

## THE WHITE HOUSE

### DAILY DIARY

Date March 20, 1967

The President began his day at (Place) On board AF One 26000 en route to Guam

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	9:28a	(Honolulu time)			CROSSED INTERNATIONAL DATE LINE	
	-10:30a				President in the Conference Room of AF One 2600 with Secy Rusk, Secy McNamara, and Harry McPherson in discussions---	
	11:00a	11:15a			Joined by Hon. Leonard Unger, Depty Asst Secy of State; Chmn Vietnam Coord. Committee Discussing <sup>1</sup> the agenda for the afternoon meetings with the Vietnamese leaders--- <sup>2</sup> plans for Robert Komer in Vietnam <sup>3</sup> defense tactics	
	12:15p	1:12p			Joined in the stateroom by George Christian, Walt Rostow, Jake Jacobsen Bob Komer, David Lilienthal, John McNaughton, General Maxwell Taylor, Ambassador Harriman, CIA Director Helms, H n. Leonard Unger  Discussed this afternoon's meeting w/ Vietnamese leaders -- who would talk to whom, and what they would discuss.	

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	1:12p				All out of the stateroom - except Mr. Lilienthal. The President stood in the aisle and talked w/ him animatedly.	
	1:14p				The President to the rear of the airplane --he asked Ken Gaddis why he wasn't given his vitamin pill this morning and asked who he wanted to succeed him as the person in charge of vitamin pills. He then said that he wanted to take a little nap. that he was tired, that his eyes burned , and that he wouldn't mind having a little oxygen.	
	1:16p	1:26p			En route to his bedroom--just outside the door, in fact, the President encountered Secy McNamara and sat down to talk w/ him.... on the bench in the aisle just outside the bedroom	
	1:26p				To bedroom - w/ Harry Mcpherson	
			1:34p		(Mr. McPherson carried a speech into the President's bedroom)	
	1:34p				Dr. Burkley, Chief Stuart Baltimore, mf, mary s in the P esident's bedroom. Dr. Burkley administred oxygen to the President for ten minutes, as the President requested while the chief [redacted] rubbed the President's legs and hands [redacted]	
	1:44p				Dr. Burkley out	

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	2:07p	-2:25p 2:20p			Walt Rostow joined at the President's instruction George Christian joined	
	2:40p (honolulu time)				The P <sup>R</sup> esident went into the Conference Room to join for landing Governor and Mrs. Manuel Guerrero (Guam) Secy Rusk Secy McNamara	
	CHANGE TO GUAM TIME					
	10:44a				AF One 26000 landed at Agana Naval Air Station, Guam There was a small crowd of approximately 2000 people there to greet the President and other arriving dignitaries. A large sign read "Hafa Adai, LBJ, Welcomt to Guam Where the American Day Begins"---(Guam is the westernmost U. S. owned land in the Pacific).	
	10:52a				The President down the steps of AirForce One, followed by Gov. & Mrs. M. Guerrero, Secy Rusk, Secy McNamara, and then various other dignitaries on the plane. It was a partly cloudy day, but at this moment the sun was shining brightly. As the President appeared in the doorway, the band played "Hail to the Chief" Receiving line Brief military honors were rendered (There was an honor guard to the left of the red carpet leading from the airplane to the platform.	
	10:55a				Governor Manuel Guerrero introduced the P <sup>R</sup> esident	

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✓	10:57	11:03a			REMARKS by the President--arrival statement	
					During this time span while awaiting the arrival of the Vietnamese delegation, it rained very hard.	
					After his remarks the President went down to greet the 21 village chiefs and Members of the Guam Legislature who were seated to the right of the platform.	
					Following this, until the airplane carrying the delegation from*GVN arrived, the President went along the fence shaking hands with the crowd, which appeared to be compositely almost entirely of Americans and their dependents stationed her.	
	11:10a				The Delegation from the*Government of VietNam arrived via USAF 24125. Military Airlift Command. The officials gathered, lead by Secy Rusk and Secy McNamara took position along the red carpet leading from the airplane, and at the last moment, the President went to the bottom of the steps to greet first	
					Major General Nguyen Van Thieu, Chairman, National Leadership C	
					then Air Vice Marshall Nguyen Cao Ky, Chairman, Central Exec Committ	
					and others in the delegation	
					The group proceeded to the platform where the Vietnamese National Anthem and the American National anthem were played and the President, Thieu, and Ky reviewed the	
✓	11:21a	troops before,			The President make REMARKS--a brief welcoming statement	
					Response by Maj. Gen. [redacted] Nguyen Van Thieu (11:23-11:29a)---Following Thieu's remarks, the group proceeded to the waiting motorcade to depart	
	11:30a				Motorcade departed for Nimitz Hill along parade route lined with people	



