

THE WHITE HOUSE
PRESIDENT LYNDON B. JOHNSON
DAILY DIARY

Date May 23, 1968

the White House

The President began his day at (Place)

Day Thursday

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	In	Out	Lo	LD		
	8:30a				President awakened	
	8:35a				President had breakfast - tea, grapefruit and orange sections, eggs toast and bacon	
	8:40p				Bill Blackburn in to pick up night reading	
	9:00a	9:30a			Jim Jones Larry Temple	
<u>C</u> 10:00a					^{John} Mr. Camp (tailor from Louis and Thos. Saltz) brought four suits from Oxxford Clothes (correct spelling) - they fit perfectly The President has one on this morning - it is light colored - tan summer suit	
	10:20a				George Christian	
					Mrs. Johnson came in and liked the suits very much - she saw them on the President while they were being fitted	
<u>C</u> 10:30a				f	^{Richard} Mayor John Daley - Chicago	
	10:40a				Lynda to bedroom - brought the President a letter that Chuck had written her - he asked for a copy of it	
<u>C</u> 10:50a				t	Deke DeLoach - FBI - Washington	
	11:13a				President on collonade Jim Jones	

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					George Christian	
					prob to collonade to give the President a "red tag" which had to do with his appointment with Cong. Rostenkowski and Bill Clark that was to take place next on schedule	
	11:14a				President to Oval Office Jim Jones George Christian	
	11:17a		t		Joe Califano - pl	
C	11:22a	11:35a			Congressman Dan Rostenkowski - Illinois	
C		11:35a			Bill Clark - Illinois Attorney General memo from Barefoot Sanders suggested that the President talk with Cong. Rostenkowski about the \$6 billion dollar reduction in the Tax Bill.	
✓	11:36a	11:55a			President to Cabinet Room for Presentation of Presidential Unit Citation to the 26th Marines (reinforced), 3rd Division (Reinforced)	
✓					REMARKS: The Presidential Citation presented for extraordinary heroism in action against the North Vietnames Army forces during the battle for Khe Sanh in the Republic of Vietnam from 20 Jan. to 1 April, 1968. <i>List to Dorothy Leung</i>	

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					Paul R. Ignatius - Secretary of the Navy - read the citation	
					The President gave the streamer, representing the citation, to the Regimental colors carried by Sergeant Major Agrippa W. Smith to: Sergeant Major Smith and Colonel David E. Lownds, the CO of the 26th Regiment	
					The President then went over to shake hands with: General Chapman Commandant Walt and the various officers who were there	
					The President went around the Cabinet Room shaking hands with the Marines that were present	
					There was one young boy - about 16 or 17 - in a wheel chair - the President went up to speak with him and told him and told him how proud he was of him - the young boy was so pleased and honored	
					The President made a general remark to the boys that he hoped we would not be in Vietnam that much longer - but he was proud to know that these kinds of men were out there doing their job.	
	11:55a				President stopped to talk to Congressman Brooks - who was a guest Congressman Jack Brooks had a friend with him who he introduced to the President: Mr. C. W. Richardson, Nederland, Texas	
	11:56a				President to mjdr's office" Congressman Jack Brooks (Oke took a picture of them) Mr. C. W. Richardson	

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C					Meeting with John D. Rockefeller III continued---	
					The meeting concerned research and suggestions of John Rockefeller on world population problem. He had six points he wanted to make with the President.	
					1. He agrees it would not be appropriate at this time to appoint a Presidential Commission on Population. 2. He wants more NIH resources devoted to applied research in family planning. 3. He wants more active programs for delivery of family planning services under HEW 4. Would like more earmarking of funds for population problems, foreign and domestic. 5. Suggested President may like to meet with appropriate officials in AID, OFO and HEW & urge them to increase efforts in family planning matters	
	1:26p				6. Suggested new institution might be created for carrying on family planning. President to mjdr's office to read papers on her desk	
	1:35p				President to oval office with Jim Jones	
C	1:43p	2:10p			Hon. Leonard Marks into oval office USIA Director Discussed the World press reaction to the Paris peace talks and personal matters	

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President into the Fish Room for a luncheon

being hosted by Ernest Goldstein. The Following were present

Amb. Michel Gallin-Douathe of the Central African Republic

Amb. Adamou Mayaki of the Republic of Niger

Amb. Ohin of the Republic of Togo

Amb. Joseph T. F. Iyalla of Nigeria

Amb. Cyrille Adoula of the Democratic Republic of the Congo

Amb. Ebenezer Moses Debrah of Ghana

Amb. S. Edward Peal of Liberia

Amb. Angier Biddle Duke

Amb. Angier Biddle Duke deputy for Amb. Duke from EOB
Walt Rostow, Sancho-Bonet/ Thomas Quimby, Ed Hamilton/and

Walt Rostow, Sancho-Bonet, ^{deputy for Amb. Duke} Thomas Quimby, Ed Hamilton and

Roger Morris, from EOB

Roger Morris from EOB (Thomas Quimby is from the State Department)

The luncheon was divided into French and English speaking groups.

The French speaking group discussed current situation in France, The Peace Corps and generation gap. English speaking discussed regional development.

The President then discussed the situation in Vietnam, the Peace talks and read excerpts from Chuck Robb's latest letter. Ernest Goldstein translated the President's remarks into French for the non-English speaking group.

The group seemed very appreciative of what the Administration is trying

to do for them. President departed at 2:25p. Ambassadors departed at 2:40p

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President to mjdr's office to read the paper.

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C	5:54p				Hon. John Horne into mjdr's office with the President and Jim Jones. The President asked John Horne if he would sit in on the meeting at 6:00 p.m.	
		5:59				
C	5:59p				President into cabinet room with Jim Jones and John Horne to look at some charts.	
	6:00p		f		Doug Cater President back into oval office to take this call.	
C	6:17p	7:37p			President back to Cabinet Room for meeting with the Democratic Study Group-liberal element of Democrats in the House. Attending the meeting were: Congressman Carl Albert Congressman John Blatnik Congressman Eddie Boland Congressman Richard Bolling Congressman Jack Brooks Congressman James Burke Congressman Emilio Daddario Congressman Ed Edmondson	

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	7:38p				President into mjdr's office and then went dashing out the hall door hollaring for Barefoot Sanders	
	7:40p				Returned to oval office w/ Jim Jones Called into mjdr's office and told diana not to let them take the charts out of the Cabinet Room.	
C	7:46p	8:09			Mr. Ken Crawford of NEWSWEEK into oval office (OFF THE RECORD)	
C		8:11p			George Christian in	

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					Mr. Crawford wanted to see the President to discuss the domestic economy and possible political effects. He is interested in whether the President believes the economy, without the new taxes, could deteriorate to the point that public support might swing to a general "anti" attitude involving the "ins."	
	8:12p				Diana in to signing table - cleaned off table and read all of his night reading except Jim Jones folder.	
	9:20p	9:40p	t		Larry Temple	
	9:35p				President asked for Secy. Henry Fowler-but Secy. in Puerto Rico "nevermind"	
	9:41p				Larry Temple into Lounge.	
	10:10p				President and Larry Temple to 2nd floor	
C	10:14p		t		Commissioner Sheldon Cohen - w/Internal Revenue Service	
C	10:18p			f	Governor John Connally in Austin Texas	
	10:21p				After the President had talked a few minutes he asked that Mrs. Johnson be connected in on call - three way phone conversation	
	10:52p		t		Luci Nugent in Austin, Texas	
	11:00 p				DINNER on 2nd floor w/ Mrs. Johnson Larry Temple	

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