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✓	9:58p		t		Senator Richard Russell - at his home	
	10:29a		t		Harry McPherson - Harry's daughter, Coco, fell from a tree last night, and there was a chance of serious injury. The President was interested in her condition, and asked to talk to Harry if it were convenient.	
	10:38a				Senator Richard Russell to second floor	
	10:55a		t		Senator John Stennis (br)	
✓	11:15a	12:00N			Senator John Stennis to second floor	
Ⓢ	11:50a				To the South Grounds w/ Senator Richard Russell to escort him to his car	
	11:59a				Back on second floor	
	12:15p		t		Jones - pl	
Ⓢ	12:52p		t		The Attorney General	

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<i>C</i>	1:15p		f		Senator Richard Russell	
<i>C</i>	1:18p		t f		Hon. Cyrus Vance	
<i>C</i>	1:30p				LUNCH - w/	
<i>C</i>		5:10p			Secy Clifford	
		5:10p			Walt Rostow	
		5:10p			Harry McPherson	
		5:10p			Horace Busby	
					George Christian	
		5:10			██████████	
		5:10			Tom Johnson	
<i>C</i>					General William Westmoreland	
<i>C</i>		5:10			Under Secy of State Nicholas Katzenbach	
<i>C</i>		5:10			<i>Gen.</i> Hon. Maxwell Taylor	
<i>C</i>		5:10			Director Richard Helms	
<i>C</i>		5:10			General Earle Wheeler	
<i>C</i>		5:10			Ambassador Averell Harriman	
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	4:10p		t		Ashton Gonella at home	
	5:12p		t		Sanders pl	
	5:14p		t		Califano pl	
C	5:19p			f	Mayor Richard Daley in Chicago (b.)	
	5:20p				Busby to the Mansion	
	5:21p		t		Califano pl	
C	5:22p		t		Atty. Gen. Ramsey Clark at his office	
	5:30p		t		Califano pl	
C	5:35p			t	Mayor Richard Daley in Chicago (b.)	
	5:35p				Temple to Mansion	
					Califano to Mansion	

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	6:00 p		t		Marvin Watson pl	
<i>C</i>	6:10 p		t		<i>Acting</i> Governor Samuel Shapiro - Springfield, Illinois <i>Governor Kerner is in Florida. Shapiro is Lieutenant Governor</i>	
	6:15 p		t		Joe Califano pl	
	6:23 p		t		Joe Califano pl	
	6:25 p		t		Diana and Mary---said he may come to office; was going to rest now.	
	6:30 p		t		Joe Califano pl	
<i>C</i>	6:38 p		t		Cyrus Vance <i>(b) re situation in D.C re rioting</i>	
<i>C</i>	6:40 p		t		Mayor Richard Daley in Chicago	
	6:58p		f		Joe Califano	6:55p <i>+</i> - mf - at home
	7:23p		t		Joe Califano pl	
	7:02		f		Joe Califanoxx	
	7:31p		t		Joe Califano	
	7:50p		t		Joe Califano pl	

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	8:28p				mf to second floor	
C	8:31p				DINNER - w/ Mrs Lynda General Westmoreland mf	
	8:37p		f		Joe Califano	
					At dinner the President first read the latest press briefing... and then then asked General Westmoreland some several questions. Amongthem: Which is the abler, Ky or Thieu. Gen W said it was his belief that Thieu was the ablest, and he told a story of his making a qualifying parachute jump w/ Thieu -- it was Thieu's first jump and the General's 121st....and the Ambassador cautioned against making the jump, but the General made it with Thieu anyway, and the two of them together became good friends. xxxx Gen W explained that there was some mystery about parachute jumpers.... he said that General Maxwell Taylor tells the story about going down a line of jumpers, inspecting the troops, and he came to the first one xxxx and said, "Do you like to jump?" and the boy replied, "Yes sir." He asked the next two men and they replied the same way. The fourth man replied, though, "No sir, I just like to be around people who do like to jump."	
					The President then asked the General about the attack on the Embassy. The General replied that the press as usual had distorted most of the accounts and chosen to broadcast rumor instead of fact.	
					The President then asked the General how he took care of his wounded. General said that there were several places xxx and that	

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					Mrs. Westmoreland spent much of her time greeting each man who arrived as part of air evac service. The General said he thought they had the best medical facilities in history.	
					The General said that there were three things that he had not economized on:	
					Medical Care	
					Food	
					and Mail	
					He said that this was the least he could do for his men and was a great help to morale. Mail, he said, helps the men the most.	
					The President talked about Chuck's location. The General said that he had the most challenging and best assignment...he would be father to 200 men, and have full responsibility for them.	
					Luci and Pat joined -- they had been downstairs watching a movie.	
					Lynda asked General Westmoreland the best way to pack cookies to keep them from breaking...everybody smiled, and Gen Westmoreland replied that in all his history, not one cookie had ever been mailed to him that was intact.	
	9:30p				The President went to the West Hall -- to watch CBS News Special, Charles Collingwood's interview with the North Vietnamese transmitting from satellite from Tokyo Channel 9	
					As the program came on, the President said, "I almost hate to look at it, because I know it'll make me mad."	

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	9:45p		t		McPherson - to tell him to be sure and watch the Collingwood show	
					Only comment after the show was the Collingwood was certainly naive, and made a mistake in considering that talks might be held in Cambodia.... we don't even have an Embassy there and do not have relations with that country.	
					The President kidded Pat, "General, How much do these airmen first class lose from their stomachs when they get over there?"	
	10:04p		t		Walt Rostow - returning his call	
					The General then pulled some charts from his small briefcase, showing the President where Chuck was and talking about allocation of troops in relation to allocations of enemy troops.	
C	10:27p		t		Hon. Cyrus Vance - to check on condition of rioting in the city	
	10:35p		t		Califano - pl "What's the situation in Chicago"	
C	10:40p		t		The Attorney General - " What is going on in Chicago, and have you heard about Jimmy Brown the soul singer who spoke to the negro people this afternoon on television. "	
	11:00p				To bedroom - for rub General Westmoreland also in room and Luci and Pat and mf ---all watching the news	

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