

✓ THE WHITE HOUSE

PRESIDENT LYNDON B. JOHNSON

DAILY DIARY

Date April 11, 1967

The President began his day at (Place)

Aboard AF-One 26000 enroute to

Day Tuesday

Montevideo, Uruguay

Entry No.	Time		Telephone f or t		Activity (include visited by)	Expenditure Code
	In	Out	Lo	LD		
					GEORGE CHRISTIAN's PRESS BRIEFING #804-A gave details on today's mtgs	
	8:20a	Montevideo time			The President wake and breakfast in his bedroom	
					Talked w/Jake Jacobsen about business -- computer progress, etc.	
	9:00a				Nap	
	10:15a	10:35a			mf, yb, mary s in the President's bedroom -- he was teasing all about the trip. (reading his arrival statement in Montevideo, asked yb to translate spanish sentence in english. yb was able to literally translate it but the President was teasing yb about her really understanding and being able to translate Spanish)	
	10:20a	10:35a			Marvin Watson in - going over the schedule for the day and the arrival statement.	
	10:35a				Harry McPherson in - working on speeches with the President The President was dressing and MW was also in and out	
	11:26a				Air Force #1 landed at Carrasco Airport, Montevideo, Uruguay The small airport had been cleared of all but official guests and wary police seemed to maintain vigil against any anti-U.S. disorders. Police with arms could be seen atop the airport building as well as at attention surrounding it. The is President Lyndon B. Johnson's first visit on South American soil	
					Secy Dean Rusk Amb. Henry Hoyt, US Amb to Uruguay Uruguayan Protocol Officer aboard AF#1 to greet and meet President Johnson who was waiting	
					Escorted down ramp - beautiful bright red carpet about 100 yards where	

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					Uruguayan officials awaited -	
					The President was followed by members of the American Delegation that were aboard AF#1 with him including Amb. James Symington	
					Proper presentations made - to President Oscar G. Gestido of Uruguay both men and their respective parties - to podium situated right in front of airport terminal building	
					(there was a small crowd to greet Pres. Johnson at the airport that serves Montevideo -- but rumor was that it had been closed to outsiders since Monday -- yesterday -- to assure safety for the other 16 Presidents, one Prime Minister and possibly one President-elect arriving for the Conference)	
					21-gun salute fired and the Uruguayan National Anthem played first (seemed unusual to the Americans because of our U.S. customs to play the arriving foreign anthem first)	
					then American National anthem	
					Address by the President of Uruguay - His Ex. Oscar G. Gestido - welcoming His Ex. President Lyndon Johnson. In effect he said his words of welcome recognizing "the need for support and cooperation" -- that America "recognizes that the solution to its problems is not possible without its own efforts."	
					Pres. Gestido's remarks were made in Spanish. An english translation immediately followed.	
	11:35a	11:41a			REMARKS by Preisident Lyndon B. Johnson	
					Pres. Johnson spoke briefly saying that "we in the U.S. welcome this progress of our alliance -- as we believe you do. Reiterated what he said to his fellow President's last August "move boldly along this path and the U.S. will be at your side."	
					Prs. Johnson's arrival remarks pointed up his main theme for the 4 days of multi-lateral and bi-lateral discussions which he had just flown 5000 miles for in 10 hours to attend.	

