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THE WHITE HOUSE  
PRESIDENT LYNDON B. JOHNSON  
DAILY DIARY

Date January 7, 1968

The President began his day at (Place) LBJ Ranch, Texas

Day SUNDAY

Entry No.	Time		Telephone f or t		Activity (include visited by)	Expenditure Code
	In	Out	Lo	LD		
	10:55am				Departed LBJ Ranch w/Mrs. and Mrs. Patrick Nugent and mf	
✓	11:00am	11:50am			Arrived St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church, Stonewall, Texas for church services by Father Wunibald Schneider, pastor who read an article from a British Catholic weekly quoting Cardinal Gilroy of Sydney, Australia, saying "there was not the slightest doubt that the whole of SE Asia would become communist property if the US withdrew from Vietnam.	
	11:50am				Departed Catholic Church for LBJ Ranch arr'g at 11:55am	
	11:55a	12:15			In the office working desk w/mf and Jim Jones	
	12:15	1:00p			In his bedroom - playing with Little Lyn. In and out were Steve and Mrs. Martini, mf, Luci and Pat and yb.	
✓	12:29pm			t	Justice Abe Fortas - Wash, DC	
	1:00p	1:30p			LUNCH w/Mrs. Johnson Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Nugent and Little Lyn Mr. and Mrs. Steve Martini Jim Jones mf and yb	
	1:10pm				joined by Secy Rusk, Under Secy Lucius Battle and Walt Rostow who just arrived from Washington.	

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					Menu consisted of: Stuffed pepper, green salad, spinach and pineapple sherbert	
					The President mentioned hurrying up with lunch because he wanted to get a haircut and after arrival of Secy Rusk, Under Secy Battle and Walt Rostow conversation centered on PM Eshkol and matters relating to his visit. President asked Mr. Rostow for info on airplanes Phantom and Skyhawk, differences in speed, cost, etc. Mr. Rostow had the figures and gave to the President. Mrs. Johnson asked Secy Rusk and Under Secy Battle exactly the reason for Eshkol's visit, and was told it was primarily to talk about plane purchases but respectively to assure himself of political stability. The President asked Rusk, Battle and Rostow who had met with Eshkol since his arrival in U. S. and was told Amb. Goldberg had been the only person, but that it had been mainly a courtesy arrival meeting when Eshkol arrived in NYC.	
	1:30p		t		Marie Fehmer	
	1:30p -				To his bedroom - for haircut and manicure (Mr/Mrs Martini)	
					Jim Jones in and out	
					(Secy Rusk and Under Secy Battle, Walt Rostow - in living room)	
	2:15pm				Meeting in Yellow Den w/Rusk, Battle and Rostow	
	2:34pm		t		Secy Robert McNamara - Wash, DC	
	3:13pm				Departed aboard Jetstar w/Mrs. Johnson, Secy Rusk, Under Secy Lucius Battle and Walt Rostow	
					for Randolph AFB, Texas	

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	3:33pm				Arrived Randolph AFB, Texas (temperature 37 degrees), bitter cold winds some 3,000 shivering San Antonioans greeted PM Levi Eshkol of Israel as President Johnson welcomed him.	
					Members of the military were abundant. The Lackland AFB "Band of the West" paraded onto the field to greet the PM and Mrs. Levi Eshkol with music, Boy Scouts acting as standard bearers for the flags and approx. 170 recruits from Ft. Sam Medical Training Center (about 1/3 of them Jewish) mingled in the crowd... as well as the San Antonio Chamber of Commerce Red Carpet Committee in red coats and ten-gallon hats.	
					There were several carefully lettered signs, some written in Hebrew, as well as American and Israeli flags "Blessed Be You in Your Coming," "A Texas Welcome from the San Antonio HemisFair City"	
					REMARKS BY PRESIDENT JOHNSON - welcoming PM and Mrs. Levi Eshkol	
					Remarks by PM Eshkol	
	3:59p				Departed Randolph AFB aboard Jetstar w/PM Eshkol, Secy Rusk, Walt Rostow, Lucius Battle, Jim Jones, Amb. Harman, Dr. Herzog, Mr. Yafeh, Col. Leor, Mr. Bitan, Mr. Evron, Secret Service	
					(Mrs. Johnson, Mrs. Eshkol, Mrs. Harman, Mrs. Evron and Amb. Symington flew to the LBJ Ranch via Helicopter)	
	4:21p				Arrived LBJ Ranch w/above - boarded car w/PM and <del>an</del> for drive to Reagan Ranch arr'g at 4:26p	
	4:37pm				Departed Reagan Ranch and drove to Martin Ranch arr'g at 4:41p, departed at 4:53p and then to LBJ Ranch Main House	



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	4:59p				Arrived LBJ Ranch Main House w/PM, to Living Room where Mrs. Johnson, Mrs. Eshkol and other ladies were seated	
	5:00p				To Yellow Sitting Room w/PM Eshkol - for informal talks	
	5:08p - 5:22p				Press and photographers in to Yellow Sitting Room for pics of President and PM Eshkol	
	5:22p - 5:30p				To Living Rm w/Israeli group for group pics	
	5:30p - 7:35p				Private talks w/PM Eshkol - Living Room - joined by Secy Rusk, Walt Rostow, Lucius Battle, Ephraim Evron, Avraham Harman, Moshe Bitan	
	6:50p				Joined by George Christian	
	7:36p				The President to the Office - saw Little Lyn, Pat Nugent and picked up Little Lyn playing with him... joined by Secy Rusk, Walt Rostow, Lucius Battle and Geo. Christian	
	7:40p				To the Living Room - to join Mrs. Johnson, PM Eshkol and Israelie group for cocktails	
	8:00p	-9:00p			DINNER honoring Prime Minister Levi Eshkol and Mrs. Eshkol	
					w/Mrs. Johnson	
					Amb. and Mrs. Avraham Harman	
					Walt Rostow	
					Asst Secy Lucius Battle	
					Moshe Bitan	
					Col. Israel Leor	
					Secy Rusk	
					Dan Pattir	
					Dr. Yaacov D. Herzog	
					His Ex Ephraim and Mrs. Evron	
					Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Nugent	
					Amb. James Symington	
					Ephraim Evron	
					Mr. Aviad Yafeh	
					Brig Gen. Joseph Geva	

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					At Mrs. Johnson's table: Prime Minister Eshkol Under Secy Lucius Battle Col. Israel Leor Dan Pattir Mrs. Ephraim Evron Amb. James Symington Mr. Aviad Yafeh Amb. Harman	
	9:00pm				The President and Mrs. Eshkol to the Office. President pointed to all his Melvin Warren (new) paintings in the office and explained they were awfully good to him since he paid something like \$1250 for practically each one. Mrs. Eshkol remarked they were remarkably western looking and appealed to her very much. The President introduced Mrs. Eshkol to yb and mf -- and departed office for living	
Book Box: Tiffany Book Box in vermeil -engraved w/seal in presentation case					Gifts to PM and Mrs. Eshkol: "A President's Country" - autographed by the President (leather bound) "To His Excellency Levi Eshkol With warm regards, LBJ"	
Dressing Table Box: Vermeil dressing table box - engraved						
Rug: Needlepoint rug - handmade in Texas flower motif					Family picture also autographed by the President - mf has inscription xerox	
	9:15p				Everyone in Living Room Coffee and liquoer in living room Little Lyn on PM's lap - Oke in for pics - performing pat-a-cake for all present Little Lyn on President's lap Amb. James Symington plays guitar and sings folk songs	

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*Sunday*  
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