

THE WHITE HOUSE
PRESIDENT LYNDON B. JOHNSON
DAILY DIARY

Date March 5, 1968

The President began his day at (Place) the White House Day Tuesday

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					Weight 199 1/2 lbs.	
					Today sent Condolences w/ice to Sen. Dirksen and flowers to funeral. Sen. Dirksen's brother died	
	2:28a		t		op - send the chief up	
	2:29a		t		The situation room	
	7:30a				Wakeup call from the operator - and the President asked for breakfast	
C	8:30a	9:40a			Congressional Leadership Breakfast	
					Speaker John McCormack	
					Cong. Carl Albert	
					Cong. Hale Boggs	
					Senator Mike Mansfield	
					Senator Russell Long	
					The Vice President	
					PMG Lawrence O'Brien	
					AGENDA:	
					1. This week's program	
					2. Gold cover	
					3. Message scheduling	
					4. Consumer legislation	
					5. appropriations, authorizations and other administration legislation	
					6. Rules Committee	
					7. Tax bill	
					8. Crime legislation	
					Mike Manatos	
					Joe Califano	
					George Christian	
					Marvin Watson	
					Barefoot Sanders	
	8:58a				Justice Fortas called for the President - left word w/ the Sergeant Ken Gaddis	
U	9:40a	10:00a			The Vice President	
					Speaker J hn McCormack	
					and MW	

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	10:05a	10:08a			To Oval Office - w/ George Christian	
	10:08a				MW	
	10:09a				President tried to return Justice Fortas' call - he was on the bench until noon	
	10:29a		t		Manatos - pl	
	10:35a		f		Douglass Cate#	
✓	10:45a	11:07a			<p>OFF RECORD: Dr. Waldo Stephens E. Stephens, of Oklahoma City (General Walt, Asst Commandant of the Marine Corps, wrote the President a ltr re Dr. Stephens. He says, "Stephens is well known and recognized as a qualified and serious student of national and world affairs. Received his Doctor of Philosophy Degree at Columbia Univ w/ international law and relations as his major. Served as a combat soldier in the First World War in France for nine months. Is over 70 years of age. "</p> <p>Dr. Stephens recently went to VietNam and spent 11 weeks there, covering the entire country. He has his own tv program in Okla. City on which he talks of intl and national affairs. Gen. Walt says he was "tremendously impressed by the sincerity, the knowledge, and the devotion of this man as an American."</p> <p>Dr. Stephens is a Republican, but is 100% behind the President on what what we are doi ng in VietNam.</p>	

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11:59a

12:14p

Hon. Ernest ██████ Goldstein

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12:02p

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Justice Abe Fortas

12:19p

MW¹

and Dr. John Roche

12:29p

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Manatos - pl

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	4:35p		t		MW - pl	
	4:37p		t		George Christian - pl	
✓	4:40p		f		Hon. James Rowe (had been talking to MW, and MW transferred it to the President)	
	4:50p		t		MW - pl	
	4:57p		t		Tom Johnson - pl	
	5:00p		t		Col. James Cross	
	5:02p		t		MW - pl	
	5:26p				To the Oval Office -alone - and to workpapers on the corner of XXXXXX mjdr's desk	
✓	5:45p				W Watson - pl	
5	5:50p	6:50p			M Max Lerner and George Christian /columnist w/ New York Post	
	5:55p		f		Eugene Black in New York	

*Christian's notes
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	8:31p			t	Dale Meeks - he was flying - "never mind." -- did not talk	
C	8:55				DINNER - w/ Mrs. Johnson Capt and Mrs. Charles Robb Mr. and Mrs. John Fleming of New York City - houseguests tonight Mrs. Arthur Krim	
	9:15p		t		Mary Rather re letter he had given her earlier <i>(Pat Nugent to Col. J. M. Cannon)</i>	
	9:48p				To the office to pick up letter	
	9:58p				Back to the second floor	
	9:59p		t		op - have the chief come up	
	11:15p				retired	
	11:45p				Pat Nugent called the President from St. Petersburg, Fla. asking to talk only if the President were awake - he has retired, and Pat cancelled the call	
					20 minutes before the filing deadline, the White House decided against using a stand-in for President Johnson to propose oppose Sen. Eugene McCarthy in the Massachusetts Democratic presidential preference poll next month.	