

THE WHITE HOUSE
 PRESIDENT LYNDON B. JOHNSON
 DAILY DIARY

Date 8 December 1967

The President began his day at (Place)

The White House

Day Friday

Entry No.	Time		Telephone f or t		Activity (include visited by)	Expenditure Code
	In	Out	Lo	LD		
	7:56a		t		Walt Rostow -pl	
	8:12a		t		Walt Rostow -pl	
✓	8:14a			t	Dale Malechek, LBJ Ranch	
	9:15a		t		Col. James U. Cross	
✓	9:25a		t		Captain Charles S. Robb	
✓	9:43a		t		Hon. Paul Rand Dixon, Chairman, Federal Trade Commission	
	9:45a				The President asked for Secy of State Dean Rusk -- he was out of the city, expected back this afternoon -- word left at his office	
	10:10a		t		Harry McPherson -pl	
	10:10a				The President to the West Hall where	
	11:05a		t		Mr. Walt W. Rostow	
	11:15a				The President to the West Hall where Mrs. Johnson was waiting for TV INTERVIEW on Lynda's and Chuck's Wedding by Ray Scherer, NBC Dan Rather, CBS Frank Reynolds, ABC Pool producer: Robert Asman (of NBC) Lead cameraman: Brad Kress (of NBC)	
					They filmed for about 33 minutes. Present were Bob Fleming, Liz Carpenter, Simone Poulain	

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					Following the filming the President went back to his bedroom, then out to west hall and talked with the correspondents informally for 20-25 minutes saying that if this is the format they want, he will sit down and talk with them on the successes of the administration. He pointed out how this summer due to his many exchangee= on the hot line, he averted a war in the Middle East which could have developed to make VietNam look like child's play. He pointed up the successes of this administration such as the outer space treaty, treaties with the USSR, and the fact that this country has not fallen apart, nor has NATO, although DeGaulle sent NATO out of Paris. Simone:mb	
	12:32p				The President to the oval office w/ Marvin Watson	
	12:33p		t		Barefoot Sanders -pl	
	12:34p		f		Joe Califano -- re paper the President had sent Mr. Califano by Gardner Ackley on the steel prices--and asked Joe Califano to call him on the paper	
	12:43pm	1:25			Hon. Eugenie Anderson, former Ambassador to the United Nations (on Trusteeship Council) Mrs. Anderson has just returned from a trip to VietNam. Ambassador Anderson's memo on her trip to DT. (In connection with this visit see the 1:05-1:18p entry)	

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	12:45p		t		Walt W. Rostow, pl	
	12:46p		f		H. Barefoot Sander, Jr. -- returning the President's call	
	1:03p		t		George Christian -pl	
	1:04p	1:14p			George Christian joined	
	1:13p		t		Walt W. Rostow -pl	
	1:14p	1:25			Joined by Walt W. Rostow	
<i>C</i>	1:05	1:05p		1:18p	PRESS in for briefing by Ambassador Anderson The President made introductory REMARKS, then Mrs. Anderson answered questions asked by the newsmen.	
	1:25p				The President brought material he had signed to mjdr's room, gave it to mb, picked up papers papers on the edge of mjdr's desk, and returned to his office	
<i>C</i>	1:27p	1:43p			Honorable George McGhee, Ambassador to Germany accompanied by Marvin Watson Oki	
	1:29p				Marvin Watson out	
<i>C</i>	1:44p	1:47			OFF RECORD: Mrs. Johnson Barbara Ward Barbara Ward (Lady Jackson) She is going to write a chapter in a book on the President.	
		2:37p			Jack Valenti had earlier in the month sent the President a memo saying that Barbara Ward would be in town Dec. 7, and he recommended the President see her because 1. She is an eminent intellectual whose espousal of the President's cause is an asset. 2. She is full of electric ideas. 3. She is affectionate of the President and all he had done, and takes pride in the advancements the President has wrought for the country.	

