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U	12;20p		t		Honorable Clark Clifford C12:25p To Diplomatic Reception Room to gre	et
	12:36p				To Office xxxxxxxxx group of Madrigal Singers from Was	hingto
					w/ Jim R. Jones University of St. Louis - completing a tour o	the
					Marvin Watson White House - this is the group that	sang
					the telegram to August Busch.	
					list to AT	
	12:37p		f		Marie Fehmer (Returning President's earlier call)	- 1
C	12:50p		t		Attorney General Ramsey Clark	
	12:45p	1:00p			Tom Johnson	
	12:50p	1:00p			Walt Rostow	
	1:15p			II	To Cabinet Room	
_	389				for Meeting w/ White House staff members - OFF RECORD	
					Harry McPherson	
\rightarrow					John Roche	
-	100000				Marvin Watson	-
					Joe Califano	
\dashv			_		Doug Cater	-
					Walt Rostow	-
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	2:10p				President into Oval Office w/	
					Jim Jones	
					MW	
	2:20p	2:33p			Harry McPherson	
+					Joe Califano	
	2:33p				Barefoot Sanders	
	2:36p		t		Mike Manatos - pl	
-	2:45p	2:47p			McPherson	
-	2:46P		t		Rostow - pl	
1	3:05p			Charle	Suggenheim off record (See diary bech-up)	
					Jim Jones	19
-					- re film footage ideas for the movie he will produce.	
		3:11p			Everybody out	
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	3:15p				Boarded helicopter following people:					
					Paul Glynn					
					Dr. Berkley					
					Nell Yates					
					Donna Maloney					
					Harry McPherson Charles Maguire Harry Middleton					
					Walt Rostow					
					Larry Temple					
					Mary Rather					
					pob					
	3:34p				President out of Oval Office w/					
					Mrs. Johnson					
					MW					
					Jim J ^O nes					
+	Т		-		The President and Mrs. Johnson were holding hands and she walked him					
					to the helicopter that was waiting on the South Grounds.					
+	3:35p			-	President boarding helicopter w/	\rightarrow				
	э.ээр				Jim Jones					
					Jim Jones					
-	3:36p				We took off					
					President had discussion with Walt Rostow					
					Harry McPherson					
					Jim Jones					
-					Larry Temple					
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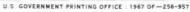
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Air Force One

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	3:47p				Andrews Air Force Base	
	3:48p				Boarded Air Force One	
	3:54p				In the air (see pages 5a and 5b for list of people on board)	
	4:02p				President had some chili	
C	<i>c</i>				and talked to Gen. Harold K. Johnson, Chief of Staff, U. S. Army, and Gen. Lewis W. Walt, Chinidan Asst. Commandant of the Marine Corps	n.
	4:33p				Started out descent for Fort Braff North Carolina	
	4:47p				On the ground at Fort Bragg	
	4:55p				President departed plane to speack to 2,500 - 82nd Airborne Division of the Army troops who are leaving for Viet Nam. President and General Ri chard J. Seitz, Commanding Geneal of the 82nd Airborne Division, reviewed the troops	
	5:08p	5:15p			President speaks to the troops	
					Then walked directly to the Air Transport plane and shooks hands with each Marine as he boarded plane to leave for VN (many had already had one tour of VN duty and were returning for second time); then boarded the plane and said goodbye to the group.	
1	5:25p				President Johnson, General Johnson and General Seitz entered automobile (followed by staff and others) for motorcade to Womack hospital to visit wounded Vietnam boys.	

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\dashv	5:35p				Arrived Womack Hospital. President departed car and walked into hospital	
	p				amidst applause. Stopped and shook hands with people and asked	
					them their names. First woman he spoke with was Mrs. C. W.	
					Robertson of Fayettsville who said that she was proud to be an	
					American, was proud of the President and the fine work that he	
					is doing	
					The President asked if the food in the hospital was any good and the boys	
					answered that it was pretty good. "Only pretty good," he replied	
					to which all the people laughhed	
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	5:40p			President talked to following patients:		
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					James Thomas	
					Sp4 Lewis - President asked him what he did in the service and	1
					Lewis anywered that he drove a truck. President said that he	
					had driven a truck when he was a young man too. Then the	
					President asked him if his truck has a windshield. Lewis said yes	
_	1.5				and the President said "You're luckier than I was my truck neve r	
					had one. See how things change."	
					Sp4 Samuel Robertson	
					Sp4 Doug Crain, Va. Beach, Va	
_					Danny Shrader	
_					Sp4 James Alvus GReason	
_					Boyd W. Childers - President surprised this young man and for a	
-					minutes the boys found it hard to answer the President's	1
+			-		questions.	+
\exists					Nurse Betty Dumanski stopped the President in the hallway and told	
_					him she thought he was doing a fine job	