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					Uruguay	
					President Lyndon Johnson and President Oscar G. Gestido reviewed troops and honor guard.	
	11:46a				President Oscar Gestido accompanied President Johnson a few steps away from honor guard to his helicopter.	
					Departed by helicopter from Carrasco Airport, Montevideo, Uruguay for Punta del Este. Aboard helicopter were:	
					Secy Dean Rusk --- Oke taking pics the whole time in air ---	
	(in front compartment)				Walt Rostow	
					Leonard Marks	
					Hon. Jack Irwin (Canal Zone	
					Amb. Henry Hoyt	
	(in back compartment)				Amb. Sol Linowitz	
					Hon. William Gaud, Administrator AID	
					Hon. True Davis, Asst Secy of the Treasury	
					Marvin Watson, Jake Jacobsen	
					yb, mf and mary s.	
					While on board the helicopter the President, Secy Rusk, Walt Rostow and Leonard Marks seemed in to be discussing AID matters regarding Latin America because President asked Marvin Watson for paper on "Federal Assistance grants to Latin America." MW produced right away and President went over this with the above men.	
					Enroute to Punta del Este - helicopter flew over a seemingly large Naval carrier -- hundreds of seamen on board deck visibly enthusiastic waving at chopper to the President. The President was quite taken by this and kept waving in return until the Carrier was almost out of sight.	

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					Four Secret Svc helicopters escorted the chopper to this resort on the Atlantic.	
	12:31pm				The President landed at Punta del Este aboard Helicopter --chopper setting down in the garden of a luxurious residence, sloping lawn just a few steps away from the front door of swiss-chalet type two-story home. Name of residence is "Beaulieu" owned by a Uruguayan Corp according to the press. Extremely hot and windy breezes greeted the President as he and those aboard helicopter alighted. 86° - brilliant sun (thought somewhat abnormal for this location in this their autumn season.	
					The President got out of the helicopter and passed in front of a battery of cameras already set up there with small contingent of press reps. Security appeared strict and tight. President stepped down smiling and appearing well rested.	
	12:31p - 12:34p				President Johnson and American officials posed for pics	
					The residence is situated on a grassy hill, faces the ocean and looks out towards where a famous sea battle took place in World War II -- when the German pocket cruiser the "Graf Spee" escaped from the British Royal Navy in 1939 during the first important naval action in that war.	
					Mounted troops, with automatic weapons patrolled all approaches to the estate and its 5-bedroom residence. The military patrols offered sharp contrast to the peaceful vista of lush vegetation with purple and green pansies blooming everywhere and an eight-form swimming pool immediately in front of home.	
	12:34p				All officials departed	
	12:35 - 12:45p				The President accompanied by MW and Jake Jacobsen looking over the swimming pool area and outside front lawn of residence where he is to stay for 4 days. Since it sits on top of a hill, no privacy can be had because [REDACTED] if one sits in on the terrace one is within view for miles. President gives Jake instructions about screening entire terrace area and picks some pansies and other mixed flowers which he brings to upstairs to mf, ms and yb.	

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	12:45p				To bedroom to change into something cool - weather awfully hot	
	1:00p - 2:15p				Downstairs to terrace in front of residence (screen and chaise lounges -- temporary already set up to provide an enclosed area around terrace. President sunning - under bright and hot noon-day sun.	
	1:15p				Joined by mf, ms, and yb . Also Jake Jacobsen	
	1:16p				Reading tickers brought by mf.	
	1:50p				Chief Tom Mills - to rub the President w/Sea and Ski. Suntan lotion. (sun was so bright and hot the President's forehead and other sensitive areas of his face were becoming visibly sunburned)	
	1:56p				LUNCH - (in same terrace area) w/Jake Jacobsen mf, ms and yb President ate: Hamburger on bun Good portion of Cottage Cheese 3 slices of fresh tomatoes dash of relish Jello for dessert (Pres. asked for cream but was told it hadn't arrived) 1 good size scoop of Vanilla ice cream w/chocolate fudge sauce 1 cup of Sanka coffee	
	2:15p				Upstairs to his bedroom for brief rest	

