

THE WHITE HOUSE
PRESIDENT LYNDON B. JOHNSON
DAILY DIARY

Date June 5, 1967

The President began his day at (Place)

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Day Monday

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	In	Out	Lo	LD		
	4:30 a		f		Walt Rostow - in the Situation Room	
✓	5:09a		f		Secretary Rusk - in his office	
	6:15 a. m.		f		Walt Rostow - in his office	
	6:35 a		f		George Christian - in his office	
	6:40 a				Breakfast [REDACTED] in room	
					Usher reports George Christian in and out of the President's bedroom during these morning hours	
	6:42a		f		Walt Rostow	
	6:49 a		t		Walt Rostow	
	6:55 a		t		Walt Rostow	
					Sgt. Paul Glynn came on duty at 7:30p -- he found the President quiet--watching TV. Pres gave no indications of it being anything but a normal day--showered, shaved, and dressed, and left the bedroom -	
					bkfst of chipped beef, grapefruit and tea.	

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Receipt of msg via "hot line" from Kosygin - re UAR-Israel Fighting

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✓	7:50 a			t	Ambassador Arthur Goldberg - New York City	
✓	7:57a		f		Secy McNamara	
	7:58a		f		Walt Rostow	
	8:07a		f		Walt Rostow	
	8:15 a				To Office	
	8:15a				Reley of Rusk to Gromyko msg on hostilities - re "hot line"	
	8:17a				To Situation Room	
					8:47a - Via "hot line" - Johnson to Kosygin - re actions to end hostilities	
					for meeting w/ Secretary Rusk	
					Secretary McNamara	
					Walt Rostow and George Christian	
	9:25a				Hon. William B. Macomber, Jr. --Asst Secy of State for Congressional Relations	

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	9:29a				Down the colonnade w/ Secy Rusk, Secretary McNamara and Hon. William Macomber -- the President walked them to their cars at C-9	
					<i>Press filmed this</i>	
	9:30a				To Oval Office - w/ George Christian	
	9:56a		t		George Christian - pl	
✓	10:00a		f		Mrs. Arthur Krim (who is a houseguest in the mansion)	
	10:02a	10:15a			George Christian to Oval Office	
	10:05a		f		Hon. Walt Rostow	
	10:06a				The President buzzed mf and said, "Find out from Bess Abell if the 7 and 8th are good for Mrs. Johnson to have K.esinger here. He was coming on the 20th, but the baby might come then, and we'll be out of town."	
					mf called Ashton, and the President --seeing the light--got on the telephone and listened as mf asked Ashton. After Ashton replied that Mrs. Johnson's book was clear for that date, the President said, "I'm on here, too, honey, and I just needed to know so that we could make plans."	
	10:10a		t		Walt Rostow (pl)	
	10:20a		f		Colonel Cross - who told the President that General Eisenhower had expressed an interest in getting details of this morning's happenings, and the President said that he	

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					would arrange to have someone brief Mr. Eisenhower right away.)	
	10:22a				The President buzzed mf and asked for General Wheeler.	
✓	10:23		t		General Earle Wheeler , Chairman, JCS	
	10:25a				The President buzzed mf and said, "Tell Col. Cross that Buzz Wheeler will call Eisenhower immediately."	
	10:50a				The President buzzed mf and asked that "the top television man come into my office and work on the sound on these sets. I like a clear, sharp sound"-- and the President illustrated that sound in a staccato voice , "but what I'm getting is a mumbly foggy sound." -- he illustrated this also, making the sound of a young child who thumbs his lips and hums.	
	11:00a				The President from his little lounge buzzed mf -- He asked her to sit down and tell about her weekend in New York. At this time all three television sets were going in the lounge, and the President would often during the conversation look up at them. He made little comment--asking only a few questions. While he was listening, it was evident to see that his real thoughts were elsewhere. He was drinking a diet Root Beer.	
	11:10a		f		Walt Rostow (The President merely acknowledged the receipt of some info from Mr. Rostow and made no other comments)	

