

THE WHITE HOUSE

PRESIDENT LYNDON B. JOHNSON

DAILY DIARY

Date March 31, 1968

the White House

Day Sunday

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	In	Out	Lo	LD		
	7:05a				The President and Mrs. Johnson went to the South Grounds to wait for Lynda who was due to arrive from California where she had said goodbye to Chuck last night.	
	7:10a				Lynda arrived	
	7:14a				The President, Mrs. Johnson and Lynda to the second floor	
	7:50a				The President told the operator that he wanted to talk to Mr. Krim as soon as she heard from him.	
	8:00a				Breakfast	
	8:19a		t		Jim Jones	
C	8:23a			f	Edwin Weisl, Sr. - New York City	
C	8:40a		f		Mr. Arthur Krim - houseguest	
C	9:05a			t	Dale Meeks - LBJ Ranch	
	9:18a				The President asked to speak to Mr. Joe Mashman	
C	9:35a				Horace Busby to the second floor	
	9:55a				The President, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Nugent and Jim Jones departed the White House	

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	12:00n				The President returned to the mansion, accompanied by Nugents and JRJ	
✓	12:09p			f	Mr. Joseph (Joe) Mashman of Bell Helicopter Corporation - Ft. Worth, Tex	
	12:41p		t		Walt Rostow - returning Rostow's 11:20a call	
	1:43p		t		Charles Maguire	
	2:06p				mf to the second floor. Sgt. Gaddis was sitting at the table in the Center Hall, and no one seemed to be around. she asked the Sgt where the President was, and he replied, "in the Treaty Room."	
					The President was sitting the Treaty Room at a small oval marble-topped table, reading a handwritten draft (Busby's first draft of the ending for tonight's speech) Horace Busby was the only other person in the room. The President read the draft aloud, making changes, patting his foot a good bit, showing the words to mf, clarifying Busby's handwriting, and doing some editing of his own. President then told mf to type the draft quickly, count the words and show it to no one and return it to him with several copies. As he walked to the West Hall with mf, he took the draft from her hands, and asked her to wait...he then called Mrs. Johnson to join him along with the Krims in the West Hall...and Pat and Luci...and read the draft aloud to them. There was no comment.	

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	2:55p				To the Oval Office -	
	2:56p		t		Christian - pl	
	2:57p	3:02p			Watson	
		3:37p			Jones	
					Fleming	
		3:03p			Christian	
	3:00p	3:01p			Liz Carpenter	
	3:03p	3:36p			George Christian	
					During this time, the President read his speech for tonight - using teleprompter and before the cameras.	
					After he finished, he went to the tickers as the teleprompter was rewound.	
	3:30p		t		Walt Rostow - returning his call (Mr. Rostow had called from his home while the President was reading his speech and left word)	

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	3:38p				George Christian in	
	3:45p		f		Walt Rostow (President took this call in mjdr's room)	
	3:47p				To the mansion - and to his bedroom - for NAP --after stopping in mjdr's room to ask for "President's Truman's withdrawal remarks in 1952 -- in March." This was Truman's speech to a JJ Dinner -- pertinent excerpts were taken, typed and sent to the mansion	
	3:50p		t		Jones - pl	
	3:54p		t		Jones - pl	
	4:11p		t		Jones - pl	
3x C	4:54p		t		Secy Clifford (b)	
	506p		t		McPherson - pl	
	5:15p		t		Tom Johnson - pl	
	5:18p		t		McPherson--pl- Jones - pl	

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	5:52p		t		Jones 0 pl	
	5:55	6:25p			Hon. Walt Rostow Hon. Averell Harriman, Amb at Large Hon. Anatoly F. Dobrynin, Ambassador of the USSR off record	
	6:01p		t		Christian - pl	
	6:30p		t		Jones - pl	
	6:32p		f		Jones	
	6:35p				Busby called mf from the Treaty Room saying, "I need some help. I have another draft to be typed."	
					mf went to the Treaty Room, and Busby explained his draft and inserts. The President joined soon after, walking in w/ hands in pockets, and saying, "Buzz, we're going down to the line, it's time..let's see what you have." The President made changes and edited the draft.....these are indicated on the drafts....	
					He then sat down and started to write his own words on withdrawal, using mf's steno notebook, but did not finish, for Busby helped him with several words, and they were added in the President's hand on the yellow page draft.	