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	11:56a				Arrive Nimitz Hill, <sup>Nimitz House</sup> the President inspected the quarters, then went to his room.	
	12:07p		t		<del>Secy McNamara</del>	
	12:23p			f	Mrs. Johnson - in the Virgin Islands - returning the President's call	
	1:00p				The luncheon guests began arriving:	
					Mr. Walt Rostow	
					Mr. Robert Komer	
					Secy Dean Rusk	
					Ambassador Averell Harriman	
					Hon. Leonard Unger	
					Hon. Ellsworth Bunker	
					General Maxwell Taylor	
					LUNCHEON - President's quarters -- dining room -- overlooking the sea:	
					The President	
					Secretary Rusk	
					Secretary McNamara	
					William Gaud, Administrator, AID	
					Ambassador Harriman	
					Ambassador Ellsworth Bunker	
					Ambassador Cabot Lodge	
					Ambassador Eugene Locke	
					General Earle Wheeler	
					Admiral <sup>Myers S. Hunt</sup> Sharp - CINCPAC	
					General <sup>William</sup> Westmoreland	
					Mr. Richard Helms, <sup>Director</sup> , CIA	
					Mr. George Christian	
					Mr. Jake Jacobsen	
					Mr. Robert Komer	

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	2:45p				The President stuck his head into mf and m rys's room "just to check up" and then went on into his own room.	
	2:58p				President departed the Nimitz House w/ Jake Jacobsen by car	
	<del>2:58p</del>	3:00p			Arrived <del>Admiral</del> Admiral Byrd's Headquarters <del>Conference Room</del> Conference Room, Hdq Naval Forces, Guam via motorcade	
					Jake Jacobsen says the President followed his agenda for this mtg exactly, starting w/ opening remarks -- the agenda was classified - TOP SECRET - (Rostow has copy)	
					for mtg w/ U. S. and Vietnamese party	
					The American participants at the Joint Conference Session were:	
					At the table:	
					The President	
					Secretary Rusk, The Secretary of State	
					Secretary McNamara, The Secreatry of Defense	
					General Earl Wheeler, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff	
					Hon. Henry Cabot Lodge, Amb to Government of VeitNam	
					Hon. Ellsworth Bunker, Amb-designate to the Government of Vietnam	
					General <u>William</u> Westmoreland, Commander of U. S. Troops in Vietnam	
					Hon. Averell Harriman, Amb - at- Large	
					Admiral Ulysses S. Grant Sharp, Commander of U. S. Troops in the Pacific	
					Hon. William Gaud, Administrator of Agency for In ternational Development	
					Behind the table:	
					Mr. David Lilienthal	
					Hon. Leonard Unger	
					Hon. Richard Helms	
					Ambassador Eugene Locke	
					Mr. <u>Philip</u> Habib	
					Mr. Walt W. Rostow	
					General Maxwell Taylor	
					Mr. <u>John</u> McNaughton	
					Mr. Barry Zorthian	
					Mr. <u>L. Wade</u> Lathram	

