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	8:30a	CST			Air Force One landed at Nashville, Tenn, Airport -- Just prior to landing, the President dressed and went into the stateroom.	
	8:42a				Air Force One pulled up to reception area at Airport -- the President descended the stairs to be greeted by Mrs. Johnson, Gov and Mrs. Ellington and a receiving line of local dignitaries. The day was gray, cool, and windy -- rain was not falling, but seemed imminent. There were just a few signs--the local populace had not been notified of the President's arrival until 4:00p yesterday--our advance team did not land until 4:00p, and so this explained the sparse reception. Approx 1,000 people were at the airport, according to police estimate, and a few homemade signs were evident. A large sign, "Welcome, Mr. President," covered the airport tower building.	
<i>wj</i>	8:47a				Motorcade departed the Nashville Airport. Riding w/ the President were Mrs. Johnson, Gov and Mrs. Ellington, Mayor and Mrs. Beverly Briley, Cong. Richard Fulton The motorcade was fairly crowded w/ people - in front of one plant --AVCO -- all the employees had gathered and painted signs--the President ordered his motorcade slowed down so that all the crowd could see him and the First Lady. Also at this point it was discovered that the press buses were lagging behind, and the motorcade was slowed for several miles enabling them to catch up.	
<i>wj</i>	9:07a				Arrive the Hermitage -- a sign just outside said, "The Hermitage, a National Historic Landmark" Wonderful lands--much green, rolling hills, all surrounded by a white board fence. The President's motorcade drove into the grounds --	
	9:10a				The President and Mrs. Johnson left their car--Mrs. Johnson boarded a carriage w/ Mrs. Ellington, while the Gov and the President walked the 200 yards to the Hermitage House --the path was lined w/ trees, and in much warmer weather gave evidence of being a lovely place, but the day was cold, and rain sprinkles came often, so it was cold, and people were seen to be hurrying to get to the House.	



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	9:15a				Arrive steps of Hermitage. At the House the President and Mrs. Johnson were greeted by Mrs. Horatio B. <del>B</del> Buntin, Regent of the Ladies Hermitage Association. A platform had been erected on the steps of the house, and the President and Mrs. Johnson went quickly to their places. Other dignitaries took longer in getting to the designated seat, and the President and Mrs. J posed for pictures while everyone was getting settled. Band was playing "Hail to the Chief," and "Eyes of Texas." Music was furnished by the Tennessee State University Band --a predominantly negro college that has furnished many of the U.S. Olympic trace medallists.	
This ceremony, of course, was held outside--but the President did not wear his raincoat or overcoat, and was hatless.						
President Johnson is the third President to visit the Hermitage.						
					The Program began.	
					Mrs. Buntin gave a few welcoming remarks and then introduced the Rev. John Horn Hermitage Presbyterian Church, for INVOCATION	
					Gov. Buford Ellington introduced Cong. Richard <del>F</del> Fulton for his brief remarks	
					<del>Assistant PMG then officiated at the presentation of the first day issue stamp to the President and Mrs. Johnson</del>	
					Governor Ellington then introduced Mrs Johnson for her REMARKS 9:25 -9:35a At the end of her remarks, she presented a seedling to Mrs. Buntin for the grounds of the Hermitage.	
					Assistant PMG Richard Murphy then presented <del>albums</del> albums commemorating this occasion--the first day issue stamp ceremony on the 200th birthday of Andrew Jackson. The first album, went to the President--the second to Mrs. <del>Johnson</del> Johnson, the third and fourth to Gov and Mrs. <del>Ellington</del> Ellington, the fifth to Cong Fulton, and the sixth to Mrs. Buntin.	
					Governor Ellington then introduced the President.	



