

THE WHITE HOUSE  
PRESIDENT LYNDON B. JOHNSON  
DAILY DIARY

Date March 15, 1968

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Entry No.	Time		Telephone for t		Activity (include visited by)	Expendi- ture Code
	In	Out	Lo	LD		
	7:30am				President awake and having breakfast	
					New York	
	7:35am				Bill Blackburn with morning/papers and memos for President	
	7:46am		f		Ernest Goldstein - but Pres. did not talk	
	7:50am				Marvin Watson and Larry Temple	
1	8:00am				Dr. Burkley and Dr. John McTigue (McTigue is Washington, D. C. eye doctor)	
1	8:07am		f		Justice Abe Fortas	
1	8:10am				Justice Fortas arrived West Hall	

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	8:11am			f	Mayor Richard Daley, Chicago	
	8:30am	9:50am			President to West Hall (in pajamas and robe to talk to Justice Fortas	
	9:22am			f	Sen. John J. Sparkman (D) Ala., Chairman, Senate Banking and Currency Committee	
	9:40am			t	Rostow pl	
	9:48am			t	Secretary Henry Fowler	
	10:19am				Rostow pl	
	10:20am			t	Charles Director/Zwick of the Budget	

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	11:35am			f	Luci Nugent (said she <del>would</del> like to talk to her Daddy because she thought he may need a boost this morning)	
	11:45a				To Oval Office w/ Marvin Watson	
		11:46a			George Christian Tom Johnson	
C	11:46a	11:50a			Out Center Door and into Fish Room for Presentation of <u>C</u> redentials by His Excellency <u>Julio Rivera</u> , Ambassador of El Salvador; and His Excellency Dr. <u>Rogue Roqua Jacinto Avila</u> , Ambassador of Paraguay	
					The President then took them into his office, accompanied by Hon. Robert Sayre, Deputy Asst Secy, <del>Intvar</del> Intvar-American Affairs Jim Symington and Donald Barnes(interpreter)	
The President sat down in his rocking chair w/ Amb <del>Rivera</del> of El Salvador on his right, and Amb of Paraguay on his left. The President did most of the talking, and gave them a miniature State of the Union address. The President pointed out the time of difficulty we were in, but from his point of view, he felt that other President had faced just as much trouble -- like FDR in the 40's. The President said he felt it was much more important to address himself to the problems of governing and giving leadership than campaigning. He admitted that he probably would campaign later, but was now spending every part of every waking hour on the problems of balance of payments, the cities, and VietNam. With respect to VietNam, he looked them both in the eyes and said that we were there to win the war and would. After leaving, both Amb's mentioned to Jim Symington that they were impressed by the vigor of the President's presentation and feeling. Symington:mf						

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U	1:40p	1:43p			To Fish Room for film TAPING of statement for National Alliance of Businessmen	
U	1:45p	2:30p			OFF RECORD: Hugh Sidey, TIME-LIFE and Tom Johnson	
		2:30p				
					Sidey "wants to discuss the political situation, and particularly the President's feelings about Senator Kennedy's latest moves."	
	1:47p	1:50p			Mrs. Johnson	
U	1:48p				Hugh Sidey and Tom Johnson out while President talking to Mrs. Johnson back in at 1:50p	
	1:52p	2:30p			George Reedy joined	

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	2:32p				MW	
(1)	2:45p				Hon. Ramsey Clark, the Attorney General	
(1)	2:52p				To mansion for LUNCH	
		4:10p			w/ the Attorney General	
		4:10p			Larry Temple	
	3:35p		f		mjdr - with messgge, "Cong. Albert called, saying that a member of Sen. Kennedy's staff had called Albert's office asking where the <span style="background-color: black; color: black;">      </span> Congressman could be reached tonight and that the Senator may have an important announcement to make tonight."	
	4:14p		f		Tom Johnson	
	4:21p		t		MW - pl	



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C	7:10p	7:21p			Out of Cabinet Room, and into mjdr's room w/ Justice Abe Fortas -- then into Oval Office w/ Justice Fortas	
C	7:30p	8:30p			George Christian and Norman Cousins, Editor of the Saturday Review	
	notes to DT				The Vice President recommended the President see Mr. Cousins. ... "Cousins by and large maintains his sincere dedication to the President and to what the President stands for."	
C	8:45p		t		Secy Fowler	
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N	9:20p		t		Hon. William McChesney Martin - Chairman, Board of Governors Fed Reserve System	

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	9:58p				To mansion w/ mf joining Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Krim in West Hall	
(C) ✓	10:10				DINNER	
		11:05p			w/ Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Krim mf	
	10:15p				Asked for John Roche - out of the city - left word	
(U) ✓	10:19p		t		Hon. James Rowe	
	11:00p				Chief to second floor	
(U) ✓	11:00p				President to his bedroom - w/ Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Krim to watch evening news and get a rub	
	11:12p		t		MW	

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