

✓ THE WHITE HOUSE

PRESIDENT LYNDON B. JOHNSON

DAILY DIARY

Date April 27, 1967

The President began his day at (Place)

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Day Thursday

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	In	Out	Lo	LD		
	6:00a		t		The Situation Room	
	7:00a				<del>B</del> Breakfast	
	7:55a				(Mr. Richard "Cactus" Pryor departed--had been houseguest in room 326.)	
	8:42a		t		Joe Califano	
	8:49a		t		Joe Califano	
✓	8:53a		t		Secretary of Labor W. Willard Wirtz	
	9:20a		t		Mildred Stegall	
✓	9:30a		t		Donald Thomas---in New York City	
	10:30a				(Mr. & Mrs. Jay Smith --houseguests in 327--departed)	
	10:30a				The President to the Oval Office w/ Geroge Christian	

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	11:37a		t		Marvin Watson (pl)	
	11:50a				To MJDR's room w/Walt Rostow and Marvin Watson	
					The President asked MJDR if she had talked w/Sen. Russell Long and she replied "yes". [REDACTED] MJDR replied [REDACTED] that the Senator had talked with Mike Manatos and that Manatos was sending him a memo re conversation. MJDR immediately called Mike Manatos so he could report verbally <del>and</del> the conversation still	
	11:51a		t		Mike Manatos (in MJDR's room)	
					After talking with Mike Manatos the President read Merriman Smith's remarks before the publishers meeting in NYC (Geo. Christian had sent this in for the President) Mr. Smith made his remarks on April 24, 1967	
					The President also approved a wire to Cong. Diggs (Mich.) a condolence on the death of the Congressman's father - and approved sending flowers for the funeral.	
	11:55a				Departed MJDR's room w/Marvin Watson for helicopter on South Grounds for flight to Suitland, Md. <del>with</del> the President walked to the chopper along the roadway of South Grounds w/Marvin Watson and Lem Johnson	

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					On baord the chopper, the President was in the front compartment w/ Chairman Carl Perkins <i>Cong. Carl D Perkins</i> Douglass Cater Marvin Watson Mary S <del>XXXXXX</del>	
					The President looked out the window and saw Ashton Gonella, her son John Gonella, and Marilyn Walz standing to wave goodbye to him--after asking who John and Marilyn were he waved and made funny faces at them.	
	12:00 noon				The chopper deaprted the South Grounds w/ the above in the front and the follow <sup>in</sup> g in the rear: Press Pool: Max Frankel, NY Times Merriman Smith, UPI Ray Scherer, NBC Doug Cornell, AP George Christian Col. James U. Cross Dr. Burkley 2 USSS agents Frank Wolfe and in the front -- Thomas L. Johns, SAIC, USSS	
	It was a cold, rainy day--not at all pleasant.				Marvin Watson showed the President some memos on the helicopter and got answers from the P <sup>r</sup> esident on them---(subject unknown)	
					The President then turned and pulled the <del>partition</del> partition <del>on</del> to the back compartment, and closed it off, and then turned to Carl Perkins and asked, "How are you getting along?" The President leaned up in his chair to listen to Mr. Perkins.	

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	12:07p				The helicopter landed on the grounds of Crossland High School, Suitland, Maryland. The President lead the group off the chopper and was met by <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Senator Daniel Brewster and Sam Gaissenheiner, Supervisor of Vocational Education <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Senator Joseph Tydings <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Congressman Henry Machen <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mr. W. Carroll Beatty, President of the Board of Education of Prince George's County <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mr. Hrezo <i>John Hrezo</i> , principal of the High School	
					It was sprinkling rain, but the President declined to wear the raincoat and hat that Lem Johns had for the President.	
	12:10p				The President entered the cosmetology classroom--The press cameras were already set up here and the entourage followed the President inside. Here several girls were working on other girls hair, styling it, cutting it, etc. The President passed around and watched them, shook hands with several, and generally looked around. After he left the room the girls were very excitedly hugging each other and squealing with excitement. --as he entered this class, he was met and escorted by Mrs. H. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Alder, the instructor and Cynthia Collins, a student.	
	12:12p				The President went across the hall to the Printing laboratory where several students were at workk setting type, etc. The President watched and was phtotgraphed as he passed among the students and machines. (The Press had already set up and there was much milling around.) -- met and escorted by J. W. Powell, the instructor, and <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Donna Butler, a student.	
	12:15p				The President went next door to the Data Processing Room where he again was photographed watching the students. --met and escorted by W. C. McNamee, the instructor, and David <del>_____</del> Bender, a student.	
	12:18p				The President walked through the halls of <del>_____</del> the Crossland Senior High School, a Vocational-Technical school to the gymnasium, w/ Mr. Hrezo--along the way he questioned Mr. Hrezo about the school, asking when it opened, etc.	
	12:20p				The President entered the gymnasium--the band played "Hail to the Chief" as the President entered--he immediately to the platform.	
					The gymnasium had approximately 1200 people in it--students filling the bleachers and press and dignitaries on folding chairs on the gym floor, The platform was beneath one of the basketball goals. It was draped in bunting, and along the back were potted plants.	