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✓	2:10p	2:13p	f		Secy Orville Freeman (President told meg to tell the Secy that he had folks with him and that he would only listen)	
	2:14p				President interrupted mjdr's telephone conversation w/ Paul Bolton who is now in D.C. working on the Presidential library . The President complained that his phone kept ringing - when mjdr told him that she was talking to Mr. Bolton from Austin, Texas - the President told her to immediately have Mr. Bolton come to C9 and come on in the office.	
	2:15p				Jim R. Jones in	
	2:36p				Mr. Paul Bolton, Austin, Texas The President asked if the "Communion Outfit" was still going on - mjdr said she didnt' know -	
	2:38p				President and Mr. Bolton in Mansion Mr. Bolton in Mansion	
	2:55p		t		Marvin Watson	
	3:10p	3:51p			The President to First Floor for the WEDDING REHEARSAL of Lynda Bird and Captain Charles S. Robb --- members of the wedding party, swordsmen, White House Social Staff, and technicians in and out	

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	3:45p		t		Harry McPherson -pl	
					The President gave Chuck Robb the following gifts today: butane lighter with fuel (black w/ seal) gold blaser buttons blue blaser buttons <i>gold</i> tie clasp w/ LBJ engraved -- [redacted] pair gold cufflinks -- [redacted]	
					Paul Glynn:mb (Copy to L. Ferguson)	
	3:53p		t		Marvin Watson -pl	
	3:55p		t		George Christian -pl	
✓	3:58p		t		Simon McHugh	
	3:59p		t		Walt W. Rostow -pl	
✓	4:00p		t		Hon. Dean Rusk, Secy of State	
	4:30p		t		Marvin Watson -pl	
	5:00p	5:20p	t		Joe Califano -pl	
	5:30p				President back to Oval Office	

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	6:46p				The President returned to his oval office via mjdr's office	
	6:57p				The President responded favorably to an inquiry from George Christian (memo on mjdr's desk) asking about the President's gift for Lynda and Chuck -- Savings Bond? Answer: Yes, then instructed Marvin to have one made out. (Mildred reached Mr. Carson Howell at 7:50p.m. re this and Mr. H. returned to the White House to process and found a firm in Maryland to complete it on Saturday.	
	6:48p				The President to the oval office	
✓	6:48	6:53p			Hon. Mary Jones (Republican of NY), Commissioner, FTC	
✓	6:53p	7:12p			Hon. W. W. Heath, American Ambassador to Iceland Amb. Heath requested the appointment while he was back in the States for the wedding and for Christmas.	
✓	7:12	7:47p			Hon. Dean Rusk, Secy of State	

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	7:28p		t		Joe Califano - pl re H.R. 162--last day bill with proposed veto on Liens for Masters of Vessels sponsored by Germatz (D) of Maryland	
	7:30p				Joe Califano joined	
	8:00-		t		Doug Cater -pl	
	8:01p		t		Harry McPherson -pl	
	8:11p				The President to the mansion	
	8:12p		f		Harry McPherson	
	8:17p		f		Joe Califano	
	8:18p		t		Marvin Watson -pl	
	8:21p		t		Marvin Watson -pl	
	8:25 p				The President departed the grounds en route the City Tavern where Mr. and Mrs. James S. Robb were hosting the Rehearsal Dinner for Lynda and Captain Charles S. Robb	
					The President and Mrs. Johnson arrived and greeted all the guests who included all members of the wedding party (bridesmaids, groomsmen, swordsmen) and their husbands, wives, or dates. Then went in for DINNER --the President and Mrs. Johnson sat at a table with	
					Mr. & Mrs. Charles James S. Robb	
					Mr. & Mrs. Tom Curtis, <i>Austin</i>	
					Miss Phyllis Bonnano, <i>N.Y.</i>	
					Captain Peter McCarthy, <i>USMC</i>	
					The Rev. Canan & Mrs. Gerald N. McAllister	

