

THE WHITE HOUSE  
PRESIDENT LYNDON B. JOHNSON  
DAILY DIARY

Date Jan 28, 1968

The White House

Sunday

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|           |        |     |                    |    | <i>Weight: 204</i>  |                          |
|           | 12:34a |     | t                  |    | op - bring Yuki up  |                          |
|           |        |     |                    |    |   |                          |
|           | 8:00a  |     |                    |    | Breakfast   |                          |
|           |        |     |                    |    |   |                          |
|           | 8:34a  |     | t                  |    | Sam Houston Johnson   |                          |
|           |        |     |                    |    |   |                          |
|           | 9:07a  |     |                    |    | The President asked for Walt Rostow - he's at the tennis court - "never mind" |                          |
|           |        |     |                    |    |   |                          |
|           | 9:14a  |     | t                  |    | Lynda   |                          |
|           |        |     |                    |    |   |                          |
|           | 9:18a  |     |                    | t  | Mrs. Patrick Nugent - Austin  |                          |
|           |        |     |                    |    |   |                          |
|           | 9:34a  |     | t                  |    | Lynda   |                          |
|           |        |     |                    |    |   |                          |
|           | 9:36a  |     | t                  |    | SS Agent Jerry Kivett   |                          |
|           |        |     |                    |    |   |                          |
|           | 9:59p  |     |                    |    | The President departed the White House<br>w/ Mrs. Johnson                     |                          |
|           |        |     |                    |    | for the RED MASS at St. Matthews Cathedral                                    |                          |
|           |        |     |                    |    | --joined there by Lynda and Chuck   |                          |

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|           |        |     |                     |    | The President was invited to this annual historical Mass by the Lawyers Committee of the John Carroll Society -- His Eminence Patrick Cardinal O'Boyle presided, and the Mass was concelebrated by: H. E. The Most Rev John <del>Lxxx</del> S. Spence, DDVG Very Rev Gerard J. Campbell, S.J. and Rev. John P. Whelan (sermon by <del>Rev John P. Whelan</del> Rev. Paul P. Harbrecht, S.J. --others there according to Monday's Washington Post: Chief Justice and Mrs. Earl Warren, Speaker and Mrs. John W. McCormack, Justice William J. Brennan, Jr. |                          |
|           | 11:30a |     |                     |    | The President and Mrs. Johnson, accompanied by Capt and Mrs. Charles Robb returned to the White House - and to the second floor   |                          |
|           | 11:38a |     |                     | t  | Amb. Arthur Goldberg - NYC - returning his call   |                          |
| C         | 12:04p |     | +                   | s  | Jack Valenti  |                          |
|           | 12:10p |     | f                   |    | mf - at home - to invite her to lunch   |                          |
|           | 12:40p |     |                     |    | Jack Valenti to second floor  |                          |
|           | 12:45p |     |                     |    | mf to second floor - the President was in his bedroom, watching Senator Ted Kennedy on "Face the Nation." The President watched from his bed -- also in the room, Mrs. Johnson, Lynda and Chuck -- reading newspapers and watching alternately.   |                          |

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|           | 1:00p | 1:30p |                 |    | The President watched Dr. Benjamin Spock - on "Meet the Press."  |                  |
|           | 1:08p |       |                 |    | Mrs. Jack Valenti and Courtenay to the second floor  |                  |
|           | 1:28p |       |                 |    | Dr. Harry Ransom (houseguest) arrived - to the third floor - Room 303  |                  |
|           | 1:30p |       |                 |    | LUNCH - w/ Mrs. Johnson<br>Lynda and Chuck<br>Mr and Mrs. Jack Valenti and Courtenay<br>mf   |                  |
|           |       |       |                 |    | During lunch, the President watched the 1:30 program --<br>Sen. John Stennis, on "Issues and Answers."   |                  |
|           | 1:40p |       |                 |    | Lynda and Chuck Departed   |                  |
|           | 2:10p | 2:25  |                 |    | To the West Hall - sitting w/ Mrs. Johnson<br>Mr and Mrs. Jack Valenti and Courtenay<br>mf   |                  |
|           |       |       |                 |    | The President took Courtenay to his bedroom and gave her a silver pencil cup from Denmark and a German doll (boy) The President mentioned that little Lyn had burned his hand -- Pat and Luci had been at the Night Hawk, and had ordered chili -- Lyn put his fist in a hot bowl of chili -- second/third degree burns, and how the child is wearing a bandaged hand covered by a sock, and Luci says he spends |                  |

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|           | 2:10p |     |                  |    | Mr and Mrs. Max Brooks (houseguests) to Room 327                    |                  |
|           | 2:30p |     |                  |    | The President to the office - w/ mf to look at ticker machines      |                  |
|           | 2:35p |     | f                |    | Walt Rostow   |                  |
|           | 2:48p |     |                  |    | To second floor - alone (mf out)                                    |                  |
|           | 4:20p |     |                  |    | The President asked for A. W. Moursund - out of town - "never mind" |                  |
| C         | 4:28p |     | f                |    | Sen. Frank [REDACTED] Lausche                                       |                  |
| C         | 4:32p |     | t                |    | Secy Willard Wirtz  |                  |
| C         | 4:44p |     |                  | f  | Mr. Wesley West - Houston   |                  |

