

THE WHITE HOUSE  
PRESIDENT LYNDON B. JOHNSON  
DAILY DIARY

Date 1 February 1968

The President began his day at (Place)

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Day Thursday

Entry No.	Time		Telephone f or t		Activity (include visited by) <i>Mrs. Johnson in Texas</i>	Expendi- ture Code
	In	Out	Lo	LD		
					Weather: overcast with little drizzle	
	5:08a		t		Situation Room	
	7:00a				Wakeup call	
	7:50a				The President departed the White House en route Shoreham Hotel for Presidential Prayer Breakfast accompanied by Marvin Watson (All night reading was returned to the office unworked.)	
	7:55a				Arrived the Shoreham Hotel, VIP Entrance, greeted by Sen. Frank Carlson (who presided and then to Regency Room for at the breakfast)	
<i>C</i>	9:15	9:25a			REMARKS - Presidential Prayer Breakfast (these remarks heard simultaneously by a group of approx 500 attending the Natl Prayer Breakfast at the Wash Hilton)	
					Then to Blue Room for	
<i>C</i>	9:30	9:40a			REMARKS to Congressional Wives Prayer Breakfast	
<i>C</i>	9:42	9:46a			Following the Prayer Breakfast, the President went to another room where he shook hands with a group of Pro Football Players who were in Washington for a kick off of a drive to organize professional athletes into a group bent on inspiring the nation's slum youth. This is a "Christian Athletes Seminar," held in the Tudor Room and Head Coach Tom Landry and player Buddy Dial of the Dallas Cowboys are co-chairmen of this seminar. Also in this room were a group of Brazilian Congressmen who attended the Presidential Prayer Breakfast. They are in Washington on their way to West Virginia, and Gov. Hulett Smith asked that the President greet them. Gov Smith says "these men are very influential leaders in the Brazilian Congress and have important hand in shaping their country's attitudes toward the	
	9:47a				The President departed the Shoreham Hotel, accompanied by --- U.S."	

Governor Price Daniel, Governor Dewey Bartlett of Okla., MW, Bill Blackburn, and PRESS POOL:  
Merriman Smith of UPI and Doug Cornell of AP

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	9:58a				The President returned to the White House and to the office w/	
C		11:26a			Hon. Price Daniel, Director Office of Emergency Planning -- and governor liaison	
C		10:13a			Hon. Dewey Bartlett, Governor of Oklahoma	
	10:05a		t		Col. James U. Cross -- returning his call of a couple of minutes earlier-- Col. Cross said he was anxious to speak with the President, but was leaving at 10:30am to fly to Pittsburgh. --to pick up General Matthew B. Ridgway for his luncheon with the President today.	
C	10:06a	11:02a			Hon. Hubert H. Humphrey, the Vice President joined	
	10:12a		t		Mrs. Johnson -- returning her call -- in Texas --she is trying to decide whether to catch a flight to Washington for late tonight departure or early morning departure.	
C	10:27a	11:26a			Joined by Hon. John Bell Williams, Governor of Mississippi	
C					Hon. John A. Volpe, Governor of Massachusetts	
C					Hon. Charles L. Terry, Jr., Governor of Delaware	
C					Hon. Sherman W. Tribbitt, Lt. Governor of Delaware	
C					Hon. William L. Guy, Governor of North Dakota	
C					Hon. Hulett C. Smith, Governor of West Virginia	
C					Hon. Lester Maddox, Governor of Georgia	
C					Hon. Peyton Hawes, State Revenue Commissioner of Georgia	
					During the visit, the President told the Governors the story of how he had "teased" Senator Ralph Yarborough -- 'Senator was in the office and the President told him he understood there was a young man all set to run against the Senator. The President really built it up and said, come on Ralph, I'll introduce you to him, he's just outside ----Little Lyn	

Press Briefing #1118 - A indicates "they talked about the President's crime program, the situation in VietNam, the economic message, and other fiscal matters briefly -- also the mtg of all the Governors here in Washington on Feb 29."

