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PRESIDENT LYNDON B. JOHNSON
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	In	Out	Lo	LD		
✓	11:10a		t		Director Charles Schultze	
	11:34a				To Oval Ofc w/ MW AND JJ	
Wjh	11:40a	11:44a			To Fish Room to receive credentials of H. E. Abdullah Malikyar, Amb-designate of Afghanistan	
DOS escort officer:					Amb. Symington	
Norman Armour						
✓	11:45a	11:47a			B. Antonio Won Pat (Guam's Washington representative) Mr. Won Pat was chosen by popular vote of the people of Guam under Guamanian law to be their official spokesman in the National Capital. He was speaker of the Guam legislature under both Navy and Interior administrations; he is a father of the Guam Organic Act, a founder of the Democratic Party of Guam, and a bringer-in of 7 members into the President's Club. Ltr from Stewart French dtd March 14, :mf	
Wjh	11:48a	11:53a			To the Cabinet Room where the President greeted a group of 24 leading negro publishers w/ Louis Martin (prior to the President's going into the room, Harry McPherson had dictated a memo to the President concerning what had happened in the room in the meeting. Walt Rostow had briefed on VietNam and received one question--from a man that Louie Martin described as the only "dove" in the crowd. McPherson's memo outlines the man's questioning and Mr. Rostow's answers) -- McPherson's memo to DT --the President walked around the room and shook hands w/ everyone present.	

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					The Publishers, representing the National Newspaper Publishers Association, presented to the President a special citation establishing the President "as a living symbol of the goal of the nation's 176 negro newspapers."	
					After shaking hands w/ the group, the President accepted the citation from Mr. Howard Woods (a former Associate Director of USIA). The President made no remarks, but he did thank the group for the citation, expressed his gratitude, and then departed. Cliff Alexander:mf	

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	11:55a				The President was in mjdr's room looking at things on the side of her desk when Amb. Symington came in w/ retiring Moroccan Ambassador Dr. Ahmed Laraki --	
					The Ambassador was enroute to the outer corridors to wait for his appt, but the President struck by the awkwardness of having the Ambassador come in and find him there, said, "Won't you come on in now?"	
	11:56a	12:02p			Oval Office - the courtesy call of the retiring Ambassador H.E. Dr. Ahmed Laraki - of Morocco	
George Abell was DOS					Ambassador Symington	
					Jose DeSeabra (interpreter)	
					Amb. Laraki will return to Morocco to assume the post of Foreign Minister	
					Secretary Rusk in his memo to the President says that "King Hassan II has appointed Dr. Laraki Minister of Foreign Affairs. He has already assumed his new responsibilities. In view of the special circumstances involved, I consider that we are justified in making an exception to our practice of not recommending that you receive departing Ambassadors. You will in effect be receiving the new Minister of Foreign Affairs, rather than the former Ambassador."	
					<i>Rastova's ofc says that Mr Laraki's visit cannot be considered as a visit from a Foreign Minister</i>	
	12:12	12:55p			Oval Office - cleaning desk w/ mjdr, mf, MW	
	12:43p --		t-		Marvin Watson (pl) -	
	12:49p		f		Marvin Watson (pl) (this was Mary Jo Cook telling MW that Sen Mansfield was accompanying Amb. Fay)	

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✓	1:00p	1:10p			Ambassador William P. Fay of Ireland Senator Mike Mansfield	
					The Ambassador presented to the President a tall Waterford crystal vase--the top of which was filled w/ shamrocks which flown in from Ireland. The Irish Ambassador's visit is an annual celebration of the one. The President traditionally accepts a gift of shamrock from Ireland to make this Irish National holiday. This yr the shamrock was contained in a cut glass (Waterford crystal) vase especially made for the President and which commemorates the centenary of the death of Thomas Francis Meagher, the Irish patriot, who fought on the Union side in the Civil War and was Acting Governor of	
	1:03p				Mrs. Fay joined the territory of Montana at the time of his death.	
	1:15p		t		Walt Rostow	
					The vase stands 24 inches high. On one side is an engraved portrait of Meagher and an inscription commemorating the presentation. An inscription on the other side commemorates important events in Meagher's life. The vase of shamrocks is a gift from President	
✓	1:27p	1:45p			Hon. John Macy	
					Mr. Macy has several "see me" memos which he wants to clear up with the President before the President departs for Guam.	
✓	2:00p		t		Senator John Pastore (b. 1)	
✓	2:02p				OFF RECORD: Phil Potter, <i>Baltimore Sun</i> Mr. Potter asked to see the President prior to his departure for Guam to discuss background and fill-in for the Guam trip.	
	2:05p		f		Walt Rostow	

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✓	2:15p				To mansion - for LUNCH	
✓		3:25p			w/ George Christian and Phil Potter	
		3:25p				
	2:30p		f		Harry McPherson	
	3:00p		t		Walt Rostan	
	4:30p		t		Geo Christian (pl)	
	4:35p		t		Marvin Watson (pl)	
	4:39p		t		Henry Wilson (pl)	
	4:41p		t		Robert Kintner (pl)	
	4:44p		t		Harry McPherson (pl)	
	4:57p		t		Marvin Watson (pl)	

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	4:58p		f		Walt Rostow	
	5:05p		f		Mike Manatos	
	5:08p				The President asked for Secy Rusk - he was en route to the airport -- so he asked for Mr. Macomber	
✓	5:10p		t		William Macomber - Assistant Administrator for Near East and South Asia - AID	
	5:12p		t		Ashton Gonella	
✓	5:20p		t		Senator Wayne Morse	
	5:32p				To Oval Office	

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✓	5:32p	6:18pm			Mrs. Simon McHugh - little office	
	6:30p				To the Barber Shop via Marvin Watson's office	
✓	7:15p	8:25p			To the Fish Room with Marvin Watson - MW out at 7:24p for Meeting with the Officers of the Democratic National Committee: John Criswell Louis Martin Billie Farnum Charles Weltner Bill Phillips Chris Alderete Margaret Price Dorothy Bush	
	8:25p				To Oval Rm Ofc w/MW	
	8:25p		t		Mrs. Johnson	
✓	8:35p		t		Mrs. Simon McHugh	

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	8:40p		t		Walt Rostow (at home) - President ret. his call of earlier this p.m.	
	8:50p	- 11:55a			Mrs. Simon McHugh (gave Mrs. McHugh an ashtray, and two other items not known)	
	9:10p				Departed the Office w/Mrs. McHugh - for the Mansion	
	9:14p		t		Op. "get me Jack Valenti" - Op. reported he was at Art Buchwald's residence for a dinner and President said "never mind."	
	9:38p		t		Atty General Ramsey Clark	
	9:20p		t		Op. "get me Mrs. J. W. Fulbright." Op. reported her number did not answer at home - so DIDN'T TALK. President said never mind.	
	10:15p				DINNER w/Mrs. Johnson and Mrs. Simon McHugh	
	10:19p		t		The Op. - "get me the Vice President." - Op. reported he too was at a dinner at Art Buchwald's. President said "never mind."	

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Mrs. Johnson

11:55p

Mrs. Simon McHugh departed

12:30a

The President retired.

Today issued statement by the President on the release of deferred federal program funds.

Today announced his intention to nominate three [REDACTED] members to the U.S. Advisory Commission on Information. --Frank Stanton, Sigurd S. Larmon, and Thomas Vail.