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	2:55p				The President dressed - and downstairs getting ready for private bi-lateral talks with some Latin American Presidents who are paying him a visit at Pres. Johnson's residence "Beaulieu"	
					Marvin Watson, Jake Jacobsen, Jim Jones, Bill Bowdler, George Christian, Tom Johnson and press pool standing by for pics and brief questions to respective Presidents meeting with LBJ.	
	3:00p - 3:50p				To front Terrace - all gentlemen in shirt-sleeves (coats removed because of intense heat) President seated in large gold colored chair, interpreters in middle and guest President Bi-lateral talks with President Carlos Lleras Restrepo of Colombia // to his right Others present: Secy Dean Rusk Foreign Minister German Zea of Colombia Asst Secy Lincoln Gordon Interpreter Walt Rostow (Oke taking pics) Geo. Christian and Tom Johnson The President was prepared for talks with President Lleras by Rostow's memo on discussion agenda: 1) Colombia's Pre-Summit Activity 1) Lleras has done an excellent job in promoting economic integration and encouraging Latin America to act positively on economic development, relations with US etc. His action last yr in holding a "little Summit" of the countries on So. America's west coast (altho misunderstood by Brazil as a "bloc" mtg) was helpful. We hope he will promote the program now to be agreed. 2) U.S. Economic Cooperation - The results of Colombia's efforts over the last 18 mos have been encouraging. Lleras has been able to work out a program w/IBRD and IMF. Proposed U.S. program loan and being readied for signature soon. 3) Coffee Agreement - Agreement has been good for L. America - we are prepared to participate in coffee diversification fund as one means of controlling production --but unless producers cooperate to assure agreement works it may not be possible to get it renewed.	

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					4) U.S. - Latin American Trade Cmtee - we agree that there should be more concerted action by OAS cties on trade, but doubt that a U.S. - Latin cmtee, would be helpful. CIAP or IA-ECOSOC are better mechanisms through which to seek solutions.	
					Press and photogs took pics of Pres. Johnson escorting Pres. Lleras to his car in back of Beaulieu "Beaulieu" President Johnson's official residence at Punta del Este.	
					To front Terrace for	
	3:52p	4:25p			Bi-lateral talk with President Diaz Ordaz of Mexico Others there: Foreign Minister Antonio Carrillo-Flores Secy Dean Rusk Donald Barnes, State Dept interpreter Asst Secy Lincoln Gordon Walt Rostow (Oke taking pics) Geo. Christian Tom Johnson in and out	
					The President was prepared for talks with President Diaz-Ordaz by memo from State Dept about agenda discussions:	
					1) Progress in Carrying out joint programs	
					2) Chamizal Transfer	
					3) American Citizens Held by Cuba	
					4) Mexican Request for Military Equipment	
					5) Mrs. Johnson gratefulness for playground equipment donated by Mexican First Lady.	
	4:25p	4:32p			Others left the two Presidents talking - President Lyndon Johnson and President Diaz-Ordaz and interpreter Donald Barnes	
					Press and photographers met the two Presidents as Pres. Johnson escorted his guest President Diaz-Ordaz to his car and Minister Carrillo-Flores	

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C	4:33	5:45p			To front Terrace for	
					Bi-lateral talks with President Joaquin Balaguer of Dominican Republic	
					Others there:	
					Secy Dean Rusk	
					Colonel Marte (Military Aide)	
					Asst Secy Lincoln Gordon	
					- Interpreter	
					Walt Rostow	
					Geo. Christian	
					Tom Johnson	
					The President was prepared for this discussion/ with Pres. Balaguer by State Dept memo setting forth agenda:	
					1) Assure him of continued support for his constitutional govt and our continuing desire to asst Dominican economic development efforts.	
					Tell him we cannot make any decisions re favored treatment in allocation of sugar deficits until size of the Puerto Rican shortfall is known.	
					Might ask for special trade relationship with Puerto Rico - tell him there are excellent opportunities for both trade and investment relations between DR and PR and advise these should be pursued. However any system of special preferences not possible under US law or policy.	
					Press and Photographers met two Presidents as Pres. LBJ escorted Pres. Balaguer to his car in back of "Beaulieu"...	
C	5:46p	7:20p			President departed his official residence "Beaulieu" for (w/mtw)	
					trip to the official residence of Prime Minister Eric Williams	
					of Trinidad and Tobago	
					Others supposedly present there were:	
					Secy Dean Rusk	
					John O'Halloran, Minister of Industry and Commerce	
					Asst Secy Lincoln Gordon	
					Amb to the US and OAS, Sir Ellis Clarke	
					Walt Rostow	