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	11:14a				To Oval Office - asked for another root beer	
	11:16a				At the ticker machines, reading each one carefully. At one point, he bent down on his hindquarters, and opened the doors on the lower part of the ticker machine, to read the material as it came off the ticker.	
	11:27a				The President buzzed mf - "Can't you get that TV man here?"	
	11:35a				To Cabinet Room from Oval Office, saying, "Are they ready in there?" and dropping on mjdr's desk the nomination he had just signed on J. Russell Tuten of Georgia to be Federal Co-Chairman of the Coastal Plains Commission	
	11:36a		t		George Christian (pl)	
					In attendance:	
		12:45			Hon. Dean Acheson, former Secy of State	
		"			Hon. Lucius D. Battle, Asst Secy of State for Near Eastern and South Asian Affairs	
		"			✓ Secretary of State Dean Rusk	
		"			Hon. Llewellyn Thompson, American Ambassador to USSR	
		"			Hon. McGeorge Bundy, President, the Ford Foundation, New York City	
		"			Hon. Clark Clifford	
		"			✓ Secretary of Defense McNamara	
					Hon. Walt W. Rostow	
	11:37a	12:45p			George Christian joined	
	11:38a				The President buzzed and asked mf for coffee to be served in the Cabinet Room	
					At this point, mf handed him a memo which he earlier today had marked for handing to Secy McNamara concerning appointments "when I see him later today."	

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					The President looked at the paper, and then turned and leaned over to Secy McNamara who was sitting on his left, and then said, "I want you to study this, and I'll talk to you later about it."	
	11:39a		t		mjdr on pl - "The Vice President ough t to be here if he is in town. See ifyou can get him."	
					(mjdr discovered that the VP is flying in from Minnesota where he made a speech last night--reaching Washington at 2:10p today)	
	11:40a		t		Tom Johnson (pl)	
	11:41	11:42a			Tom Johnson to the Cabinet Room	
	11:43a				Tom Johnson in Cabinet Room - out almost immediately	
	11:44a				Tom Johnson in again- out immediately (appeared to be taking papers in to George Christian -- because on entering the Cabinet Room he would have a paper in his hand, but he departed the room each time empty-handed.)	
	11:50a				General Wheeler called Secy McNamara -- mf got him from the Cabinet Room, and he talked in mjdr's room Secy McNamara's only response was "fine, that's good, excellent."	
	12:14p				mf took to Mr. Rostow in the Cabinet Room two xerox copies of a message from Prime Minister Wilson of Great Britain, covered by a short note from Sir Patrick Dean.	

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	12:45p				The President stopped in mjdr's room and read Bob Fleming's memo on Network Coverage of this morning's Security Council session. As he went to his office, the Evening Star's headline caught his eye, "War Erupts in Mideast." The President went directly to the ticker machines.	
	12:46p				As mf closed the door from his ofc to mjdr's room, the President looked up from the ticker machines [REDACTED] and said, "Tell George to come in."	
	12:47p	12:50			George Christian in.	
	12:49p		t		MW (pl)	
✓	12:59p	1:29p			QUADRIAD - in Oval Office	OFF RECORD
Suggested agenda included:					Hon. Henry Fowler, Secy of Treasury	
1) General economic situation					Hon. Gardner Ackley, Chairman, CEA	
2) Situation in bond market					Hon. Charles Schultze, Director, BOB	
3) When should tax increase proposal be reactivated?					Hon. William McChesney Martin, Chairman, Board of Governors of the Fed Res System	
4) Relation of tax proposal to several elements					Joe Califano	
5) Nature of tax proposal						
6) The gold problem						

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	1:40p				mjdr took in a note, telling the President that the VP would arrive in his office around 2:00. The President made no comment. She also took in a memo from Rostow, dated today at 1:20p, explaining the point he wished to make in this morning's mtg -- the President said, "that's all right." The President also asked mjdr to tell George to bring him "page by page, as each page becomes available, any briefing he has."	
	1:35p	1:46p			OFF RECORD: Mr. Fred Kappel, Chairman of the Board, American Tel & Tel Hon. John Macy, Chairman, Civil Service Commission Joe Califano to present to the President Mr. Kappel's report on Executive Salaries Mr. Kappel is Chairman of the President's Advisory Committee on Top Federal Salaries.	
	1:47p	1:55p			The Ambassador of Finland, Olavi Munkki accompanied by Hon. James Symington, Chief of Protocol The Amb presented to the President a booklet marking Finland's 50th anniversary of independence. The booklet is bound in blue leather -- and on its cover in gold letters are the words, "Lyndon B. Johnson, President of the United States." This is a courtesy farewell call. the Ambassador leaves for Finland tomorrow returning to the U. S. in early July.	