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-	5: 55p				President left the wards and descended in the elevator. As he came down he	-		
-	3.33p		1	-	asked the Hospital Commander Col Thomas if the boys were well taken	+		
\dashv	-				care of - he said" Col. if there is a time that fellows need help it is when	1		
\dashv			+		they are in the hospital. The Col. replied that they tried to do everything	+		
\rightarrow		4			possible for the boys.	+		
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	5:59p				The President walked through the lobby towards the motorcade. As he was			
	3.00				walking one of the women remark how handsome he was - the President over-			
\perp					heard and said "I don't look that funny, do I?" Laughter from the crowd.			
	5:59 p				President spoke with Mrs. Robert Marshall the wife of Air Borne Corpsman.			
					She said she was proud to be an American.			
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+	5:59 p				Left the hospital to return to Pope Air Force Base.	-		
					As we were driving back (pob in staff car) the people were lined up on the sides of the highway. They had been there before, when we drove			
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\dashv					from the base to the hospital, but now there were more. People cheered the	-		
-					President as he went by and applauded. The little children jumped up	-		
\rightarrow			-	-	and down and squedged with delight. The day was beautiful, 60 and so	-		
\dashv				-	conducive to people standing out by the highway.	+		
	6:06p				Returned to Pope Air Force Base.			
	6:09p				President boarded Air Force one.			
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-					Before plane departed three people left it at Fort Bragg and three	
					secret service men replaced them.	
+					Departees: General Johnson	
					Col Schoomaker	
_					Major Piner	
+					Replacements: Whan, USSS	-
1					Keaner, USSS	
					Melchiari, USSS	
1	6:20p				We were air borne	
	6:25p				President came out of his room and stopped to chat with Mary Rather and pob.	
	6:43				President into his bedroom.	
	W. E E	6:55p			Col. Cross in.	
-		7:10p	1			-
	6:55p				pob in 17.3°	
	7:15p	7:22p			Jim Jones in	
\dashv					Gen. Seitz related the following examples of the spirit of the men of the	
					82nd Airborne Division:	
					1. A soldeir was AWOL for 24 days. When he learned his unit was moving	
					out for Vietnam he called to say he was returning to join his men. He said	
					tha he had been there before and wanted to return with his fellow soldiers.	
					2. A Reserve soldier with one day left on his enlisted said, upon learning	
					9 (cont)	