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<i>C</i>	9:40a	9:50a			REMARKS by the President	
<i>C</i>	9:53a				Off the steps of the platform and walking w/ Mrs. J and Gov and Mrs. Ellington into adjacent garden to place a wreath on the grave site where Andrew and Rachel Jackson are buried. The President and Mrs. Johnson stood <del>silently</del> silently for a moment or two and then returned by same walkway into the Hermitage House.	
	9:57a				<del>Back to House</del> -- a brief tour of rooms	
					Then to Presidential Dining Room for breakfast -- hosted by the Ladies <del>Hermitage</del> Assoc 16 people attended -- menu: frosted strawberries and pears, Tennessee Country Ham, Turkey Hash, grits souffle, fried apples, beaten biscuit, hot biscuit, coffee, sweet rolls	
	10:50a				Departed Hermitage by Motorcade -- w/ Mrs. Johnson, Gov and Mrs. Ellington, Mayor and Mrs. Briley, Cong Richard Fulton. -- <del>en route</del> en route downtown Nashville	
	11:11a				Stopped motorcade - for flag unfurling  Crowd in downtown Nashville fairly good -- no police estimate -- one said 75,000, but staff members <del>doubted</del> doubted accuracy.	
<i>cliff</i>	11:19a				Arrived State Capitol Building, Nashville, Tenn.	

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	In	Out	Lo	LD		
	12:53p				<p>The President and party came out of the Tennessee State Capitol Building in Nashville, Tenn., went down the steps and entered the waiting motorcade vehicles. Coming down the steps of the Capitol Building one had a view not unlike the view of several months past coming down the steps of the Government House, Wellington, New Zealand. The building was elevated on a hill and had steep steps leading down to the driveway in front; further down was the lawn on which many people were gathered. Immediately in front of the scene was a statue of Andrew Jackson. Surrounding the base of the statue was a band, colorfully uniformed in red and white, which played a lively march as the President came down the steps to his waiting car with</p> <p>Mrs. Johnson Hon. <del>James</del>, Buford Ellington, Gov. of Tennessee (Mrs. E did not accompany) Marvin Watson Thomas L. Jbhns, SAIC</p>	
	12:54p				<p>Departed the capitol building in motordate with the above people in the President's car. Just as the car was leaving the Capitol, two teenage demonstrators were squatting in the driveway in the path of the President's car. Two Tennessee State Troopers pulled the youths out of the path, the President's car swerved, and the motorcade continued without stopping. According to a local paper later, three were arrested for "disturbing the peace" connected with this incident.</p> <p>The 50 mile drive from Nashville to Columbia was through mainly farm country with cattle grazing in the green fields along the roads. People were in clusters along the way--in front of small rural schools it appeared that most of the school children were lining the road; going through the small town, en route, many people lined the way. It was apparent from the countryside that spring was not far away and was here in this part of the country with the daffodills, redbud, <del>for</del> forsythia, etc. in full bloom. In front of one school passed many children, apparently n the early elementary grades were along the road holding letters which in a consecutive row spelled "Welcome, Mr. President"</p>	



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	1:56p				The motorcade stopped momentarily on the outskirts of Columbia, Tennessee, to unfurl the President's flags on his car. From this point on people were lining the streets waving as the motorcade passed.	
	2:06p				Arrived Columbia State Community College-- The College was still under construction, with none of the buildings completed completely and much construction with the construction equipment in plain evidence in the background. It was flat dusty land with the red brick and concrete buildings of the college in the midst. The Cadets from a nearby military school were lining the driveway in their uniforms, shivering in the cold, brisk wind. (50 Cadets from Columbia Military Academy) As the President and Mrs. Johnson got out of the car by the outdoor platform bedecked in red, white, and blue, Mrs. Johnson was presented a bouquet of pink and white roses by Claude Floy, a mentally <del>xxx</del> retarded boy from the community. Also Mrs. Johnson was presented a single long-stemmed red rose by the Girl Scouts and Brownie Scouts in Columbia. The Presidential party went onto the platform for the ceremonies--it was a very cold, gray, windy day with a crowd of approximately 2,000 according to USSS estimate given the President just prior to his arrival. On the platform were The President and Mrs. Johnson Governor Buford Ellington Sen. & Mrs. Albert Gore Dr. & Mrs. James Clark, acting president of the Columbia State Community College Hon. John Gardner, Secy of HEW Cong. & Mrs. William R. Anderson Howard Warf, State Education commissioner Reverend Frank Allen, Rector, St. Peter's Episcopal Church, Columbia, Tenn.	



