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	6:15a				Awake	
	6:29a		t		The Situation Room	
	7:05a				Tray w/ melon balls and coffee to the President's bedroom - breakfast in bed	
✓	7:58a		f		Jack Valenti	
	8:12a				The President asked for Secy McNamara -- he was en route to the White House -- "never mind"	
✓	8:15a		f		Justice Abe Fortas	
	8:18a				"hot line" -- Kosygin to Johnson - cease-fire ignored	
	8:19a		f		Walt Rostow	
✓	8:21a		t		Justice Fortas:	
	8:30a				Bipartisan Congressional Leadership Breakfast: second floor (MW and Walt Rostow were only two staff members there w/ Pres. not on the breakfast. Rostow departed shortly after breakfast started and MW departed at time breakfast began.)	
					ATTENDANCE: The President sat at his usual place at the head of the table and to his right, in order Speaker McCormack (on the President's right) as listed. (place cards used) sat: Cong. Carl Albert Cong. Gerald Ford Mike Manatos Hon. Lawrence O'Brien, the PMG Hon. Barefoot Sanders	

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	10:20a				Arrived in Oval Room Ofc - w/ MW - walked straight thru as if to go into bathroom	
	10:20a				The President brought from his bedroom and his morning mtg in a folder to his office, the following memos -- in addition to others:	
					A draft of what looked like an answer to a wire from Romney, dated June 6, 1967, at 9:30 p.m., concerning Romney's statement 'calling on the U.S. to avoid charting a 'one-country course' and later addendum insuring that state of Israel be preserved.	
					Joe Califano's briefing memo for this a.m.'s breakfast--dated June 6, 8:45p	
					A CIA - Vietnam cable - June 7, 9:10a	
					Reuters ticker indicating possible fall of Nasser from power	
					CIA-s Arab-Israeli situation report as of 8:30a -- and the 8:00 a.report	
					A typed copy of msg from Kosygin to Pres J - re Israel ignoring Security Council resolution with the result of USSR proposing an immediate reconvening of Security Council to take effective measures.	
					George Christian's press briefing #862-A w/ marked part on page 3 -- w/ question on neutrality position	
✓	10:21a		f		Cong. Carl Albert	
	10:25a				The President walked down the hall, past Mildred Stegall's office and through the West Basement to [REDACTED] Walt Rostow's ofc. Mr. Rostow was meeting there w/ McGeorge Bundy, and the President went into Mr. Rostow's private ofc and discussed there w/ him and Mr. Bundy the wording of some communication.	
					He then walked up to Joe Califano's ofc, asking [REDACTED] Califano's girls, if he could see Joe. He went directly into Joe's ofc, where John Roche was talking with Joe Califano. He looked at a memo on "Abe Fortas' comments" and told	

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	11:55a				To Oval Office - w/ MW	
	11:55a		t		Walt Rostow (pl)	
	11:56a		t		Joe Califano (pl)	
	11:57a	12:04p			Senator Everett Dirksen Cong. Gerald Ford Cong. John Burns Edward Bennett Williams , President of the Washington Redskins Commissioner Pete Rozelle, Commissioner	
					to present lifetime pass to National Professional Football games	
					The pass is 14kt gold, 3 1/2" x 2", and is engraved, "The American Football League and the National Football League extend to the Honorable Lyndon Baines Johnson, President of the United States, and Mrs. Johnson, a lifetime pass to all league football contests and the courtesies of club facilities thereof."	