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					Following dinner, the entertainment was the play "I DO, I DO" which had been closed on Broadway, ^{for tonight} and brought here for the event---Carol Lawrence and Gordon MacRae performed excerpts from the play.	
					The President then made REMARKS to the group, he spoke first as he had to leave to go back to the White House to take the steps in the veto of the bill.	
	10:14p				Secretary Rusk called from the President -- The President was at the City Tavern and the operator reported him "unavailable "	
	11:30p				The President returned to the mansion (Mr. Tom Jones of the White House Records Office had been standing by after delivering to the City Tavern and turning over to the President's Secret Service on duty there the rewritten veto message on H. R. 162. The President signed the Veto message ^{upon} <i>returns to WWH but still</i> in the car, adding the time 11:30p. m. to the document. Mr. Jones then proceeded to the U. S. Capitol with the document to the Office of the Clerk of the House of Representatives where it was received and receipted at 11:45pm by Mr. Ben Guthrie of that office.	
	11:39p		t		Hon. Dean Rusk, Secy of State --returning his earlier call	
	12:45a				The President retired	
					Houseguests: Mr. & Mrs. Patrick Nugent and Lyn Mr. & Mrs. Tom Curtis Miss Warrie Lynn Smith Miss Phyllis Bonnano Canon & Mrs. McAllister	

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					GUESTS at the Rehearsal Dinner:	
			Table One:		Captain Frederick G. Widicus, groomsman (USAF)	
					Miss Marie Fehmer, bridesmaid	
					Mr. Neil Burmeister, groomsman	
					Miss Margaret L. Freeman	
					Lt. (jg) Brian P. Lamb, USN	
					Capt. & Mrs. Michael J. McGowan, USMC, swordsman	
					Lt. Calvin B. Andringa, USA	
					Mrs. James W. Marsters	
			Table Two		Miss Peggy Ann Boudreaux, date of Capt. Widicus	
					Mr. & Mrs. Charles S. Robb, uncle of Chuck Robb	
					Mr. & Mrs. Frederick T. Barstow	
					Mr. & Mrs. Lloyd R. Freeman, Jr.	
					Mrs. Herbert McKee	
			Table Three:		Mr. & Mrs. James S. Robb -- host and hostess	
					Capt. Peter R. McCarthy, USMC, groomsman	
					The President and Mrs. Johnson	
					Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Curtis, bridesmaid	
					The Rev. Canon & Mrs. Gerald N. McAllister	
					Miss Phyllis Bonanno, bridesmaid	
			Table Four:		Capt. Charles S. Robb	
					Miss Lynda Bird Johnson	
					Capt. W. Douglas Davidson, USMC, best man	
					Miss Marguerite Robb, bridesmaid	
					Mr. & Mrs. Patrick J. Nugent, groomsman & matron of honor	
					Mr. and Mrs. Robert W. Robb	
					Mr. David MacGregor Robb	
					Miss Warrie Lynn Smith, maid of honor	
			Table Five:		Mr. & Mrs. William J. Foley, II, groomsman	
					Capt. & Mrs. Jerrald E. Giles, USMC, bridesmaid	
					Mr. Joseph E. Batson, Jr., groomsman	
					Miss Susan Lanier Barstow	

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	Rehearsal Dinner,	#5:			Capt. & Mrs. Jerrold I. England, USMC, swordsman	
	Table	Six:			Capt. James P. Cooney, USMC, swordsman	
					Capt. & Mrs. Barry N. Beck, USMC, swordsman	
					Capt. & Mrs. Daniel J. Ogle, USMC, swordsman	
					Capt. & Mrs. Roland Coleman, USMC, swordsman	
					Miss Gay E. Robb, cousin of Chuck Robb	
					Today it was announced that the President has accepted the resignation of Graeme C. Bannerman as Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Installations and Logistics, effective February 7, 1968. Mr. Bannerman has served in this position since February, 1965. Mr. Bannerman plans to retire from Federal service after 30 years both as a civilian official and as a Naval Officer in WWII.	
					The President announced his intention to reappoint George Cline of Morehead, Ky. to be U. S. Attorney for the Eastern District of Ky. for a term of 4 years.	
					Released the assignment of Admiral Horacio Rivero, Jr. as Commander-in-Chief of Allied Forces in Southern Europe.	
					The President signed and released a signing statement H. R. 12910, a bill to establish a Judge Advocate General's Corps in the Navy.	
					The President sent these nominations to the Senate: George I. Cline, of Ky., to be U. S. Attorney for the Eastern District of Ky. Vice Admiral Bernard A. Clarey, USN, to be Vice Chief of Naval Operations in the Dept. of the Navy, and appointing him to the grade of Admiral while so serving. Admiral Charles D. Griffin, USN, when retired, for appointment to the grade of admiral pursuant to Title 10, United States Code, Section 5233.	