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					The President was prepared for his bi-lateral talks w/Prime Minister Eric Williams by State Dept memo: 1) Trinidad's Entry into OAS - glad of its admission to Inter-American Bank (IDB) 2) Trinidad's Economic Future (oil reserves, trade, unemployment rate, etc. Its membership in the IDB will give it access to loan resources. Land we are returning as a result of the deactivation of the Chaguaramas Naval Base on June 30, 1967 should provide a useful area for pri development.	

	7:20p				The President arrived back at his official residence "beaulieu" with Marvin Watson	
					upon entering via front door of home, ran into Amb. James Symington and Jake Jacobsen. Amb. Symington was telling the President about the seating arrangements for Dinner honoring Central American Presidents and others tonight. Pres. Johnson looked tired and a bit "harrassed" after this extremely busy afternoon and seemed to nod almost unknowingly to Symington regarding his seating for tonight.	
	7:25p - 7:50p				Upstairs to his bedroom for quick nap	
	7:50p - 10:20p				Dressed and downstairs to greet his arriving guests for Dinner. Cocktails and tidbits served to all in living room (chicken livers w/bacon & Nachos)	
	8:30p				DINNER in Dining Room of "Beaulieu" w/	

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					His Ex. - the President of Costa Rica - Jose Trejos	
					His Ex. - the President-elect of El Salvador - Colonel Fidel Sanchez	
					His Ex. - the President of Honduras - Oswaldo Lopez	
					His Ex. - the President of Guatemala - Julio Mendez Montenegro	
					Ing. Miguel Angel Rodriguez of Costa Rica, Co-director of the	
					Office of Planning (well-known engineer)	
					Dr. Abelardo Torres, President of Central Bank and former Minister	
					of Planning of El Salvador	
					Dr. Alphonso Ortega Urbina, Foreign Minister of Nicaragua	
					His Ex. Ricardo Midence. (Guatemala Ambassador to U.S.)	
					His Ex. Alberto Fuentes Mohr - Finance Minister of Honduras	
					Walt Rostow	
					Amb. Sol Linowitz	
					Secy Anthony Solomon	
					Amb. James Symington	
					Jake Jacobsen	
					Bill Bowdler	
					George Christian	
					Leonard Marks	
					Menu:	
					Filet Mignon	
					Baked potato	
					Broiled tomatoes	
					TOASTS	

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The Diary does not record a meeting with President Leoni during the Punta del Este Conference. Both George Christian's press conference and the State Department transcript of the conversation record a meeting the evening of April 11, 1967.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

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Memorandum of Conversation

US/MC-14

Part 1 of 3

DATE: April 11, 1967
PLACE: Punta del Este
TIME: 6:00 p.m.

SUBJECT: Petroleum Problems

PARTICIPANTS: United States

Venezuela

President Johnson
Mr. Walt Rostow
Assistant Secretary Gordon
Assistant Secretary Solomon

President Leoni
Sr. Ignacio Iribarren Borges,
Foreign Minister of Venezuela

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Mr. Neil A. Seidenman, Interpreter

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President Leoni said that it was very gratifying for him to receive President Johnson and to have the opportunity on this occasion to discuss with him a very serious problem affecting Venezuela that had already been mentioned through correspondence on two previous occasions. This was the problem that had been posed by President Leoni's personal envoys in the past, namely former Minister of Mines Guerrero and former Minister of Interior Barrios, who had discussed the fundamentals of the matter with the President at the White House.

President Johnson replied that he was happy to have the opportunity to visit with President Leoni. He expressed the desire of the Administration to be of help to Venezuela and said that he had read the letter from the Venezuelan Government that had been received the week before. The President added that in the event that President Leoni got tired of having those fellows around, he, President Johnson, would not mind having their very able services to help him develop our trade relations with many countries in the world.