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✓	12:05p	1:00p			To Cabinet Room for NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL MEETING	
		1:00p			The Vice President Secretary Rusk	
					Under Secretary Nicholas Katzenbach	
					Under Secretary Eugene Rostow	
					Ambassador Llewellyn Thompson	
					AID Director, William Gaud	
					Asst Secy, Lucius Battle	
					Asst Secy, Joseph Sisco	
		1:00p			Secretary McNamara	
		1:00p			Deputy Secy Cyrus Vance	
		1:00p			General Earle Wheeler	
					Secretary Fowler	
					Governor Farris Bryant	
					Director Richard Helms	
					Director Leonard Marks	
					Mr. McGeorge Bundy	
					Hon. Clark Clifford	
					Walt Rostow	
					George Christian	
					Bromley Smith	
	12:14p				Joe Califano joined	
	12:16p				Francis Bator and Harold (Hal) Saunders joined	
					--at the President's invitation	

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	2:13p				t o the oval office alone---en route mjdr gave the President a sit room report on the Middle East situation. The President replied, "They bring these too often," and continued into his office, reading the paper.	
	2:14p		t		Walt W. Rostow (pl)	
	2:30p		f		Mike Manatos	
	2:34p		t		Marvin Watson (pl)	
	2:35p		t		mary s (pl)	
	2:35	2:55p			mary s in the President's office. When she went in, the President was sitting at his signing table, signing Congressional bills . He had completed signing a group of pictures, and asked mary s to have the steward put him a root beer in the little office, then mary s take the pictures out and come back into the office.	
	See # 9A.				The President went into the little office, talking w/ mary s about some of her friends and offering her advise.	
					By he President read a memo from John Roche in the Kremlin ^{on his reflections on life} and instructed that it be sent to Walt Rostow to bring up with his group.	

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	2:38p		t		George Christian (pl)--"Do you want to go eat with me. Why don't you bring Tom Johnson also?"	
	This draft to Gov. Romney was response to the Governor's telegram asking that the US avoid charting a "one-country course" in the Middle East.				The President then went to his big desk and started handing papers from it to mary s--numerous situation room reports, the draft of a wire which he had dictated last night to Gov. Romney and now had decided not to send, and some Califano memos, instructing that this could all be filed.	
✓	2:42		f		Secy Rusk--The President took the call with his receiver, but he was overheard to begin "What is happening with us in the United Nations today?"	
					The President asked mary s to go into Marvin Watson 's office and get a copy copy of a statement Mrs. Krim had left this morning pertaining to a Reston column and Jewish reactions to the present situation. The President then read parts of this paper to Secy Rusk.	
	2:46p				George Christian into the office (the President still talking w/ Secy Rusk)	
	2:48p				Tom Johnson joined (President still talking w/ the Secy of State)	
					The President read a memo about press coverage of the crisis, and then turned to George Christian and asked why he didnot give the networks advance notice of his statements, for ABC had missed one yesterday, and NBC joined late this morning. Mr. Christian replied that they had been notified in advance and said to go ahead.	
					Tom Johnson Johnson gave the President a report on the coverage from the White House. He said said the networks were really competitive, but that that Dan Rather was really stealing the show right now, for he was young and handsome. He said that already Dan Rather had been on the air about 5 or 6 times today. Tom Johnson also added that Dan Rather asked it to be relayed to the President that he considered last night's interview as strict confidence. Dan Rather said he felt this was the President's home and he should be allowed to walk around and express his views without always being quoted. He said the interview interview had helped him in writing for today.	

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	2:50p				The President turned on the television sets--the Security Council was on all three networks. As the President watched w/ GC and Tom J, he continued to hand many s papers from his desk.	
	2:57p				The President walked down the colonnade to the mansion for LUNCH w/ George Christian and Tom Johnson	
<p>MENU:</p> <p>Jellied beef consomme</p> <p>Broiled liver</p> <p>French green beans</p> <p>Marianated tomatoes. Dessert: Fresh peaches and assorted cookies (chocolate chip, oatmeal, caramel-nut), Hot Sanka.</p>						
	2:58p				The President and group reported ● upstairs	
	3:00p		t		Marvin Watson	
	3:40p				Lunch ended	
	3:45p				Mike Manatos reported Kennedy Amendment defeated in Senate 22/64. Msg sent to mansion for Pres with Sit Rm. report.	
					Sgt. Gaddis reported that during this time the President read newspapers, looked at work sent over from the West Wing, and slept for about an hour.	