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					Mr. <i>Donald</i> MacDonald	
					Mr. George Christian	
					Colonel <del>Robert</del> Robert Ginsburgh - NSC Staff	
					Maj. General James <del>St</del> Humphreys - Chief, Public Health Division, <del>NSC</del> AID, Saigon	
					Mr. McGowan	
					Mr. <i>Arch</i> Calhoun <i>John A.</i>	
					General <del>Momyer</del> William W. Momyer, Commanding General 7th Air Force	
					Mr. <i>Benjamin</i> Read	
					Mr. George A Carver, Special Asst to the Director of Current Intelligence for VN Affs-	
					Mr. William <del>Jordan</del> <i>Jordan</i>	CIA
					Mr. James R. Jones	
					Mr. Jake Jacobsen	
					Lt. Colonel Montague ( <i>Robert M.</i> ) - <i>Military Asst to Komer</i>	
					Vietnamese Participants at the Joint Conference Session	
					At the table:	
					✓ Major General Nguyen Van Thieu, Chairman, National Leadership Council	
					<del>Major General</del>	
					✓ Air Vice Marchall Nguyen Cao Ky, Chairman, Central Executive Committee	
					Lt. General Cao Van Vien, Minister of National Defense	
					H. E. M. Tran Van Do, Minister of <del>NSC</del> Foreign Affairs	
					Brig General Nguyen Bao Tri, Minister of I formation and Open Arms	
					Brig General Nguyen Duc Thang, Minister of Revolutionary Development	
					H. E. M. Nguyen Huu Hanh, Minister of Economy and Finance	
					Ambassador Bui Diem	
					Mr. Vu Zouc Thuc, Director of Post-War Planning	
					Mr. Mguyen Ngoc Linh, General Direcotr VietNam Press	
					Behind the table:	
					Le Quang Gian, Chief of Cabinet, Minister of Foreign Affairs	
					Major Nguyen Quoc Quynh, G-3, Joint General Staff	
					Lt. Col. Phan Van Minh, Chief, Cabinet, Prime Minister's Office	
					Nguyen Phu Duc, Director of Protocol, Leadership Committee	

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					From Secy Rusk's press conference this afternoon at 5:50pm - Top O' the Mar - Guam - also assisted by Secy McNamara, General William Westmoreland, Robert Komer:	
					Rusk: President Johnson and his advisors from Washington and Saigon have had a most interesting and stimulating discussion with Chairman Thieu and Prime Minister Ky and their senior advisers from Vietnam. We had a working luncheon at which we began to discuss the many items that we are covering in the course of today. Then we met for two hours, beginning at 3:00p, for a wide-ranging review of all of our problems in Vietnam. The emphasis was on the civilian side, on the political processes now underway, pacification, economic measures, and the wide range of problems arising out of the civilian structure of the economy. We had a brief report on the military situation, but there was no discussion of [REDACTED] troops or specific military measures. It was a first-class chance for the President to introduce Ambassador Bunker and Ambassador Locke to the leaders of Vietnam. The President asked me to tell you that he has asked Amb Henry C bot Lodge to return to Washington to assume the post of Ambassador-at-Large, and will be sending his name to the Senate upon his return to Washington.	
					Secy Rusk then released to the press the President's statement on the new Constitution.	
					Rusk continued, "Finally, I might say that we also reviewed some of the international discussions about the possibilities of peace in Vietnam. It seemed apparent to us that the situation remains unchanged; that almost all of us in the rest of the world want peace, and that includes the Republic of Vietnam as well as the United States, but we do not see any indication that Hanoi is prepared to take practical steps to move toward peace. They are continuing to refuse elementary steps of reciprocity to demonstrate that peace can be brought somewhat nearer. Nevertheless, we shall pursue our efforts and our South Vietnamese colleagues have indicated that they will not only join us in our efforts but make it clear that they, themselves, are interested in the peaceful settlement at the earliest possible time.	
					Mr. McNamara: As Secy Rusk indicated, the primary emphasis this afternoon was on the civil side. There was, however, a brief report on progress of military operations by the political and military leaders of South Vietnam. I will try to summarize it for you--they reported that the tempo of the war has increased significantly in recent weeks, but despite this fact, the trend of the war, they believe, is in our favor. They emphasize that the Viet Cong have been endeavoring to regain the initiative. They have been endeavoring to achieve this objective by launching an increased number of offensive operations, offensive operations against base camps of the South Vietnamese forces and of the allied forces, against the district and provincial headquarters and in, particular, against the rural development teams. Furthermore, they emphasize that the Viet Cong have, as you know, been greatly increasing their use of mortar fire and recoilless rifle fire. But they pointed out that despite the enemy's efforts to seize the initiative,	