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	1:51p				MW buzzed from his pl in his ofc to mjdr's ofc pl and said that the President had just directed him to move the gold ashtrays from one end of the sofas to the other. He wanted this ofc to know that they had been moved and placed in their present position at the President's direction.	
	2:04p	2:25p			OFF RECORD: Hon. John Love, Governor of Colorado (Governor Love is back from 8 days in VietNam and a day each in Bangkok and Tokyo. While there he met with top military men -- and was briefed by our Ambassadors in Thailand and Japan. Prior to the appt he told Gov Farris Bryant that he had two observations about his trip -- 1), he does not see how a military victory can be won; and 2) he thinks "political types" would be more effective in the management of the nonmilitary phases.	
	2:25p				mjdr took to the President a Bob Fleming memo giving the President the gist of the various peoples reports on television	
	2:26p			t	George Christian (pl)	
	2:29p				To mjdr's room w/ Tom Johnson and George Christian -- He carried with him some pictures and handed them to Mary S, saying "I don't think this one is very good." (the group was composed of pictures to be given and used by USIA.) Then back to Oval Office -- and almost immediately to mjdr's room, handing her the briefing material for his	

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					meeting with the Finnish Ambassador and the blue leather bound booklet which the Ambassador presented to him, saying "This can be stored--or whatever you do with it."	
	2:30p				Down the colonnade and toward C-9 w/ Tom Johnson and George Christian (Went to see the dogs and talk with Mr. Bryant who told the President that Ashton's dog was still there, that Ashton was feeding him, but that her dog barked so much he disturbed the other dogs --- according to the President's later "telling" of this conversation to Ashton at lunch table.)	
	2:33p				Reported upstairs in the mansion	
	2:35p				LUNCH w/ George Christian and Tom Johnson (Chef provided: roast beef sandwiches grilled pimiento-cheese sandwiches, cold slaw and fruit jello w custard sauce).	
	2:40p		t		Ashton Gonella - come down here, I've got an important report for you. (See story on the dogs in 2:30 entry above.) During lunch, the President approved a Watson memo dealing with the Vice President's attendance at tonight's 6:00p mtg. <i>(she did not eat. Had milk only)</i> Ashton Gonella joined at the President's invitation/ At 3:00p, he went into his bedroom and listened to the 3:00 news, w/ George and Tom accompanying him. He asked Paul to loosen his suit, for the suit "is too tight, now," he said. Then the President started joking, and causing George and Tom to laugh. Said whenever he got a little bit upset his appetite increased --- (he ate 4 cheese sandwiches and 2 servings of dessert) and that right now he was starving--- just couldn't get enough to eat. Quizzed Geo on mood of newsmen. Discussed what he considered to be an error on the part of the State Dept. spokesman--McClosky. Tom got clearance on announcements of appointments. Marvin Watson got approval for the balance of the day schedule.	

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	3:15p		f		Hon. Walt Rostow	
	3:17p		f		Hon. Walt Rostow	
	3:20p				George Christian and Tom Johnson out	
	3:21p				Lights out in the President's bedroom	
	3:32p		f		Walt Rostow	
	3:40p		t		Walt Rostow (pl)	
	3:45p		t		Joe Califano (pl)	
	✓ 3:49p		t		Secretary Rusk	
	✓ 3:52p		t		Secretary McNamara	
	4:20p		+		Tom Johnson (pl)	
	4:21p		+		Joe Califano (pl)	
	✓ 4:21p		f		Secretary McNamara	
	✓ 4:25p		t		Secretary Rusk	

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	4:30p		f		Tom Johnson	
	4:35p		t		MW (pl)	
	4:36p		t		Walt Rostow (pl)	
	4:38p		f		Joe Califano	
	4:39p		t		Walt Rostow (pl)	
	4:41p		t		MW (pl)	
	4:54p		f		Walt Rostow	
	4:56p		t		George Christian (pl)	
	4:58p		t		George Christian (pl)	
	4:59p		f		Joe Califano	
	5:00p		t		George Christian (pl)	

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	5:02p		t		MW (pl)	
	5:03p		t		Joe Califano (pl)	
	5:20p				To Oval Office	
	5:25p		t		George Christian (pl)	
	5:30p		t		MW (pl)	
✓	5:31p	5:40p			OFF RECORD: Pat Heffernan, Manager of Reuters Noyes Thomas, special correspondent of the News of the World (GC says this paper has the largest circulation of any in the world) and George Christian Mr. Heffernan requested this appt saying that Mr. Thomas wanted to talk about the Middle East situation. Heffernan "is such a good man and supports on VietNam," says GC. Thus GC recommended that the request for appt be honored.	
✓	5:40p	6:07p			Secretary Rusk	
	5:40p		t		mary s - (pl) - asking for copies of George's last briefing	
	5:46p		t		██████████ Tom Johnson on George Christian's pl -- asking Tom to ask George to come in to his office	
	5:47p				George Christian to President's office- in for a minute, then out again	

