

THE WHITE HOUSE
PRESIDENT LYNDON B. JOHNSON
DAILY DIARY

Mailing address for DCM House is
44 Turmstrasse,
Bad Godesberg, Germany

Date April 24, 1967

Compound, Bad Godesberg, Germany

The President began his day at (Place) DCM House, American Embassy Day Monday

Entry No.	Time		Telephone f or t		The President's visit to Germany marked an improvement in German weather. Contrary to all predictions, Activity (include visited by) the sun was shining 90% of the time with rain falling only intermittently this afternoon.	Expenditure Code
	In	Out	Lo	LD		
	9:07a	9:09a	t		Walt Rostow - in his room	
	9:30 a				The President was awakened by Mary S and mf (according to instructions left last night, the President asked to be awakened one hour before having to depart for his first appointment. Marvin Watson to the President's bedroom to get a few decisions: May Rusk accompany you on two calls this morning? Yes May Walt Rostow be free until lunch to meet with the Germans? Yes Do I have approval on the luncheon list for today? Yes--with the deletion of several of the Americans See Chancellor Erhard today - alone? Yes	
					The President ate two bowls of orange sections sweetened w/ sugar, and chipped beef on toast. He then read a briefing memo for his meeting w/ Chancellor Kiesinger today and other items that had accumulated during the night. This morning, he read the "New York Times" and the "Stars and Stripes"	
					Marvin Watson told the President that during the day today he would at times have an escort -- Deputy Assistant Secretary in the Foreign Office, Mr. Ulrich Sham -- who also accompanied Chancellor Adenauer to his Ranch in Texas.	
					When Marvin Watson asked him if he heard the dogs barking outside last night, the President replied, "No sir, this room is the darkest and the	

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					Continuing pool report from page 2 on visit w/ President Luebke:	
					turned and went into a small study-like room for a 40 minute chat. They sipped tea as President Johnson gave his greetings and explained his mission, which was described as strictly a courtesy call. No substance was discussed. President Johnson told Luebke that he wanted him to know that the loss of Konrad Adenauer was a loss not only to the German people but to the entire free world. LBJ pointed out that Adenauer was a frequent visitor to the United States. President Johnson had entertained him in his home (the Ranch, 1961). They had had many exchanges of views and the President said he had profited from them all. Pres Johnson declared that he was in the Federal Republic as [redacted] a representative of the American people to express their feelings of sadness at the death of Adenauer and to express also his own deep sorrow. President Johnson said that he had great respect and understanding for the German people and their fortitude in rebuilding their country after the war. He pointed out that he had worked closely with three chancellors and he greatly appreciated the relationship of the U.S. Government with the German Government.	
					"Luebke in turn expressed appreciation for the Johnson journey to Germany. The German people owed a great deal to both Adenauer and Johnson, Luebke said, because both had done much to improve the difficult problems which had arisen. Luebke expressed a general appreciation of the United States-German relations. In one small aside, Luebke mentioned that he had recently returned from touring the Far East and that he had not run into much opposition to U.S. VietNam policy there--had, indeed, found understanding of our position. No other mention of such matters was made."	
					end of [redacted] pool report on this mtg.	

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					<u>Bad Godesberg, Germany</u>	
					<u>Kurt-Georg office -- Palais Schaumberg</u>	
	11:33a				Arrived Chancellor/Kiesinger's <u>office</u> - for courtesy call on Chancellor Kiesinger, accompanied by Secy Rusk and Ambassador George McGhee	
					Mr. Rostow suggested strongly to the President that unless the Chancellor initiates some substantive discussion, the President should confine this visit to what is was scheduled to be--a courtesy call.	
	12:53p				SEE PAGE 4 for report on this mtg	
					Departed Chancellor Kiesinger's <u>office</u>	
	1:01p				Arrived DCM's house	
					--saw press pool in hall of house (see page 6)	
					Press pool allowed in to take pictures of President and his luncheon guests	
	1:03-1:07p today				LUNCH w/ Secretary Rusk, Ambassador McGhee, and members of the Delegation:	
					Guests included:	
					The Secretary of State	
					Ambassador George C. McGhee	
					Mr. John J. McCloy	
					Mr. Allen W. Dulles	
					General Lucius D. Clay	
					Mr. George Meany	
					Mrs. Eleanor L. Dulles	
					Mr. W. Marvin Watson	
					Mr. Walt W. Rostow	