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					In the room for this ceremony were the professional staff members of the Council of Economic Advisers	
	11:20a				The President returned to his oval office w/ George Christian	
		11:22a			Joe Califano -- left to get the Attorney General who was in his office	
		11:26			and the Governors--Maddox, Williams, Volpe, Terry, Guy, Smith, and Lt. Gov. Tribbitt	
		11:26			Price Daniel and Peyton S. Hawes, State Revenue Commissioner, Ga.	
C	11:30a	11:34a			OFF RECORD: Miss Phyllis Bonanno -- in re employment. The President walked out to mjdr's room with her and said for the next two days to teach her all possible so she could take mb's place.	
C	11:36a	11:46a			Presentation of the Heart-of-the-Year Award to Miss Patricia Neal (Mrs. Roald Dahl)	
					Dr. Jesse E. Edwards, President, American Heart Association	
					Mr. William F. Laporte, Chmn of the Board and President of American Home Products Corporation; National Chmn. of the Heart Fund Campaign	
					Mrs. William F. Laporte	
					Mrs. Jesse E. Edwards	
					Mr. Rome A. Betts, Executive Director, American Heart Association	
					Mr. John P. Knox, Jr., Assoc. Director, American Heart Association	
					Mr. M. Frederick Arkus, Public Relations Counsel, American Heart Association	
					Mr. Herb Cornell, Director of Public Relations, American Heart Association	
		11:56a			Mrs. Albert Lasker (Mary) (Mrs. Lasker asked for a brief visit privately with the President after this ceremony)	
	11:36	11:46a			PRE SS in to cover the presentation	
					This is the American Heart Association's 1968 Heart-of-the-Year Award, and this is National Heart Month.	



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	11:57a				Hon. Klaus Schuetz, Mayor of West Berlin -- on his <del>xx</del> first visit to U.S. as Mayor H. E. Heinrich Knappstein, Amb of Germany Mr. Al Puhon, Desk officer, DOS (Alfred) Ed Fried, NSC	
		11:58a			Mr. Guenter Struve, Personal Asst to the Mayor	
		11:58			Mr. Peter <del>Hertz</del> Hertz	
		11:58			Am Symington	
	Mayor Klaus gave the President: a book-- Berlin Impression and a lovely plate inscribed: in the center of which is the Brandenburg Gate "His Excellency The President of the United States of America, Lyndon B. Johnson with the greetings of the people of Berlin, February 1st, 1968, signed, Governing Mayor of Berlin"					The President gave the Mayor a picture in a blue leather frame, a butane lighter and fuel, and gold cuff links.
	12:18p		t		Jim Jones -pl	
	12:20p				The President escorted the Mayor of West Berlin to West Lobby box Mr. Christian reported earlier that there is great interest from both German and American photographers to get pix w/ Pres and Mayor.	
	12:25p				The President returned to the oval office	
	12:30p	12:34			OFF RECORD: Mr. & Mrs. Robert Greene (She is Anita Bryant) Mrs. Gloria Rowe - her accompanist Miss Lyric Rowe, about 12-year old=	
					Miss Bryant sang at the Presidential Prayer Breakfast this morning, and the President told her there to come by and see him.	
	12:35p		t		Marvin Watson -pl	
	12:37p		t		Jim Jones-pl	

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1	12:40p				The President to the mansion escorted by Lt. Col. Haywood Smith, USMC and accompanied by the Mayor of West Berlin and his party to the East Room for the [REDACTED] Presentation of the MEDAL OF HONOR to Capt. Merlyn H. Dethlefsen, USAF (since deciding to present the award, the Capt. has subsequently been promoted to Major)	
	12:45p 12:55				REMARKS	
					Receiving Line in Blue Room	

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	1:22p				To Oval Ofc - worked desk	
	1:25p	1:55p			Congressman Daniel Rostenkowski and MW appt requested by the Congressman to discuss Sargent Shriver	
	2:00p	2:05			To Fish Room where Ernie Goldstein was hosting luncheon for Ambassadors: (African) H. E. Louis Rakotomalala, Amb of Malagasy Republic H. E. Celestin Kabanda, Amb of Rwanda H. E. Major General Padma Bahadur Khatri, Amb of Nepal H. E. Karim Bangoura, Amb of Guinea H. E. Chief Michael Lukumbuzya, Amb of Tanzania H. E. Joseph N. Owono, Amb of Cameroon H. E. Leonard Badinga, Amb of Gabon H. E. Oliver Weerasinghe, Amb of Ceylon Hon. Joseph Palmer, Asst Secy of State for African Affairs Hon. James Symington, Chief of Protocol Mr. Ed Hamilton, NSC Staff Mr. Marshall Wright, NSC staff	

Ernest Goldstein's memo of  
gist to DT --  
indicated that the President  
greeted each Amb., and then  
expressed his interest in  
Africa, stressing various  
evidences of regional economic  
cooperation. He then went on  
to discuss the ~~Puerto~~ Pueblo  
incident and spoke feelingly  
of his desire for peace.