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					Dr. James Clark, Dean of Students and Acting President of the College presided over the ceremony. He introduced Rev. Frank Allen, St. Peter's Episcopal Church, Columbia, Tenn. who gave the invocation. <del>                    </del> The National Anthem was then played	
					Dr. Clark then introduced Hon. Buford Ellington, the Governor of Tennessee, who in turn introduced Hon. John Gardner, SECY of HEW for his Remarks	
					Gov. Ellington then introduced Mrs. Johnson for remarks	
	2:18	2:25p				
					Following Mrs. Johnson's remarks she presented a bronze dedication plaque to the college. The plaque, prepositioned on the stage, was unveiled by Mrs. Johnson as Dr. Clark stepped forward.	
					Governor Ellington then introduced	
	<del>2:25p</del>	<del>2:30p</del>			The President--REMARKS	
					At the end of the President's remarks, the President shook hands with the people on the platform and then the crowd around the platform	
	2:36p				Presidential motorcade departed Columbia State Community College w. Mrs. Johnson in the President's car	
					Governor Ellington	
					Marvin Watson	
					Lem Johns, Ham Brown	
	2:44p	2:57p			Stopped at the home of President James K. Polk in Columbia--the President's house was a two (possibly three) story gray brick residence with black shutters. Next door was an insurance agency. There was a thick crowd in front of the house.	
					The President and Mrs. Johnson were introduced by Governor Ellington to Mrs. Ralph Leftwich, president of the Columbia Auxiliary of the James K. Polk Memorial Association and Mrs. Austin Rhett, president of the James K. Polk Memorial Association. The ladies of the Memorial Society took the President and Mrs. Johnson on a very brief tour of the home	

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	3:29p				Motorcade again moving through the Tennessee farm country en route to the Governor's Mansion.	
	3:52p				Arrive the Governor's Mansion, Nashville, Tennessee---the mansion is back in a beautiful residential section of town located on a large rolling piece of land. The President and Mrs. Johnson were escorted up the winding staircase inside the mansion by Governor and Mrs. Ellington to their rooms. About half-way up they looked out the window and saw various staff members entering and waved. The President then called mf and asked if she had anything for him when she entered the hallway of the Mansion. He was taken a wire from Mr. Kintner saying that he thought the speech before the Tennessee Legislature on VietNam had been very effective.  The President went to his room to rest and nap.	
	5:05p			t	Walt Rostow, Washington--returning his call of earlier this afternoon while the President was still in the motorcade	
	5:34p				The President and Mrs. Johnson downstairs and to the room where Governor and Mrs. Buford Ellington were hosting an Education Forum and Reception honoring the President and Mrs. Johnson. Forum moderator was Douglass Cater, Sp Asst to the Pres. Attendance included approximately 100 leaders in education from several southern states. Governor Ellington introduced Douglass Cater who guided the program along.	



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✓					The speakers, who were making their reports on their various forms of education to the President, included:	
					Dr. Frank Rose, President, University of Alabama	
					Mrs. Elizabeth Burgess, Nashville City School System	
					Gov. Hulett Smith of W. Va., Chairman of the Southern Regional Education Board	
	6:14p	6:17p			Remarks by Mrs. Johnson	
					Then remarks by Secy John Gardner	
	6:20	7:01p			REMARKS by the President--The President flavored his prepared speech with many of his stories and added many pieces of "off the record" information which later caused much excitement among the press people present.	
					Following a brief summary statement, the group moved to receiving line position to greet the President and Mrs. Johnson in the front hall. (A buffet was set up with coffee, tea, tea sandwiches, and petit fours in the dining room).	
high	7:18p				The President and Mrs. Johnson went upstairs to meet OFF THE RECORD with a group of publishers	
					Charles Snyder, Publisher of the Memphis Press Scimitar	
					Jim Scharlay, Publisher of six or seven dailies in Tennessee	
					Sam Kennedy, Publisher of Columbia Herald	
					Ed Ray, Managing Editor of the Memphis Commercial Appeal	
					John Jones, President of the Greeneville Sun	
					James G. Stahlman, Publisher of the Nashville Banner	
					Hon. Buford Ellington	
					George Christian	
					Mrs. Johnson, part of the time	