President Leoni stated that he could appreciate the workload being shouldered by the President. At the same time Venezuela has problems that must be grappled with and to which solutions must be found. At this particular time the most serious problem for

Venezuela

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WITH GEORGE CHRISTIAN, PRESS
SECRETARY TO THE PRESIDENT; AND
WALT ROSTOW, SPECIAL ASSISTANT
TO THE PRESIDENT.

8:05 P.M. (Local Time)

APRIL 11, 1967

TUESDAY

Punta del Este, Uruguay

MR. CHRISTIAN: The President's schedule for tomorrow, and some of this you may have seen in previous State Department material. There are some changes, though.

8:30 a.m. - Breakfast with President Arthur da Costa e Silva of Brazil at President Johnson's residence. We will have a pool at the residence.

9:45 a.m. - The President will meet with President Belanude Terry of Peru at President Johnson's residence.

Between 10:30 and 11:30 the President will join his colleagues in a call on President Gestido of Uruguay.

The first formal meeting of the Presidents will be held at 11:30 for about an hour for the purpose of discussing organization of the conference and the schedules.

Q Is that formal or informal?

MR. CHRISTIAN: An informal meeting.

At 1:00 o'clock there will be an informal luncheon for the Presidents and Ministers of Foreign Affairs at the Golf Club. This luncheon will be over at about 2:45.

3:30 p.m. - The second informal meeting of the Presidents to discuss the world issues and possibly start consideration of the summit documents.

Q World issues outside the Hemisphere?

MR. CHRISTIAN: Yes.

Q What does that mean geographically? Does it mean outside the Hemisphere?

MR. CHRISTIAN: Existing world issues.

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Q What follows world issues?

MR. CHRISTIAN: At that meeting, the second informal meeting, they will possibly start consideration of summit documents.

5:00 p.m. - The inaugural session, which will be from 5:00 to 7:30. There will be a welcoming address by President Gestido and statements by the Presidents of approximately 10 minutes each.

At 7:30 the President leaves the San Rafael for his house.

8:50 p.m. - The President will leave for a reception by President Gestido at the Cantegril Country Club. He is due to arrive there about 9:00 o'clock.

Q George, are they allocating 15 minutes to world issues and documents?

MR. CHRISTIAN: No, an hour and fifteen minutes.

You will note that there has been a change in the time as originally given.

This afternoon the President held bilateral discussions with President Carlos Lleras Restrepo of Colombia; and President Gustavo Diaz Ordaz of Mexico; President Joaquin Balaguer of the Dominican Republic; with Prime Minister Eric Williams of Trinidad and Tobago. These were all held at the President's residence.

Later in the evening he went to the residence of President Leoni of Venezuela for a meeting there.

You should have pool reports posted or read on all of these sessions. In general, with President Lleras they discussed trade matters and the coffee situation. With President Diaz Ordaz there was a discussion of the progress of carrying out joint programs between the U.S. and Mexico.

You will recall that they met in Mexico City April 15th and 16th a year ago; at the Amistad Dam site on December 2, 1966. They discussed the scholarship program which was agreed to a year ago. President Johnson told President Diaz Ordaz he would receive the first group of Juarez scholars at the White House soon.

They discussed the Chamizal transfer. On that particular project Mexico has under construction the Cordova Island Bridge, which should be completed by October. The two Presidents discussed the probability of meeting in El Paso-Juarez in October on what will be more or less the 100th Anniversary of the change in the Rio Grande River which created the Chamizal controversy. President Diaz Ordaz continues to advise with President Lopez, who was involved in the 1964 agreement.

The two Presidents also went into considerable discussion of the screw worm eradication program, which is a program of the Federal Government, the States, and livestock producers which has substantially eradicated the screw worm from the United States and northern Mexico.