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					According <del>to</del> the principal of the school, there are 1953 students enrolled.	
					On the stage were the four flags--on on each corner--the American flag, the Presidential flag, the Maryland State Flag, and the Prince George's County flag.	
					Governor Agnew was to have been present and introduce the President, but he was not--absence was unexplained although the President asked Sen. Tydings and Sen. Brewster about it later.	
					When the President proceeded to the platform several choruses of "Hail to the Chief" were played and the President received a standing ovation of one minute.	
	12:20p				Mr. W. Carroll Beatty, President of the Prince George's County Board of Education said, "Ladies and Gentlemen, the President of the United States."	
					Thereupon, the President received a 40 second ovation.	
	12:21p	12:38p			REMARKS by the President--the President talked about the importance of education and the progress made in it. He discussed the heavy expenditures that are being made to finance the war in VietNam, but he said the domestic budgets have been largely increased also--mainly in the fields of health and education. He added a good bit to his prepared script.	
					At the beginning of his remarks the President recognized the following people:	
					The Governor is out of town and is having meetings. Mr. Cole in his office said the weather where the Governor was is horrible, and the airport is closed. Hence Gov. Agnew was not present.	
					Gov. Agnew--althought he was not present	
					✓ Senator Tydings	
					✓ Senator <del>Brewster</del> Brewster	
					✓ Congressman Macken	
					✓ Chairman Perkins	
					✓ Mr. Hrezo, the principal of the school	
					✓ Mr. Dixon, the president of the student body of the school	
					James	
					J Jones:mf	
	12:38--	12:42p			The President made his way slowly from one end of the gym to the other, shaking hands with the students mobbing in along the way.	

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	12:42p				The President reached the hall outside the school and walked through the halls, escorted by the principal of the school. He stopped at the water fountain and got a drink and repeatedly looked about to make sure that MW and Marys were close behind him.	
					At the door of the school, the President said goodbye to the principal and proceeded to the waiting helicopter.	
	12:45p				On the helicopter w/ <i>Chairman Carl Perkins, Comm Education + Labor Comm</i> ✓ Senator Daniel Brewster ✓ Senator Joseph Tydings George Christian Marys and in the back: Marvin Watson Frank Wolfe Douglass Cater Dr. Burkley ✓ Merriman Smith, UPI ✓ Doug Cornell, AP 2 USSS agents and Lem Johns in the front behind the pilots.	
	12:46p				Helicopter departed Crossland Senior High School--the President talking w/ the Senators about the various legislative programs he had accomplished in the field of education.  (At one point Sen. Tydings leaned over Sen. Brewster to Marys and said that Louis Goldstein, the Comptroller of the State of Maryland had been in the audience and had not had a chance to speak to the President. Then the Senator dictated a letter to Mr. Goldstein for the President's signature saying that Joe Tydings had told the President that he was in the audience and he was sorry he had not had a chance to see him, and thank you for the help he has given the President.	

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					The President thanked Carl Perkins today and said he would get Doug Cater to talk to him.	
					As the helicopter landed, the President spotted Mr. Bryant going across the south grounds leading the four beagles and pointed to them laughing.	
					Senator Tydings asked the President how he felt and the President replied as follows: "I am really worn out--I've been to the Ranch with Ambassadors, to Guam, to Punta del Este, and now to Germany."	
	12:55p				The helicopter landed at the White House Carl Perkins and the Senators went immediately to the waiting cars.	
					The President stopped briefly to talk to George Christian on the lawn, and then walked over and played with the dogs.	
	12:57p				Inside the Diplomatic entrance--the military aides were there as Mrs. Johnson was having a Beautification luncheon. The President said hello to Cpt. Charles Robb, USMC who was standing in the doorway. On the way through the room, he spotted Senator Birch Bayh and asked him what he was doing here. Sen. Bayh replied, "I'm going to have lunch with your wife, Mr. President." The President said it was good to see him, and continued through the mansion to the office.	
	12:59p				The President entered the oval office w/ Marvin Watson	
		1:02p				
	1:02---	1:40p			working desk w/ mary s and yb	
	bx4x					
	1:20p		f		Marvin Watson (pl)--re the delegation to the Nicaraguan Presidential Inauguration.	
					The President was told that Arthur Krim recommends including two people who have helped him very much and given much money--Charles Bassein and Joseph Harris. The President said to ask one, so it was agreed they would call Mr. Bassein and if he could not go, then call Mr. Harris.	

