9:30p | | | | | |
| | 9:33p | | | | DINNER w/ Mrs. Johnson <i>Mr. & Mrs. Wm S. White</i> During dinner it was obvious the President was relaxed and among friends. He and Mrs. Johnson discussed with their guests the pros and cons of having nametags at the Congressional Receptions. Final decision seemed to be to forego using the nametags for the present at least as they seemed too much like a convention, not a party. | |
| | 9:33p | | t | | Cong. & Mrs. George Mahon Cong. & Mrs. Jake J. Pickle Hon. & Mrs. Joseph A. Califano, Jr. Mary S Jim Jones --to have him come join for dinner | |
| | | | | | Midway through dinner Lynda came in to tell her father that David Suskein was having a discussion with a group on the President. The show was viciously against the President--all watched it and discussed it then and afterwards. | |
| | | | | | (Mrs. Johnson withdrew from the party from 10 until 11 o'clock to watch "Gunsmoke") | |
| | | | | | The group withdrew from the dining room to the West Hall approx ten o'clock where the President dominated the conversation with the examples of the five things he has been accused of in the "credibility gap" and how the stories began. | |
| | 11:17p | | | | The guests departed | |
| | 11:17p | | f | | Walt Rostow | |
| | 11:38p | | | | The President to the oval office | |

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| ✓ | 11:42p | 12:42a | | | <p>The President to Sit Room</p> <p>joined there by</p> <p>✓ Secy Robert McNamara</p> <p>✓ Secy Rusk</p> <p>Walt Rostow</p> <p>The President's comment on this long session was that it would be alright if it amounted to anything, but he doubted that it would.</p> | |
| | 12:42a | 12:45a | | | President in oval office at ticker machine--cut out UPI 138 (something about Schlesinger) | |
| | 12:45a | -2:38a | | | <p>Returned to Sit Room w/ same</p> <p>Mrs. Johnson took homemade bread with butter, bacon, sausage, and hot soup and milk down--</p> | |
| | 2:38a | | | | To oval office | |
| | 3:00a | | | | To the mansion--on the way out he told mary s "Go home and rest the rest of your life. We both need it." | |

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When the President talked about the "credibility gap" to the Wm S. Whites, the George Mahons, the Jake Pickles, the Joe Califanos, Mrs. Johnson, Jim Jones and mary s he stated that there were completely false statements and one that was half true, for each accusation had been carefully checked out by the President and his staff.

The first was the reported newspaper stories right after the assasination that the budget could not be under \$100 billion--then it came out at \$97.8 billion. The President said he had never stated it couldn't be under \$100 billion--someone in one of the Departments had said he didnot see how it could be and by the time the press got through with it, it was all twisted.

The second instance the President cited as the speeding in Texas where "an AP photographer clocked the President as going over 80mph." The President had actually passed the AP and UPI photographers en route to church while they were standing by the road talking to one another--they did not see the President. The President then told Secret Service to stay at least a mile behind him--they were out of range of the President's rear view mirrow. When Secret Service reached the photographers they were recognized, and the photographer cars followed them. They never passed Secret Service-- On the trip according to USSS records the President averaged 42 mph.

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The third instance the President cited was the "cancellation of the Boston-Austin cross-country trip following the Asian trip." The President said the trip was not cancelled for he had never firmly committed himself to go. He said that advance men had been sent out to see about the trip, but that he had not firmly said he was going, and until the President says "We are going" no trip is scheduled.

The fourth instance is the controversy now about McNamara's planes where the press says that not all lost have been reported. The President said that was true--not all lost have been reported--only those lost on combat missions. The President said that when a plane crashed in Texas that was not computed, nor was the normal wearing out, etc.

The President couldn't remember the fifth until Joe Califano reminded him about the aluminum--the President then told about the aluminum stockpiling controversy. ?

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