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	5:28p		t		Hon. McGeorge Bundy, President, Ford Foundation	
	5:43p	- 5:56p	t		Walt W. Rostow (pl)	
	5:35p				The following was sent in a folder to the President in the mansion: From Rostow: 2 p.m. Arab-Israeli Sit Report rec'd at 4:32p in Mrs. Robert's ofc Bob Fleming's Memo: "Networks' Crisis Coverage"--rec'd at 4:25pm. Rostow's memo re his talk w/ Abe Feinberg re plea from Mrs. Krim for Presidential action to stem anti-Johnson feelings on part of Jewish people resulting from neutrality statement by McCloskey. Rostow had also discussed importance of President's role in the outcome to press people: Max Frankel, Joe Kraft, and Joe Alsop. Sit Room's 5:12pm transmittal of State Dept's report on Arab-Israel situation.	
	5:56p		t		Marvin Watson (pl)	

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	5:58p		t		John Gonella (pl) - (Mr. Gonella joined the White House staff as Staff Assistant in the Congressional Liaison Department today.)	
	6:08p				The President to the oval office w/ Marvin Watson	
C	6:12p	6:29p			OFF RECORD: Cong. Wayne Aspinall	
C	6:28p		t		Secy Udall--he was out, so he talked to his Secretary, <u>Miss Jane Life</u>	
J	6:29p	6:32p			OFF RECORD: Peter Bertoglio, Supreme Venerable of the Order of Sons of Italy in Am Cong. Pete Rodino Cong. Pete Rodino Mike Rivisto, Supreme National Deputy Charles Stanziale (Cong. Rodino's son-in-law)	
	6:30	6:32p			Joe Cal ifano joined	
					This picture is to be used at the biennial convention of the Order. --one of the largest Italian organizations in the country.	

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	6:32p				The President to the Cabinet Room to join General Earle Wheeler, Chmn, Joint Chiefs of Staff Secy Robert McNamara, Secy of Defense Secretary Henry Fowler, Secy of the Treasury Director Richard Helms, Director, Central Intelligence Agency Mr. Clark Clifford Hon. McGeorge Bundy Hon. Walt W. Rostow Hon. Nicholas deB. Katzenbach, Under Secy of State Mr. "Hal" Harold Saunders, NSC Staff Hon. Lucius D. Battle, Asst Secy of State for Near East and South Asia Hon. Joseph Sisco, Asst Secy of State for International Organizations Hon. George Christian	
	6:42p				Hon. Dean Rusk, Secy of State joined--late because he had been on the Hill	
	6:34p	6:35p			Marvin Watson took in the following note of information that Miss Life had obtained: "Secy Udall reports that Rex Lee is under consideration for the Number 3 spot in AID. This is equivalent to the position of Asst Secy for Administration. May I relay this information to Chairman Aspinall?" The President replied yes.	

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	7:00p				A note was taken the President by mary s that Chairman Wilbur Mills was calling.	
✓	7:03p	7:28p	f		The President received the call in his oval office from Wilbur Mills	
	7:03p				The President to the Oval Office	
	7:02p	7:04			Ambassador Arthur Goldberg Called for Mr. Joe Sisco--Mr. Sisco out to mjd'r's office to take the call --then returned to the meeting	
	7:31p				mary s took in the latest Situation Room report on the Arab-Israeli situation and Bob Fleming's 7:30pm memo on Network Crisis Coverage.	
					The President said, "We have just had a crisis. They defeated the debt limit. It is the worst defeat we have had this year."	
	7:32p				The President returned to the Cabinet Room	
	7:55p				The President walked out onto the collonade w/ Secy McNamara and General Wheeler. Mrs. Johnson was walking in the Rose Garden, and she came up and kissed the President, then walked into the Cabinet Room with him.	
	7:59p				The President to his oval office, through mjd'r's office where he told Mrs. Johnson goodbye, and that he would see her later, and told mary s to come on in.	
					The President went to his signing table where he approved	
					A picture for Charles Roche to transmit to Chmn John Bailey	
					Pictures for George Christian to transmit to USIA for publication in Tehran of the new Ambassador from Iran presenting his credentials to the President.	