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✓ 4:45p	6:30				To Cabinet Room - to join Secretary Rusk Secretary McNamara Under Secretary Nicholas Katzenbach Deputy Secy Cyrus R. Vance General Earle Wheeler, Chairman, JSC General William Westmoreland Walt Rostow Robert Komer George Christian	OFF RECORD    This is a continuation of this morning's mtg
6:00p					Father Wunibald Schneider departed (had been houseguest in Room 303) Father Schneider rode to Texas w/ Mrs. Johnson aboard a Jetstar training flight.	
6:05p	6:07p				Mrs. Johnson in - (The President had asked her to "stick her head in the door before her departure for Texas.")	
6:30p					✓ To mjdr's room w/ Secy McNamara, talking about General Westmoreland's appearance before AP in New York and his speech before Joint Session tomorrow. President said that he thought a check would show that Nimitz and Ridgeway both came back to talk to a Joint Session.	
6:32p					To Oval Office	
6:34p			t		Ashton Gonella	

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C	6:40p				The President went to the Cabinet Room for OFF RECORD visit with Congressman Joseph Resnick and approx 40 representatives of radio stations and newspapers in the Congressman's district.	
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					ATTENDANCE:	
					Phyllis Bernstein, Woodstock Week, WKNY Radio, Woodstock, NY	
					Helen Bloom, Middletown Record, Middletown, NY	
					Allan Emory, Schnectady Gazette, Schnectady, New York	
					Anne Gartrell, Secretary to Cong. Resnick	
					Kiki Godwin, Ulster County Townsman, Kingston, NY	
					Sumner Hall, Saugerties Post, Saugerties, NY	
					Annabar Jensis, Greene County News, [REDACTED] Catskill, NY	
					Dee Dee Kenna, Cong. Resnick's staff	
					Everett Landers, Hyde Park Townsman, Hyde Park, NY	
					Arthur Lee, Schnectady Gazette, Schnectady, NY	
					Charles McCluskey, WHVW Radio, Hyde Park, NY	
					Karen McRorey, Resnick staff	
					Beverly Macht, Resnick staff	
					William Morrissey, Poughkeepsie WKIP Radio	
					Herman Osten, Wappingers and South Dutchess News, Wappinger Falls, NY	
					[REDACTED] Andrew Overstreet, Hudson Register Star, Hudson, NY	
					Lou Pells, WEOK Radio, Poughkeepsie, NY	
					Richard Raskin, WGNY Radio, Kingston, NY	
					Daniel Roher, Resnick Staff	
					Herb Schein, WEOK Radio	
					John Simonds, Gannett News Service, Newburgh, NY	
					Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth [REDACTED] Sterling, WHUC Radio, Hudson, NY	
					Robert Swift, Southern Dutchess News, Poughkeepsie, NY	
					Violet Swift, Resnick staff	
					Campbell Thompson, WGNY Radio, Kingston, NY	
					James Thompson, WGHQ Radio, Kingston, NY	

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In his request for a report, Cong Resnick said the Vietnam issue is the overriding issue of these newsmen. He says they generally support the Administration position, although they probably lean to a more "hawkish view". e. Resnick says the most important domestic issue for this group ~~six times~~ is the problem of crime.

MEMORANDUM

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WASHINGTON

For Marie Fehmer:

Congressman Joseph Resnick brought 32 people to visit with the President. Most of them were radio and newspaper people from his district; a few were from his staff.

The group met with the President in the cabinet room Thursday evening from 6:45 to 7:25, approximately.

The President explained that he could not have a news conference, but would be glad to discuss matters of interest. He was asked what he was doing about "credibility gap" problems. He answered that he was doing the same things that caused the criticism; this brought sympathetic laughter. He went on to say that in most complaints, examination of facts showed that reporters had forecast some action of his, without any firm basis, and then claimed they were mis-led when forecasts proved untrue.

He was asked about claims that he was not working hard enough for peace, and reviewed in detail the long history of those efforts. His emphasis was that he had tried every way he knew to get negotiations started, and was ready to consider any new ways. (Two of the broadcast reporters said to me that he'd changed their minds, that they now understood and appreciated how hard the President had worked for peace.)

He also reported his efforts at improved education and health service to the nation, as well as his view that the economy was doing well.

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	7:25p				To Oval Office	
	7:30p				To the mansion --stopping in mjdr's room to tell mf that he would be right back	
	7:50p				To the Oval Office	
	7:51p		t		<del>                    </del> Joe Califano (pl)	
✓	7:55p		t		Jack Valenti - returning his call	
	7:56p				George Christian in	
✓	8:00p		t		Mrs. Simon McHugh - jnviting her and her husband to dinner -- they had guests and regretted	
	8:45p				To the mansion w/ MF -	
					and directly into the dining room for dinner	
	8:47p		t		Lynda - in the theater, asking if she would like to join	
	8:48p		t		Operator - "tell the chief I'll be ready in ten minutes"	
	<del>            </del>					
	8:50p				Lynda joined w/ a friend of hers, Judith Giles neither of them ate dinner	
	8:55p		t		Douglass Cater - re republicans having press conference this morning on education matters -- and asking if it is true that we were responsible for circulating a letter	

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