

THE WHITE HOUSE
PRESIDENT LYNDON B. JOHNSON
DAILY DIARY

Date March 20, 1968

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					some cl oudiness-but mostly sunny-1st day of spring	
	5:47a		t		The Situation Room	
C	7:41a		t		Mr. Arthur Krim - houseguest in Room 303	
C	7:45	9:30a			Mr. Arthur Krim - in bedroom	
C	7:50a		f		Justice Abe Fortas	
C	8:06a		t		The Vice President	
C	8:31a		f		The Vice President	
C	8:36a			t	Walter Reuther, Rochester, Minnesota - President, International Union, UAW, AFL-CIO	
C	8:44a		f		Secretary Clark Clifford	
C	9:00a			t	Hon. McGeorge Bundy - New York City - President, the Ford Foundation, NYC	
C	9:10a		f		Hon. Charles Zwick	
	9:30a		t		Harry McPherson - pl	
C	9:30	9:35a			Dr. John McTigue	

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C	9:48a		t		Hon. Clark Clifford - Secy of Defense	
	9:55a		t		Jim Jones	
	10:00a		t		Harry McPherson - pl	
	10:10a				To the Oval Office	
	10:12a		t		MW - pl	
	10:15a	10:44a			Walt Rostow	Later in the day Walt Rostow sent the President a proposed draft of speech written by Bill Jorden w/note attached: "I should like you to read before the 5 p.m. meeting how Bill Jorden laid out a peace message along the lines you guided us this morning" Walt Rostow.
		10:44a			William (Bill) Jorden, NSC staff	
					Frank Wolfe (photographer) in also	

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C	10:45a	11:10a			OFF RECORD: Senator Henry Jackson -- appt requested by Sen. Jackson - said he " Wants the President to address the joint legislature and pull people together "	
	11;15				Charles Maguire Jim Jones	
C	11:15a		t		Mr. Louis Martin, Vice Chairman for Minorities, DNC	
	11:19a		t		MW - pl	
C	11:23a	11:30			OFF RECORD: Senator Hugh Scott of Pennsylvania	
		11:30			Mr. Joseph Hughes - one of the newly named members to the Public Broadcasting Corp - is Governor, Vice President, and General Counsel of T. Mellon & Sons / Senator Scott left with the President a copy of his book, "Come to the Party," autographed, "To my friend, The President, who comes off well in my book, Hugh Scott, 20 March '68"	

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✓	12:52p		f		Mrs. Barry Beck	
	1:05p		t		Tom Johnson - pl pl	
	1:09p				OFF RECORD	Wanted to discuss
		1:35p			Mr. Bruce Agnew	Economic outlook and prospects;
notes to DT		1:35p			Mr. Charles Gardner (new Bureau Chief)	Balance of Payments Program
					of Business Week Magazine	Gold crisis
						Politics
✓		1:35p			w/ Tom Johnson	Vietnam
						and the National Alliance of Businessmen
	1:40p		t		T Johnson - pl	

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	1:45p		f		Larry Temple	
C	1:47p	2:50p			Hon. McGeorge Bundy OFF RECORD President, the Ford Foundation, NYC	
C	2:52p	3:55p			President through mjdr's office to mansion. for lunch. Secy. Henry Fowler Chairman William McChesney Martin, Bd of Gov, Fed. Reserve System Mr. Art Okun, Chmn CEA Ed Fried Ernie Goldstein Charles Zwick, Director, BOB Tom Johnson	
					<i>re fiscal policy</i>	
	4:16p		t		MW - pl	
	4:43 p		t		Jim Jones pl	
C	4:46p		t		Hon. Edward Mr. Everett Clark in Austin - formerly Amb to Australia	

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					The President approved the assignment of Lt. Gen. Jack G. Merrell to be Commander, Air Force Logistics Command and nominated him for appointment to the rank of General.	
					The White House made public today the following letter from the President to the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives. Content being: proposals being a part of the President's balance of payments program as announced on January 1. They relate to that part of the program dealing with export increases and or a part of what we call in the message a long range systematic program to stimulate the flow of the products of our factories and farms into overseas markets.	
					2nd request for prompt approval of the 2.4 million dollar supplemental appropriation for the Export Expansion Program that the President submitted last week.	
					The President today awarded the Presidential Unit Citation to the 6234th Tactical Fighter Wing, Seventh/13th Air Force (Southeast Asia). USAF for extraordinary heroism in action against hostile forces from 8 April 1965 to 8 April 1966 in Vietnam	
					Today the President submitted to Congress the 7th Annual Report of the National Science Foundation for fiscal year 1967.	
					Today the President announced the appointment of Arthur A. Houghton, Jr. of NYC to be a member of the Library of Congress Trust Fund Board to replace Benjamin M. McKelway, Sr. Vice President and Editorial Chrm of The Evening Star, Washington, D.C. whose term of office has expired.	
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					Today the President signed a Proclamation proclaiming Cancer Control Month, 1968	
					Notes from Phyllis on tonight's toasts, and entertainment: The toasts ended at 10:42p, and the President left the State Dining Room w/ Mrs. Humphrey at his side. Mrs. Johnson followed with the President of Paraguay -- into the Red Room for coffee and mingled with guests.	
					At 11:00p, everyone went into the East Room for the entertainment--the University of Maryland Madrigal Singers. The President seemed to really enjoy them and applauded very hard. At one point, when the female soloist finished, he kept the applause going until she had taken a second bow.	
					After the entertainment, the President and Mrs. J. and the President of Paraguay went up on the stage to greet the singers and stand for pictures. Bess asked the President to line up a little differently, and he said, "I'm not having any pictures taken with the Vice without the Vice President and Mrs. Humphrey." So they joined him. B Knudsen asked if one of the boys could come forward a little more as the Vice President was in front of him and the boy couldn't be seen. The President said, "That's not the first time Hubert has stood in someone's way."....this evoked much laughter from the audience.	
					After the pictures, the President went into the main hallway downstairs, and the Marine Band started to play. Martha Ray came up and asked him for an autograph, and he laughed, and obliged.	
					Walt Rostow had a private chat with him and then hurriedly rushed off to do something before midnight.	

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