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	5:50p				George Christian in - then out immediately	
	5:51p		t		Joe Califano (pl)	
	5:56p	6:07p			George Christian - w/ flimsies on this afternoon's briefing	
	6:08p				mjdr took in a paper from Mr. Rostow that WWR had requested the President see prior to his next meeting.	
	6:12p	6:58p			The President to the Cabinet Room to join Vice President Humphrey Hon. Dean Acheson Hon. McGeorge Bundy Hon. Clark Clifford Secretary Robert McNamara Secretary Dean Rusk Hon. Richard Helms, Director CIA Walt W. Rostow George Christian	
	6:45p				Hon. Lucius K. Battle -- joined late for on the Hill, Asst secy of State for Middle East	
	6:32p		t		Joe Califano--from the Cabinet Room	

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	6:34	6:35p			Secy Rusk out of the meeting into mjdr's office to take a phone call from Mr. Sisco. The Secy Asked Mr. Sisco the latest Security Council developments, said "I see, I see." and returned to the Cabinet Room.	
	6:45p				Joined by Hon. Lucius Battle --he had been on the Hill	
	6:47p				The President was taken a copy of Secy Rusk's statement to the Press	
	6:58p				President to oval office, pausing in route to point to picture on the front page of the "EVENING STAR"--a picture of the President, Secy Rusk, Secy McNamara, --pointing to himself and saying, "There is a picture of a sad man." He then turned to Marys and said at least you should be happy after a nice weekend in New York.	
	7:00p	7:29p 7:29p			Secy Rusk and into oval office Secy McNamara	
	7:30p		t		Marys (pl)--"Bring me anything you have. I have another appointment, but I just can't keep it right now." The President signed the formal withdrawal of the nomination of Hugh Heily as postmaster at Columbus, Mont., and of Mrs. Marian E.	

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	7:40p		t		Joe Califano (pl)	
	7:45p		t		Marvin Watson (pl)	
✓	7:46p	8:35p			OFF RECORD: Edward P. Morgan, ABC commentator George Christian Morgan -- in his request for an appt -- said he would particularly value the President's thoughts as to what the President "thinks is wrong with the President in general and broad casting in particular as the media operates today." He also expressed hope that the President will appear on Public Broadcast Laboratory without commercial interruption for a conversation in depth.	
	8:07p		f		Walt W. Rostow	
	8:13p	8:31p			■ Walt W. Rostow joined	
	8:40p	9:05p			Working desk, signing mail, reading Macy memos, signing pictures w/ mary s	
	8:42p		t		George Christian (pl)--re reports that the Presidnet is signing now. The President said he would sent them on, and for GC to release when he wanted, but not all at once.	
	8:52p		f		Walt Rostow	
	8:58p		t		Joe Califano	
	9:00p				Turned on television to see ABC Special on the Middle East	
	9:02p		t		Joe Califano (pl)	

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	9:15p	9:50p			Working night reading in little office	
	9:35p		f		Walt Rostow	
	9:45p		f		Joe Cal ifano	
	9:50p				The President left his office, saying goodnight, office and dug through papers which had accumulated on mary s' desk while working night reading. The President read several of the papers and gave instructions on them.	
	9:53p				The President to the mansion	
	9:55p		t		Op. --ring Mrs. Krim's room and ask her to come down and eat w/ me if w she is there. If she is not there, don't bother to call me back. ---Mrs. Krim (a houseguest) was out of the White House at the time.	
	9:56p		t		mary s--"Come on over and eat w/ us, and then you can go back and finish up in the office.	
	9:58				mary s joined for DINNER (Rack of lamb; eggplant casserole; summer squash, saute; w/ Mrs. Johnson chopped salad; rolls, caramel custard.)	
					(Watching the CBS Special on the Middle East)---The President watched w/ some amusement the commentary being given, saying it was easy to tell there was some Jewish background in the commentator by the slanted method in which he was reporting.	
	10:12p		t		Marvin Watson	
	10:25p		t		Op. "Tell the Chief to come on up."	

The President was again teasing mary s about her Marine and the weekend in NY--told Mrs. Johnson that she should see that mary s got home and to bed, for she obviously had gotten little sleep over the weekend! The President then demonstrated, dragging his shoulders. Mrs. J answered that the

President was more likely expressing how he felt, or should feel after such a long, hard day.

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	10:26p		t		George Christian--The President began the conversation by asking if he were watching the CBS Special. The President then said he thought that Dan Rather had been rather mean in his comments on the program.	
	10:30p				he President to his room for a rub	
	10:35p		t		Justice Abe Fortas	
	10:45p		t		mary s (pl)--Justice Fortas on hold--"Bring me the folder I just gave you on the statistics on the airplanes downed in the Middle East today."	
	11:15				Retired	
					Houseguest: Mrs. Arthur Krim	
					Upon looking at the mail signed by the President this evening, mjdr commented that it was interesting in that it was of wide variety, but small quantity. (List of evening signing sent to DT)	

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