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					Mr. George Christian	
					EMBASSY STAFF:	
					Minister Martin Hillenbrand	
					Minister Edwin G. Moline (Economic Counselor)	
					Mr. James S. Sutterlin (Political Section)	
					Mr. Albert E. Hemsing (USIA)	
					Mr. Thomas Stern (Administrative Officer)	
					Major General Robert A. Hewitt (MAAG)	
					Mr. Ray S. Cline (CIA)	
					The press pool followed the President back to his residence and went into the House w/ him and reported the following: (again this report was edited by Tom Johnson for accuracy and veracity) -- this occurred just before the luncheon began -- in the hall of the residence --	
					"The President invited reporters in. Standing in the hall was Secy Rusk and Amb. McGhee. The President said he called on Chancellor Kiesinger and expressed the feeling of the American people's sadness. It was a great loss to the German people and the people of the freeworld. The President reviewed Adenauer's visit to the U.S. noting that he addressed the joint session of the Texas legislature. The President told him that he wanted to express deep sympathy of the people for whom he spoke. He said that President Eisenhower wanted to come and was sorry he couldn't make it. After his recent operation the trip would be too much for him. The Chancellor then (in the meeting earlier today) told of his experience with Americans through the years. The President stated that, of course, tomorrow will be spent at the funeral, but that he and Kiesinger will exchange views on several problems of mutual interest on Wednesday. The President reiterated what we have said that our Ambassador and top officials would be available to German officials at all times. He said that William Foster has been in touch with them to discuss the non-proliferation treaty, the Vice President has been here on the matter of tariffs. He added that the Secy of Defense will be available at any time to discuss troop strength. The President also noted that Secy of the Treasury Fowler has been in communication with German officials. The President said that he wanted to assure the new Government that our top officials are always available to them. He said that any of these matters that they wanted to explore they could do so on Wednesday. He told Kiesinger he hoped to see him in the U.S. at a mutually agreeable time. No month or date was set. The President said he discussed w/ Kiesinger his trip during 1961 and also discussed the possibility of the Chancellor's visit to Washington. The President told him that on two or three occasions the Chancellor of Germany visited him on Christmas and that he would be welcomed at Christmas or any other time." end of pool report	

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					Bad Godesberg, Germany	
	7:30	7:45p			The President met privately in the living room w/ John McCloy	
	8:00p				The President came to the second floor and looked at gift items which had been selected for him.	
	8:40p		t		Col. James Cross - re plans for arrival of Father Schneider	
	9:00p				Mr. and Mrs. George Christian joined (The President had asked mf to invite them for dinner)	
	9:07p				Walt Rostow joined -- also invited for dinner. But Rostow brought work, and the President met privately w/ him discussing briefing memos for the President to meet w/ Chancellor Kiesinger on Wednesday. The President also asked Walt Rostow to take a look at the gift items displayed and give him his opinion. At this point, the President autographed three of the pictures (flowers) to go in silver frames and to be left as bread bread/butter gifts for: "To Major General Robert A. Hewitt, with appreciation, Lyndon B. Johnson." "To Ambassador George C. McGhee, from his devoted friend, Lyndon B Johnson" "To Mr. and Mrs. Martin J. Hillenbrand, with appreciation, Lyndon B Johnson"	
					<i>General Hewitt allowed his house to be used during the visit.</i>	

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	9:15p			t	Joe Califano - Washington	
					to ask how he had managed with the labor hearing and the tax bill today	
	9:45p				To the first floor to look at a new set of paintings just arrived	
	10:05p				Nell Yates joined	
					The President was talking w/ Walt Rostow, and particularly appreciated something Mr. Rostow's mother told WR years ago -- "The normal position of a man who stands for something is to be in opposition or minority, and he must stand without a chip on his shoulder and without feeling sorry for himself." The President said this should particularly apply to all Johnsons, to Luci and to Lynda and to Luci's baby -- they were always feeling sorry for themselves.	
✓	10:25p				DINNER w/ Mr. and Mrs. George Christian, Mr. Walt Rostow Marvin Watson, Mary S, mf	
					The President asked George Christian if there was any problem at all with the press and George elaborated to some detail. He explained that local bureau of news services were taking seats and tickets and not giving them to those White House correspondents representing the bureaus and accompanying the President. This meant that most of the	

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					NOMINATIONS SENT TO THE SENATE TODAY:	
					Dennis L. McElroy of Pittsburgh, Pa., to be a member of the Federal Coal Mine Safety Board of Review	
					William W. Sherrill, of Texas, to be a Member of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System	
					Today announced that the President had announced that he had invited all the governors to attend a luncheon honoring General Westmoreland on Friday, Apr 28	
					The Hillen ^{dark} Brand residence is of dark red brick with white shutters and trim, kind of a colonial design. It has a main section or house with a low wing on one end that forms an L shape. The home is about 200 yards from the street protected with a brick gate and fence. Along the drive to the house are blossoming cherry and apple trees, tulips and other flowers. Spotlights have been placed in the yard for security and there are many green uniformed police patrolling the area, some with automatic rifles slung over their backs. The residence is on the Rhine, and the back grounds, unavilable anyone anyone not staying in the house, were filled w/ little flower gardens w/ spring flowers.	