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	6:50p				Down the elevator w/ Mrs. Johnson and xxxxxxx mf and Jim Jones who had come to escort the President to the office. On the elevator, the President said that he was going to practice one more time and that he should get hold of Terry Sanford. Jim explained that Sanford was an on an airplane, and could not be reached.	
	6:55p				Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Krim to office mf typing second draft -- finished it and took it to Buzz in the Treaty Room After Buzz had read it and was assured that this was his last draft-- it was at this point that the figure 65 months 64 months was changed to 52.... Buzz realized that he had miscounted. mf then started for the office... for the President had already said the first two pages could go to the teleprompter people... but met the President at the elevator at	
	7:37p				and the President stopped at the desk where the Sergeatn usually sits in the Center Hall, and looked at this final draft. Once more, he made changes. He asked mf to get Buzz who was in the Treaty Room--he joined. People were milling about. Pat walked through the Hall... Mrs. Johnson went to her room... Mr. and Mrs. Krim were sitting at a card table in the West Hall.... The President then told mf to go ahead with the changes. mf asked if she could now give the first two pages to the teleprompter teleprompter people, and the President replied in the affirmative.	

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					mf to office -- gave first last two pages to the teleprompter people.	
	7:43p				Mr. and Mrs. Steve Martini to the second floor - waited for a bit	
	7:55p				Marvin Watson to second floor	
	8:05p		t		Walt Rostow	
C	8:07p		f		General Earle Wheeler	
	8:10p				JRJ took the last page of the draft which mf had been holding to the mansion and asked the President if he was ready for it to go to the teleprompter people. He replied in the affirmative, and Jim took it to the teleprompter people.	
					mf then went to the press office to type the ending to the speech on soft white bond. After finishing, she made one xerox -- for the President had sent instructions that he wanted 30 copies available for quick press handout after the speech.	
					Final pages of the President's speech were put in the President's speech book at 8:55p	
C	8:25p				Secy and Mrs. Clark Clifford to the second floor	
	8:33p				Mr. and Mrs. Walt Rostow to second floor	
	8:42p				The President to the Oval Office w/ Marvin Watson Walt Rostow and Jim Jones	

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					be a candidate for nomination for another term as my President."	
Q	9:49p			f	The Vice President - Mexico City	
Q	9:50p			f	Governor John Connally - Austin, Tex	
	9:58p				William S. White called -- talked to Jim Jones' office	
	9:59p					
	10:05p				The President and Mrs. Johnson to the second floor accompanied by Secy Clifford	
	10:07p				The President asked for Secy Rusk he was in the air - Walt Rostow talked on the call later in the evening	
	10:08p				mf to the second floor - the President was in the West Hall -- wearing his blue turtle neck shirt, w/ Mrs. Johnson, Secy and Mrs. Clark Clifford Hon. and Mrs. Walt Rostow Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Nugent and Lynda Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Krim	
Q	10:15p	10:47p			Hon Leonard Marks	
		10:47p			Mr. Douglass Cater and Okamoto to the second floor	

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C	10:11p			f	Mrs. Eugene McCarthy in Milwaukee, Wisc. (b.)	
	10:13p				Justice Fortas called - talked to Jim Jones	
					The President took many of these calls in his bedroom--others he took while sitting in the West Hall.	
R	10:14p		f		Hon. Willard Deason The President told Deason "polish up on your dominoes, we're going to be happy, and give my love to Jeannie."	
	10:20p		t		Harry McPherson - telling him to get busy on a speech for tomorrow - Chicago, Natl Assoc of Broadcasters	
	10:25p	12:35p			Mr. and Mrs. Simon McHugh to second floor	
C	10:26p		f		Secrtary Wirtz (b.)	
	10:26p	10:40p			Mike Manatos	
C				11:00p	and Secy and Mrs. Wilbur Cohen to second floor	
C	10:27p			f	Bill Moyers - Long Island --in bedroom	
C	10:30p			f	Senator John Sparkman, Huntsville, Ala. (b.)	
C	10:36p		f		Senator Clinton Anderson	
C	10:33p		f		George Reedy	
	10:45p				Talullah Bakkhead calldd - talked to Jim Jones	

