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The President began his day at (Place) USS. CONSTELLATION

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	8:00a				<p>President was up and dressed and had breakfast with 20 of the boys on Uss. Constellation.</p> <p>(See Attached list of names) <i>page 1a</i></p> <p>The President talked to them and had each of them stand up and give their names, rank and home town. Then the members of the Presidents staff that were present stood up and did the same.</p> <p>The President invited them to ask questions. They were a little hesitant at first so he asked them questions such as:</p> <p>"Is the moral higher at some times than at others? The answer was Yes and he asked why? The boys said that it depended on the amount of mail they received from home, what they read about in the newspapers., that they missed there girls or wives.</p> <p>This discussion brought up the point of the Hippies and the flower children, the groups that were against the war. One young man said that he couldn't understand why they had to go to war and these peace - niks got away from the draft by rebelling and having demonstrations. The President answered that in every war there are dissenters and this is not something that has happened just in the Viet Nam war and this is not something that happens just about wars. There are always people who are against what is going on in the world. Take, for example, how people are against short skirts. (Here he was referring to how relevant things are - the amount of anger towards the war is really no different than the amount of discussion about some more trivial things - it is all relevant.) The President said, back in my grandmother's day, she used to tell my sister that her skirts were too short - a fact which annoyed the President's sister - then the President said, if she were alive (meaning his grandmother) today and saw the length of Phyllis' skirts - why I don't know what she'd say. (Laughter).</p>	

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					The President then talked about how proud he was of these boys and how proud the Nation is. He said the Nobody wants to go to war and nobody wants to die - but people must and he was proud of the way these boys met their responsibility. If you make it - that's what we want and pray for every day - and if you don't then the good Lord knows that you went down swinging and fighting hard for your country. A young man got up and said that one of the best things he had read lately was a statement saying that the boys in VN were fighting for the right to allow people to dissent - and this is what makes America. Which brought the discussion back to dissenters and the President summed it all up by saying that it is boys like you that makes America a free country. <i>Many Rather's notes to DT</i>	
	8:47p				The brief Breakfast ended and President went up to the deck to go to church. We had to go down in an elevator from the deck to the hangar deck where the service was held.	
	9:00a	9:30			Church Service - see folder Captain Flanagan read Scripture Chaplain Keen led the service. Right after the ceremony started a testing device came on throughout the ship and was interrupting the service - the Captain jumped up and ran out to stop it and the Minister suggested that we all stand up and sing a hymn to drown the noise out and that is what we did.	
	9:35a				President returned to his quarters w/ Rostow Jim Jones George Christian	

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	9:40a	10:10a			Briefing in Flag Mess w/ RADM F. H. M. Michaelis - Commander Carrier Div. 9 CDR E. Lighter, XO CDR. R. McGlohn, CO Capt. P. S. McManus COMPHIBRON FIVE Capt. W. Wells, Staff COMPHIBPAC Air Wing Commander CDR KX Enney, CVW-4 CDR W. Dehart, CO T. H. Replogle, CO Also: Capt. Alton B. Grimes LCDR Rippey Cdr. Kenneth E. Enney George White, LCDR Swede Elie LCDR Alwyn Smith DMI Terrance M. Moy ADJ1 Vice Admiral Roeder	
					The subjects discussed were: Yankee Station Air Offensive Operations - with slides by RADM Michaelis Hand Hled Combat Photography - CDR Lighter (Mary Rather has transcription of notes) - DT	
					The briefing had to be cut short as the President was running late.	
	10:15a				Speech to the troops Then Navy Band played Stars Bangled Banner and Marine Honor Guard stood by with fixed rifles for a 21-gun salute.	
	10:33a				Departed immediately on Helicopter 1 for Palm Desert, California - home of General Eisenhower.	

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C	1:00p				President had lunch w/ (The President gave Gen. Eisenhower a set of blazer buttons with the Presidential seal on them in color. He gave Mrs. Eisenhower an Acutron Budoir Clock)	
C	(Pacific Time)				General Eisenhower	
C					Mrs. Eisenhower	
C					Joe Carlson	
					They had steak salad ice tea and rum chocolate	
	1:30p				Mrs. Eisenhower directed the President to a room to change for golf session.	
C	1:35p				President Gen. Eisenhower proceeded to Seven Lakes Country Club where they played i8 holes of golf	
C					There they met Johnny Dawson - owner of the club	
C					Don Wilson - radio announcer	
C	1:45p				Teed off!	
					On Hole 9 - they had fresh orange juice	
					Hole 11 - they met Mr. Dan Kimball - former Sec. of Navy	
					Hole 13 - the Gen. told the President that the last time he played this hole - he shot a hole-in-one	
					Hole 18 - The President shot a 122 yd drive down the green and parred the shot. Gen. Eisenhower also parred the hole	
C					Left the golf course and drove to the residence of Mr and Mrs. ^{FLOYD ODLUM} Odum	
C					She is the former Jacqueline CORCORAN ^{COCHRAN} - aviatrix	
					They went into the house and Mrs. EXXXXX ^L Odum took the President on a brief tour of their property which included a golf course and a driving range.	

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	5.59				TO AFI	
	6:00p				ABOARD AIR FORCE ONE: 51 passangers	
					The President	
					James Jones	
					General Walt	
					Chief Don Nauser	
					Sargeant Salizar	
					Sgt. Maj. Sweet	
					Sgt. Paul Glynn	
					Sgt. Marshall Gaddis	
					SDI Cecilio Pontanilla	
					Connie Gerard	
					Harace Busby	
					Dr. George Burkley	
					Lt Col. Hugh G. Robinson	
					Cdr. Samuel Latimer	
					Phyllis Bonanno	
					Mary Rather	
					Mr. Robert Taylor (USSS)	
					Mr. Clinton Hill (USSS)	
					Mr. S. Sulliman (USSS)	
					Mr. Philip Strother (USSS)	
					Mr. Nelson (USSS)	
					Mr. S. Garmon (USSS)	
					Mr. John P. Jones (USSS)	
					Mr. Walt Rostow	
					Sgt. Robert Recco	
					Sgt. Jack Cliff	
					Larry Temple	
					Harry McPherson	
					Donna Moloney	
					Nell Yates	

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	6:00p				OFF THE RECORD: visit with the press	
					The President	
					David Matthews, Reuters	
					Frank Cormier, Ap	
					Max Frankel, NY Times	
					Helen Thomas - UPI	
					Bob Young - Chicago Tribune	
					Forrest Boyd, Mutual News	
					Hugh Sidey, Time and Life	
					Jim Jones	
					Tom Johnson	
					Mary Rather	
					pob	
					Talked about his visit with Gen. Eisenhower and how well he looked. Also the Gen. reminiscing about Churchill and Gen. Marshall. Told story about Earl Rudder and Gen. Bradley ((the fellows won't go up there if I don't go too)	
					Answered questions off and on about the war.	
	6:30p				President had dinner w/ the above press people and staff.	
					He had:	
					2 bowls of chili	
					2 bowls of jello	
					2 crackers	
					1 glass of water	

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