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					The President took questions on various subjects, principally VietNam. He also discussed his relations with Senator Kennedy and the Kennedy family. G Christian:mary s	
					Also present for part of the discussion was Mr. Huntley Crockett, Press Secy to the Gov.	
ox	9:00p				DINNER in the dining room of the Mansion w/ Mrs. Johnson Hon. & Mrs. Buford Ellington Mr. & Mrs. <i>Timothy</i> Wagner, the Ellington's daughter and son-in-law Miss Melinda Wagner, 17 month old granddaughter of the Governor Hon. John Gardner George Christian Marvin Watson Charles Snyder Jim Scharlay Sam Kennedy Ed Ray John Jones James G. Stahlman	

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	10:11p				Presidential motorcade departed the Governor's Mansion for the airport In the car with the President were Mrs. Johnson Hon. & Mrs. Buford Ellington Marvin Watson	
	10:25p				Arrive the airport at the base of the steps of AF One 26000 Here the President and Mrs. Johnson appeared to be saying goodbye to Gov. & Mrs. Ellington, but	
	10:27	-10:34p			The President and Mrs. Johnson came aboard the airplane accompanied by Mrs. Ellington Mr. & Mrs. Wagner Charles Snycer, Publisher of the Memphis Press Scimitar Jim Scharlay, Publisher of six or seven dailies in Tennessee Sam Kennedy, Publisher of Columbia Herald Ed Ray, Managing Editor of the Memphis Commercial Appeal John Jones, President of the Greeneville Sun James G. Stahlman, Publisher of the Nashville Banner	
	10:35p				President in the cabin of AF One 26000 with Secy John Gardner, Mrs. Johnson, Ashton Gonella, Marie Fehmer, Mary Slater--reading the "Nashville Banner"	

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	In	Out	Lo	LD		
					On board AF One---Nashville, Tennessee to Washington, D. C., Andrews AF Base:	
					The President	
					Mrs. Johnson	
					Mr. W. Marvin Watson	
					Mr. Bill Blackburn	
					Mr. Will Sparks	
					Dr. Marlyn Voss	
					Lt. Cdr. F. Worthington Hobbs, III	
					Miss Mary Slater	
					Miss Marie F. Fehmer	
					Mrs. Nell Yates	
					MSgt Paul Glynn	
					M Sgt Marshall K. Gaddis	
					Chief Thomas Mills	
					Mr. Thomas Lem Johns, USSS	
					Mr. Clint Hill	
					Mr. Dave Grant	
					Mr. John Pferr	
					Mr. Ron Pontius	
					Mr. Chuck Zboril	
					Mr. Y. Okamoto	
					Mrs. Ashton Gonella	
					Mr. Marty Underwood	
					Underwood son	
					Capt. Bill Hartnett	
					Mr. John Simpson	
					Mr. J. Morgan	
					Mr. Jerry Kivett	
					Mr. Woodie Taylor	
					Mr. Robert Taylor	
					Mr. Robert Heyn	

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	12:55a				Helicopter departed Andrews AF Base for the White House w/ the following aboard:	
					The President	
					Mrs. Johnson	
					Marvin Watson	
					Bill Blackburn	
					Warren Woodward	
					Marie <del>XXXX</del> Fehmer	
					Ashton Conella	
					Mary Slater	
					Ken Gaddis	
					Lt. Cdr. Worth Hobbs	
					Ron <del>P</del> Pontius	
					Dr. Voss	
					Woodie Taylor	
					Lem Johns	
	12:57a	1:09a			Chopper ride--rather turbulent---to the White House	
	1:09a				President and Mrs. Johnson inside the White House, telling various staff members goodnight at the Diplomatic Entrance <i>&amp; Warren Woodward</i>	
	1:10a				In apartment w/ Mrs. Johnson	
	1:40a				Retired	
					houseguest: Mr. Sam Houston Johnson	

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