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					despite the increase use of artillery fire by the enemy, they have been unsuccessful and they have suffered very heavy losses, indeed. In sum, although the enemy is by no means beaten, our South Vietnamese friends emphasize that he is no longer capable of winning a military victory.	
					McNamara continues: There was considerable discussion of the additional effort being made by the political and military leaders in South Vietnam to expand the rural development program, the program of pacification, and to accelerate its progress. Although there was no specific discussion of future tactical operations this afternoon, and no discussion of troop requirements, the President emphasized to Chairman Thieu and PM Ky that it would be our policy to continue to meet the requirements of our military commanders, taking account of the economic factors as well as the military factors that influence the ability of South Vietnam to absorb additional American troops.	
					General Westmoreland added: As the session just concluded, I reported that recently the intensity of the war had increased, particularly in the northern part of South Vietnam, the First Corps area. I quoted certain statistics demonstrating trends. The enemy's losses from all causes has doubled in the last year. It was my pleasure this afternoon to report that the desertions in the ranks of the Vietnamese armed forces have been cut in half during the past year, and the number of desertion seems to be on the decline. Of the approximately 150 maneuver battalions of the Vietnamese armed forces, we evaluate all of them fully combat effective except for seven that fall slightly below this standard.	
					Mr. Komer: There was much discussion of economic problems and we reported that to meet Vietnam's basic food needs in 1967, the U.S. has agreed to provide up to 750,000 tons of rice under P.L. 480 together with about 100,000 tons of Thai rice that has already been contracted for and some additional rice from Taiwan. The U.S. plans to provide up to 350,000 tons of fertilizers, rough 50 per cent more than was provided last year to increase domestic crop yields, rice, vegetables, and other crops in the 1967 crop year.	
					We expect to go forward with the government of Vietnam on a number of major economic development projects to improve port and transport facilities and to meet other urgent needs. This would include an added power station for Saigon, 120 megawatts, repair of national routes 1 and 4, which as you know, are the lifelines of the country, added barge unloading facilities for Saigon, added warehouses for the port cargoes, cold storage facilities for frozen pork to keep down the price of pork in the Saigon urban area, a number of urban projects in the Saigon area, including street repairs, water distribution, and a new study of the sewage disposal problem, and new ferries across the Mekong and the Tien Giang on the key Route 4. There was considerable discussion of the post-war planning exercise which has just been launched under the leadership of Professor Thuc of the Univ of Saigon and his American counterpart, David Lillienthal. Both of them reported to the participants on how this post-war planning and exercise in the social and economic field has generated surprising enthusiasm among the Vietnamese and has resulted in a large number of volunteers to join in the exercise.	



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	9:00p				Dinner guests began to depart -- slowly	
					<p>Gifts from the Vietnamese to the President:</p> <p>Chairman [REDACTED] Ky gave the President a framed autographed photograph -- "To President Lyndon B. Johnson, the most devoted friend of Vietnam, with deep appreciation, Nguyen-Cao Ky," --in gold plastic frame</p> <p>The President gave both Ky and Thieu an Accutron watch each and a bust each - w/ wooden base.</p>	
	10:00p				President to his bedroom - and retired	
					<p>The President's stay in Guam was marred by the [REDACTED] proximity of Tropical Storm Therese, 260 miles WNW of Guam -- it dominated the local circulation. It was on a northeasterly course which took it to a point 250 miles north of Guam on Tuesday night. Monday's weatherforecast for variable sky cover conditions was accurate. Heavy prolonged showers resulted -- high winds -- rough seas.</p>	

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NOMINATIONS SENT TO THE SENATE ON MARCH 20, 1967:

John C. Bullitt, of New Jersey, to be Assistant Administrator for the Far East, Agency for International Development.

Endicott Peabody, of Massachusetts, to be an Assistant Director of the Office of Emergency Planning, vice John E. Cosgrove.

The following-named persons to be Members of the United States Advisory Commission on Information for the terms indicated, and until their successors have been appointed and qualified:

Sigurd S. Larmon, of New York, for the term of three years ~~exp~~iring January 27, 1969. (Reappointment)

Frank Stanton, of New York, for the term of three years expiring January 27, 1970. (Reappointment)

Thomas Van Husen Vail, of Ohio, for the term of three years expiring January 27, 1970.

Jack T. Stuart, of Mississippi, to be United States Marshal for the Southern District of Mississippi for the term of four years. (Reappointment)

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