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|           | In           | Out | Lo                 | LD |   |                          |
|           | 5:44p        |     | f                  |    | Secy Willard Wirtz  |                          |
| c         | 5:46p        |     | t                  |    | Sam Houston Johnson   |                          |
| e         | approx 5:00p |     |                    |    | To the Treaty Room - joining<br>Mrs. Johnson and a group discussing exhibits for the Johnson Library:<br>Gordon Bunshaft, architect, Skidmore-Owen-Merrill, NY<br>Arthur Drexler, NY Museum of Modern Art<br>R. Max Brooks, Austin, Tex<br>Dr. Harry Ransom, Univ of Tex<br>Hon. Frank Erwin, Chairman of the Board, Univ of Tex<br>Dr. Wayne Grover, consultant<br>Horace Busby<br>Hon. Lawson Knott, Administrator, GSA<br>Dorothy Territo<br>Juanita Roberts |                          |
|           |              |     |                    |    | The President joined, and suggested that Sam Houston might like to join also. Mrs. J called, and he then joined, shaking hands with all and then the President sat at the Treaty Room table to watch and listen to presentation by Mr. Drexler on use of space in the Library for exhibits--designation of space for personal, subject, and other exhibits to show:   |                          |
|           |              |     |                    |    | history of the era spanned by the President's public service<br>and his role within and influence upon that era<br>the President and the people<br>personality of the man<br>gift objects (including gifts from other countries)<br>life in the White House   |                          |
|           |              |     |                    |    | The President listened without interruption. Made no observations nor asked questions of Drexler on exhibits, but turned to Brooks and started asking about the   |                          |

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|           |      |     |                  |    | building and construction. A lively and interesting exchange took place involving Bunshaft, Erwin, Knott, Ransom, and Brooks. The President was interested in progress, costs, reputation of builder, etc.   |                  |
|           |      |     |                  |    | Bunshaft brought the discussion back to exhibits by saying, "But, Mr. President, this meeting--the purpose of this meeting is to get a decision--a decision on whether this design concept is acceptable. In two or three months we will have to begin on the electrical work---"  |                  |
|           |      |     |                  |    | The President started talking, "I am sure you have thought of it--I have always <del>x</del> thought that writers have been rather negligent in history and in the world as not recognizing our position or our contribution to international affairs."  |                  |
|           |      |     |                  |    | Everyone was very still--listening intently to the President (there had been no discussion of the President and the world at this point.)  |                  |
|           |      |     |                  |    | The President talked slowly, informally, obviously with conviction. "All through our nation's history there have been great men from our section of the country in every movement. Look at this room"--the President pointed out various treaties, making brief comments. Continuing in this vein, the President mentioned 20 treaties signed "this year" (1967) - some insignificant, but some involving survival of this world--mentioned a few rapidly without comment, including space treaty, non-proliferation, chamizal and consular. He mentioned some of the ways he had had to gain support for some of these. |                  |
|           |      |     |                  |    | Going back beyond his own time, but to <del>x</del> re-emphasize our "section's" contribution in international interests and affairs -- "Just in our time there have been Col. House with Wilson and Tom Connally who negotiated the United Nations. In light of all of this I think you could have one area -- perhaps a Treaty Room."  |                  |
|           |      |     |                  |    | The President talked of other efforts he had made -- country by country -- India wheat, rice seed (work in Philippines paying off in Laos), Mexican development of a wheat now being used in Pakistan, the Popes, Asian Development Bank--role of Asia tomorrow; foreign visitors and visits--results; efforts to win support with congressional leaders on these, and why all roads now lead to Washington, and the responsibility of world leadership.   |                  |
|           |      |     |                  |    | When the President stopped, Busby picked up to say he thought 80% of space should be <del>devoted</del> devoted to the President and the World.  |                  |
|           |      |     |                  |    | General conversation and discussion followed. No decisions made. Bunshaft urged early decisions--if not tonight, early tomorrow. Everybody laughed. mjdr:mf  |                  |

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| C         | 6:54p            |        | t                |    | Cong J J Pickle   |                  |
|           | <del>6:56p</del> |        |                  |    |   |                  |
|           | 7:05p            |        | t                |    | Marvin Watson   |                  |
|           | 7:06p            |        | t                |    | op- send Yuki up  |                  |
| C         | 7:45p            |        |                  |    | DINNER - w/ Mrs. Johnson<br>Dr. Harry Ransom<br>Mr and Mrs. Max Brooks<br>Sam Houston Johnson<br>Horace Busby |                  |
|           |                  | 8:35p  |                  |    |   |                  |
| C         | 8:30p            | 10:55p |                  |    | Cong. J J Pickle  |                  |
|           | 11:40p           |        |                  |    | retired   |                  |

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