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					More of the President's action at the signing table:	
					Signed an Order designating M. Price Daniel of Texas as Vice Chmn of the Advisory Commission on Intergovernmental Relations (from Hopkins/ Macy thru Watson)	
					Signed a Macy proposal of the promotion of David Berlew as Peace Corps Director in Ethiopia	
					Approved a Macy memo suggesting Sidney Weintraub to be AID Mission Director in Chile	
					Approved Harold Davis to be Plans and Program Officer with AID in VietNam	
					Approved Thomas C. Irvin to be AID Assistant Regional Director for New Life Development in VietNam	
					Approved Dr. Carl M. Voyles as Medical Officer with AID in VietNam	
					Signed a message (for Printing) for National Cleaner Air Week--Oct. 22, 1967	
					Signed a letter to Carol Welch responding to one from her expressing appreciation for privilege of working in White House and for the President and views of her new job with VISTA	
					Signed a letter to Mrs. Joseph P. Kennedy acknowledging and thanking her for her note re the President's presence at the launching of the carrier JOHN F. KENNEDY	
					--the President also instructed that a photostat of Mrs. Kennedy's letter and his reply be sent to Secy Robert McNamara.	
					Signed a request from Governor Farris Bryant for a two month extension of Federal Assistance to the Kansas areas affected by tornadoes and severe storms--to now end on August 10, 1967.	
					Approved a wire of condolence to Mrs. Berneice Greider upon the death of her father.	
	8:00p		t		Marvin Watson (pl)--"Come in."	
	8:00	8:02p			Marvin Watson in the oval office while the President was working the signing table w/ mary s. The President told MW that he thought his telephone labels should be brought up to date. He said that he really did not need a pl to John Gonella, but if Mr. Gonella was in an office where there was already a line, it could be left there.	

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					The President talked w/ MW about the appointment of David Bell as Peace Corps Director in Ethiopia, saying he was not sure he should make the appointment. The President said he should be getting some good out of all the \$30000 a year job appointments, and he was not sure he was. He finally approved this appointment and other such appointments, s saying he hoped that Macy and Watson would not put them in front of him unless they were good men and should be appointed.	
					The President instructed MW to have Barefoot Sanders get lists of the Democrats who had voted against the Debt Limit Bill for him tonight.	
					Then the President asked MW what had happened on the Virginia Judges.	
	8:02p				Marvin Watson out---the President asked marys to gather any of the night reading she had. --he immediately began working the night reading in the little office, drinking a root beer as he did so.	
	8:10p		f		Marvin Watson (pl)--"Barefoot Sanders has the list of Democrats who voted no today." The President replied, "Bring him in."	
	8:12p				Barefoot Sanders and Marvin Watson into the office	
					The President was working his night reading, and showing his usual concern for those around him. He saw a memo from Bess Abell with a suggested list of exp invitees for a White House Presidential Scholars Ceremony, Reception, and Buffet on June 13. He said he would like to have "all the girls in his office" plus Evelyn Irons in Joe Califano's office attend. He wrote these in the list, then noticed that marys was already on the list, so he said, maybe the others were omitted because it was a younger crowd crowd, but tell Mrs. Johnson I would like for her to consider asking these others also.	
	8:13p				The President, Barefoot Sanders, Marvin Watson began going over the list of Democrats who had voted no on the Debt Limit and those who were absent, forming ideas of how to get them behind the programs in the future.	