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	2:05p				Back to Oval Office	
	2:15p	4:00p			To mansion - for LUNCH the Vice President	The President was prepared for this mtg by a folder of papers from
General Ridgway was in the					General Matthew Ridgway	W Rostow -- analyzing the General's
Pittsburg area, and the President					Hon. Clark Clifford	views on VietNam and folders of
offered him the use of his pilot					Walt Rostow	Sen Kennedy's statements on Viet-nam
and his Jetstar for the flight					George Christian	--folder to DT
to Washington for this luncheon.					Tom Johnson	
					General John P. McConnell, Chief of Staff, USAF	
Secy McNamara and General					Admiral Thomas Moorer, Chief of Naval Operations	
Wheeler are testifying on the					General Harold Johnson, Chief of Staff, USA	
Hill and could not attend.					General Leonard F. Chapman, Commandant, USMC	
					Hon. Richard Helms, Director, CIA	
					(the usher says most of the guests departed between 3:50-4:10p, except the Vice President and General Ridgway -- who left at 5:47p)	
	4:30p		t		John Gonella - pl	
	4:31p		t		Ashton Gonella	
	4:32p		t		Joe Califano - pl	
	5:00p		t		MW - pl	



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	5:40p		t		Col. Cross	
	5:41p		t		Rastow - pl	
	5:50p				To Oval Office - and to mjdr's room to look at papers on her desk	
	5:58pq				George Christian	
	6:08p		t		Secy McNamara	
	6:21p				To Marvin Watson's office	
	6:33p				To Oval Ofc	
		7:25p			w/ Thomas Vail , Editor-Publisher of the Cleveland Plain Dealer He is also a member of the USIA Advisory Committee. Mr Vail is in Washington for the final mtg of the Sports Arbitration Committee and will be on hand for presentation of his final report to the VP at 3:00p today. Vail has wanted to visit with the President for some time to discuss matters in general. He wants to give his assessment of the Ohio situation and discuss where he can be helpful to the President.	

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	6:35p		t		George Christian - pl	
	6:47p		t		Califano - pl	
	7:29p <del>x</del>		t		Christian - pl	
	7:31p			t	Mrs. Arthur Krim - New York City	
					The <del>xxx</del> President worked folders of night reading from last night and the night before -- working almost five inches of paper in toto.	
	9:00p				To mansion - and to the West Hall, joining Judge and Mrs. Homer Thornberry Cong. and Mrs. J. J. (Jake) Pickle Mrs. Pickle's son, Richard McCarroll (law student in third year UT law) Miss Phyllis Bonanno	
	9:02p		t		Sam Houston Johnson - to ask him to join	
	9:06p				Marie Fehmer John Criswell, Treasurer, DNC joined	
					Yuki joined - dressed in blue coat trimmed w/ white that Mrs. Traphes Bryant had made for him. He ran to the President immediately, and performed--both doing their usual duet.	

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	9:15p	10:00			DINNER - w/ Judge and Mrs. Homer Thornberry Cong and Mrs. J j Pickle Richard McCarroll Miss Phyllis Bonanno Mr. Sam Houston Johnson John Criswell mf	
					Dinner conversation seemed "labored," for the President was tired. He was glad to have the Thornberrys near him, that was evident, but he seemed content to let others do the talking. He took delight in telling once again the story of Father Schneider and the kneelers (this prompted the call to Jake Jacobsen) and also told about Luci's child, Lyn turning over a glass table today. He discussed briefly the difference between little Lyn and Jerry, his cousin, saying that he had talked w/ Mrs. Krim about this, and she explained that it was the first year of the child's life -- and the way the mother carried him -- that contributes to the difference in the two children. The President further explained that little Lyn is taken places -- <del>to the</del> to the Ranch, etc-- handed around to different people, while little Jerry stays in the apartment and sees only his mother and daddy. At one point, the President looked up and said, "We might <del>get</del> be getting our boys back, they're meeting now." -- and he looked at his watch.	
					After dessert, the President asked for cookies -- and poppycock -- <del>and</del> and then pushed himself away from the table, saying he couldn't sit there any longer without eating more.	
	9:54p		t		Jake Jacobsen - at the Madison Hotel The President asked him to join	

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	9:58p		t		operator - clear Mr. Jacobsen at the gate	
					After leaving the dining room, the President went to his bedroom, saying he wanted to put on his new shirt -- a blue silk turtle neck. Then to the West Hall, soliciting compliments on it.	
	10:15p	12:40a			Hon. Jake Jacobsen and Dr. Willis Hurst (houseguest) <del>Director, School of Medicine, Emory University, Atlanta</del> joined in West Hall Dr. Hurst is Professor and Chairman, Woodruff Medical Center of Emory University, Atlanta, Ga.	
	<del>10:32p</del>	10:33p	t		Hon. Henry Fowler, Secy of the Treasury During this call, the President almost fell asleep. His head hung -- and his eyes were closed.	
	10:40p				To the card table -- and a domino game w/ Judge Thornberry Cong Pickle Sam Houston Johnson --the President during the game ate 9 graham crackers	
					The President did not watch the 11:00p news -- but asked that the volume be turned up at one point when General Wheeler <del>was talking</del> came on the screen.	
	11:30p		f		Lynda	



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