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	10:45p				mjdr to second floor	
	10:50p				DINNER - on trays in West Hall - people milling about	
C	10:51p			f	Mrs. Oveta Culp Hobby and Mrs. George Brown - Houston, Tex	
	10:54p				George Christian to the second floor - the President greeted him by saying, "George you better get yourself a drink, "--the President appeared to think that GC needed one.	
C	10:57p			f	Mariallen Moursund - Round Mountain, Tex - President said, "Tell Jessie (Hunter) that I love her...." and Mrs. Johnson took the phone to say hello. also	
C	10:58p			f	Dr. Frank Stanton, New York City (b.)	
C	11:00p	11:40p			The President to the Yellow Oval Room for PRESS CONFERENCE	

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	11:06p			f	Amb. Goldberg - NY C	
✓	11:11p			f	E. Palmer Hoyt, Denver, Colo.	
✓	11:15p		f		William S. White	
					(there is some problem reconciling these calls with the Press conference time and the operator's time on their log. The President did talk on them... but from his bedroom.... and we think that because the switchboard was so crowded and flooded, there was some discrepancy.)	
					snatches of conversation:	
					Arthur Krim, trying to be humorous, "Now you don't have to make that California comm tment, and we don't have to worry about Indiana."	
					Okie taking pictures... most people talking in small groups in low tones. Somebody said it sounded and looked like a funeral parlor. The only one evidencing any enthusiasm was the President... and the President spent much of this time on the telephone.	
					Lynda told the President that today Chuck received \$500 pay tax free as a result of being in Vietnam. Secy Clifford joined in the discussion, and the President explained that wonderful things have been done. "If the Marines are in there shooting and they ask for air cover, now the man who picks up the phone is off the ground in five minutes. I am sure sure don't want any delay, and want to give them all the help I can. "	
				o	Wilbur Cohen and his wife stopped by to say goodnight... "Im' working on a house for you in Johnson City," said the President... "you and your wife can live there." He told the group, "Wilbur was a friend of mine before anybody else ever knew him." Cohen replied, "You're a great	

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	11:17p				Sargent Shriver called the President...talked to mf	
					"I know your switchboard is swamped...I'm at home...just sick...	
					I want to express my regrets and my sorrow...I'd be honored if he	
					could call me back, but I don't want to bother him."	
11:20p	11:20p	11:47p			Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Watson and Larry Temple to second floor	
	11:21p				Governor Nelson Rockefeller called the President...talked to mf	
					"Tell him that Happy and I watched him, we thought he was fabulous,	
					his friends are with him 100%. He's a great patriot, we're both devoted	
					to him and just wanted to reach out to him at this time."	
	11:30p				Warrie Lynn Smith to second floor	
	11:38p				Ernest Goldstein called the President...talked to mf	
				just offering love and support. am in the office..want to help	
	11:39p				Cong Jack Brooks called the President - from Beaumont, Texas	
					talked to mf...in the Center Hall...	
					but as the President walked out of the Yellow Oval Room, he took the	
					phone and talked to the Congressman	
	11:40p	11:47p			Charles Maguire, Bill Blackburn and Jack McNulty to second floor - standing around in	
					Center Hall	
					Greeted Marian and Marvin Watson who were standing in the Center Hall.	
					He told Marian he thought she was the prettiest thing he'd ever seen,	
					and that he had seen a good photograph of her the other day. He read some	
					papers which MW was carrying in his hand....	
					and then went back in the living room West Hall.....	
					joining	
					the Krims,	
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					and Nugents	

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					The President watched the televised news and analyses of his announcement.... and then watched Ray Scherer as he broadcast remarks on what happened in the Yellow Oval Room.	
<i>C</i>	11:59p			t	Governor Nelson Rockefeller - NYC - (b) returning his call (took this call in the Bedroom)	
	11:59p				C. P. Little called the President - talked to Willie Day Taylor	
	12:10a				Back to West Hall... Greeted Warrie Lynn Smith -- laughing, "I thought you were off getting Married... what happened to that Davidson fellow?"	
	12:12a				Cliffords out The President joked with joked with Mr. Krim -- I may I may have to learn to drive that helicopter now.	
					The President chuckled and said that "Now Nelson Rockefeller is reassessing things."	
					Talking about his announcement he said, "I never was any surer of any decision I ever made in my life, and I never made any more unselfish one. I have 525,000 men whose very lives depend on what I do, and I can't worry about the primaries. Now I will be working full time for those men out there. I don't need to worry, and the only guys that won't be back here by the time my term ends is are the guys that x left in the last day or two. I think the boys there will be glad that I'm working for them."	
					Lynda told her Daddy that she thought that some of the boys might get	

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