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	8:42p		f		Walt W. Rostow (at home)--Mr. Rostow gave the President a report which he had obtained from Eugene Rostow and through CIA sources on the status of one of the rulers of the Middle East. Also discussed the implications this would have on the Americans in that country and the possible necessity of evacuating them.	
	8:50pm		f		George Christian (at home)--returning the President's call The President said he just wanted to visit w/ GC prior to his leaving and get his opinion on the Special Committee Meeting of the NSC, since he (the President) had been out of the room during much of the meeting. The President and GC talked more about the press reaction to McGeorge Bundy-- The President saying he was helping now, but had done so before and that George Christian should get some of the correspondence on the work that McG Bundy had done recently for the President.	
	9:04p		f		Walt W. Rostow (at home)--re the report he had given the President at 8:42pm.	
	9:18pm				The President went to the mansion after having worked all his night reading and then sitting down just to visit for a moment w/ Mary S.	
	9:21 pm				The President was reported upstairs in the mansion, joining Mrs. Johnson.	
	9:26pm		t		Marvin Watson (pl)	
	9:30pm		t	q	Mary S (pl)--Asking her to come join him and Mrs. Johnson for dinner in a few minutes, as he still had some telephone calls to make. The President said to bring along any other night reading that had arrived.	

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✓	9:36pm			t	Mrs. Arthur Krim, NY State	
✓	9:46pm			f	Hon. Arthur Goldberg, Amb to the UN, NYC	
	9:50	11:10p			mary s joined. The President and Mrs. Johnson were relaxing together in the West Hall. As mary s entered w/ a folder of additional work for the President, the President began working it, giving instructions, reading occasional pieces to Mrs. Johnson, etc.	
✓	9:53pm			t	Hon. Edmund (Pat) Brown, California. (Mrs. Johnson also talked)	
✓	10:10pm			t	Cong. Harley Staggers (President had placed the call at 9:45pm) The President said he had just finished reading the statement he had put in the Record on May 23 and that it was one of the nicest he had ever seen--he was so grateful to the Cong.	
					✱ The President asked Mrs. Johnson where Lynda was--was told she was out to dinner. He then decided to check on Luci.	
	10:11pm				The President asked for Luci Nugent--she was reported out to dinner. The President looked at Mrs. Johnson and remarked that he thought Luci was having a baby, so shouldn't she be staying home? Mrs. Johnson laughed and said that was some day soon, and she felt sure she would stay home that day!	
✓	10:15p				Lynda came in w/ her dinner date Mr. John Loftis of Corpus Christi-- They stood and talked w/ the President and Mrs. Johnson, the President questioning John about his job with Continental Oil.	

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	10:25pm				DINNER w/ The President seated marys on his right, teasing her that she Mrs. Johnson would really have to be good to live 'up to the place of honor. mary s	
✓					John Loftis accompanied them into the family dining room while Lynda went to get a record.	
	10:30p				Lynda and John Loftis departed the dining room for the Solarium.	
					During dinner the President and Mrs. Johnson were reminising about t days gone by. Mrs. J. C. Kellam, when they first remembered mary s, etc.	
10x					MENU: corned beef cooked carrots, onions, potatoes cabbage corn bread muffins--the President ate two w/ Mrs. Johnson's and mary s' butter plus honey on the second chocolate pudding --two servings coffee	
✓	10:44pm			t	Dale Malechek, LBJ Ranch--The President asked him about the rain, if Dale had been to church Sunday and where, the condition of the tanks, the progress of the construction, if the fish had come for the tanks, the condition of several fields, if they were watering the Tomlinson, etc.	
	11:10pm				The President walked w/ mary s to the elevator after giving her a star sapphire tie tack, a linen handkerchief, a pair of cufflinks, and a cigarette lighter with instructions to give them to "that Marine" for "I like him and think he is making you a happier girl." The President said to make sure the gifts were spread out over a suitable length of time, however.	

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