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\neg					his unit was going to Vietnam, that he did not want to make the Army his caree:	r,
\top					but would like to re-enlist for 6months. He said he belongs with the men in	
1					Vietnam and he wants to do his part.	
+	7:30	7:42p			Mary Rather in	
	7:42 r	7:52 p			Jim Jones in	
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()	8:41p	Pacific	Time	EL TORO Marine Corps Base - Greeted by Gen. Wm. G. Thrash & reception comm	hittee
				The President left the plane and walked towards the waiting troops amidst	
				applause and cheers from the waiting civilian crowd that had gathered.	
\rightarrow	0.43	0.50			-
	8:43p	8:50p		Speech to troops (introduced by Gen. Thrash)	-
				First five minutes were prepared, but then he spoke extemperaneously for	
				about three minutes.	
-					-
-+	8:50p	8:57 pp		Reviewed the departing troops. Talked or shook hands with about every third man.	
	8:57p	9:12p		President watched the boys get on their plane and waited for it to depart.	
		0.40-			
	9:20p	9:40p		Boarded Chopper #1 w/ for Aircraft Carrier CONSTELLATION	
				Walt Rostow	
				Harry McPherson	
_				George Christian	-
				Larry Temple	
4				Gen. Walt	-
				Horace Busby	
				Jim Jones	
				Dr. Burkeley	-
_				Charles Maguire	
				Col. Cross	
				Paul Glynn	
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1					President napped a little on Chopper.	
1	0. 42	10:33a			Arrived on deck of CONSTELLATION. President was greeted by:	
7	9:43p	10:55a	-		VADM B. F. Roeder COMFIRSTFLT	
9			-		RADM F. H. MICHAELIS COMCARDIV 9	
5					CAPT. A. B. GRIMES CHIEF OF STAFF CONCARDIV 9	-
Ž		-			LCDR Bob COMER FLAG LIEU FENANT CONFIRSTFLT	_
-		-	-		LCDR BOB COMER FLAG LIEUTENANT CONFIRSTFLT LCDR Ray JOHNSON " " COMCARDIV 9	
<u>c</u>					LCDR L. C. "Chuck" PETERSON FLAG SECRETARY CONCARDIV9	
2		-		-	CAPT. W. R. FLANAGAN COMMANDING OFFICER USS CONSTELLATION	
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5					CDR. H. E. KEEN JR. PROTESTANT CHAPLAIN USS. CONST.	
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	'9:44p				President taken into his sitting room - bedroom sutie. After he got settled	
	and the second				he held a press briefing w#	
7					Helen Thomas - UPI	
2					Bob Pierpoint - CBS	
0					Doug Cornell - AP	
C					David Matthew - Reuters	
C					Norma Milligan (op. ?) Newswelh	
					Walt Rostow Mary Rather pob	
					Walt Rostow Mary Rather pob Tom Johnson Col. Cross Paul Glynn	
					Harry McPherson Jim Jones	
					Larry Temple Horace Busby	

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					REMARKS:				
					It was good to see the boys, some of them had been to VN before. They were				
					proud of themselves and we were proud of them. The boys said in substance				
					that they felt sorry for Gen. Westmoreland because he needed more troops,				
					but if this was what was needed then they would be glad to go.				
					Also gave them some off-the-record- casulaty figures; this said there were a	a			
					large number of mortar attacks throughout the country today and also by				
					ground forces.				
					Told press they would be briefed in the morning as to his plans.				
					Related story of how he was speaking to Lyn on the phone and the baby was				
					laughing and laughing - he asked Luci why and she said his Daddy is				
					tickling him. Helen Thomas asked if he tlaked to him today and the				
					President replied No, it was last night - and by the way he asked for				
					you - which was met with laughter.				
-		10:28p			Tom J ^O hnson called the press conference to an end.				
					President stayed in state room w/				
-					Christian				
0					Horace Busby				
					Jim Jones Mary Rather				
					pob				
					Other staff member were in and out for the next five minutes.				
-+		+			REMARSK: Spoke with G. Christian about the press reaction of that day				
					George told him that there were no reports filed as of yet, but he would				
					give them to the President as soon as they were in. Asked Busby and				
					McPherson to write him a speech - one to write it, the other to edit it.				
					Start with about 500 words and edit it to 400. Told them briefly what he				
					wanted them to say,				

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					President spoke of boy he met from Abilene and a Mexican Boy from	
					Corpus Christi - said he wanted therex us to watch for letters from them -	
					because he had promised to write to them. (Mexican boy's name: Garcia)	-
C					Captain Flanagan came in to give the President a leather jacket and a cap but	+
					they were both to small.	
		10:45p			President went to bed - everyone departed.	
	10:45p	11: 55p			Chief Mills	
		11:10p			pob	
	10:55p	II:10p			Tom Johnson with the reports that the press had filed from his briefing	
			-		in the previous hour. The President was especially pleased with the	
					job that Bob Pierpoint had done and he told Tom to be sure to tell the	
			1		reporter that it was the most accurate piece of reporting that he had seen	
	-				in a very long time. The Pres. was quite satisfied and with this - he	
					fell a sleep.	

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	11:05p				President was awakened and dressed.	8:05
-	11:15p				Dinner was served to the President:	pacific t
	ш.15р				He ate steak, tomatoes, spinach, milk, diet pudding with	8: 15 P
					artificial topping; peach on lettuce	9. 13 1
						8::16 P
	11:16p	- 1			Called for Jim Jones	-
0	ll:17p				Called for Sergant Sweet, The Sergant Major of the Marine Corps Highest enlisted man in the Marine Corps. He has four purple	
					Hearts.	
	11:31P				Landed at El Torro . 54 degrees	

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