

THE WHITE HOUSE  
PRESIDENT LYNDON B. JOHNSON  
DAILY DIARY

Date May 25, 1968

the White House

Day Saturday

The President began his day at (Place)

Entry No.	Time		Telephone f or t		Activity (include visited by)	Expendi- ture Code
	In	Out	Lo	LD		
	8:00a				President awakened	
	8:10a				President had breakfast	
	8:46a		f		Walt Rostow	
	8:55a		t		Harry McPherson - at his residence	
	9:09a		t		Jim Jones - pl	
	9:10a				Jim Jones in President's bedroom	
	9:30a				President to South Grounds to board Marine One	
	9:33a				Marine One departed South Grounds	
					Manifest:	
					The President	
					Dr. John Roche	
					Frank Wolfe	
					Bill Fisher	
					Ervin Duggan	
					Harry Middleton	
					Dr. William Lukash	
					Bob Hardesty	
					Paul Glynn	
					Col. Hugh Robinson	
					Clint Hill	
					Jim Jones	
					John Paul Jones	
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					On the Helicopter the President:	
					— Read papers	
					— Talked with John Roche about the people who would be at the convention	
					— Asked the pronunciation of some of the Italian names	
					— Told a story about his lineage as being part Irish and part German - but Jack Valenti had once told him that he had a hypodermic needle of Italian in him - because of his explosive qualities	
					— Worked papers with Jim Jones	
					— Talked with Ervin Duggan and Harry Middleton and Bob Hardesty	
					— The President had on his new suit - one of three that he ordered and received earlier this week	
					— President looked at view over Chesapeake Bay and decided that maybe he would like to go out on the boat that night	
	10:40a				Marine One landed at the Atlantic City, New Jersey Helicopter pad	
	10:42a				President on ground	
					He was met by:	
					Governor Richard Hughes	
					Senator Frank Farley, . State Senator	
					Mayor Richard Jackson	
					Col. Dave Kelley	
					Commissioners:	
					Arthur W. Ponzio	
					William F. Casey	
					William Somers	
					Karlos R. Lasane	
					Commissioner of Registration: Germaine Fisher	

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	10:47p				President in limousine Jim Jones John Paul Jones Clint Hill Governor Hughes	
					Along the way quite a few people were out to greet the President Some had signs and every one cheered and applauded as he went by	
	10:50a				Arrived Convention Hall	
C	10:51a				President greeted by Charles S. Zimmerman Henoeh Mendelsund Fred Siems Milicent Porter Moe Falikman E. Howard Molisani	
					The International Ladies' Garment Worker's Union were holding there 33rd Convention. Louis Stulberg invited the President to come and speak. The meetings were being held for the purpose of reviewing the work they have done and accomplishments they have made in the union as well as the work and accomplishments of our nation. The problems which confront the people and what could be done about them would asldo be included. They wanted to President to speak to give the union guidance and ispiration for the years ahead.	
	10:55a				President to stage - where rostrum was set up	
					There was a 27 minute ovation for the President Approximately 1500 people were in the hall - the had placards reading "God Bless You Mister Presdient" and "Welcome Mr. President" There was an organ that played "Hello, Lyndon" and "Happy Days Are Here Again". People had blocks of wood which the banged on the table in lieu of applause Four times Louis Stulberg tried to stop the crowd - but they wouldn't stop The President sat down four times and then got up again and waved	

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	11:23a				Louis Stulberg, President International Ladies Garment Worker's Union introduced the President	
					REMARKS	
					The President spoke for 46 minutes	
	12:09p				President ended his speech He was interrupted 71 times by applause	
	12:11p				The President sat down	
	12:12p				President Louis Stulberg made a few remarks Presented the President with a: little tie - made by the union workers for Lynn doll - for Lynda's expected baby	
					The President took both and looked at them very carefully and then said: "I just wanted to make sure that they had the union labels on them"	
					The audience laughed and cheered at the above	
					Then Louis Stulberg gave the President: a brown leather portfolio and a medal - making him an honorary member of the union	
	12:25p				President to edge of stage to shake hands with the people John Paul Jones and Bill Livingood had to hold him by his belt to make sure that he did not fall over	
					The President kissed Mrs. Stulberg and Evelyn Dubrow	

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					Aboard Marine One:	
					The President	
					George Christian	
					Jim Jones	
					Dr. John Roche	
					Frank Wolfe	
					Bill Fisher	
					Dr. William Lukash	
					Marty Underwood	
					Col. Hugh Robinson	
					Chuck Lipson	
					Paul Glynn	
					pob	
					On the helicopter the President:	
					--finished reading the papers	
					--talked with John Roche about his affiliation with the ILGWU	
					--teased Jim Jones about the fact that the President had called him the night before at 12:30a and was told Jim was out	
					-- asked George Christian about his reaction to the President's new suit:	
					the President said "Don't you think the plaid is a little loud for a President"	
					George said "No, sir", I like it". The President said "I think it is, I bought this suit for my retirement - for going out on Saturday nights in Johnson City". (The suit which is a dark brown plaid - is really quite conservative and it is hard to discern the plaid in it without looking really closely)	
					-- asked everyone what should be done in Vietnam and how strategy could be changed	
					-- discussed the Paris peace talks	
					-- looked out the window and saw Chesapeake Bay again and told Paul Glynn to set up the details so he could go out on the boat	
					-- asked George Christian to check the details on a Cpl. Robb who was wounded in Vietnam in the same area that Chuck is in and to make sure that it was Cpl. Robb and not Cpt. Robb (note: it was not Chuck)	

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					-- told pob that she could have Saturday afternoon off as soon as she pulled three pictures - two for Mrs. Stulberg with the President and Lyn and the President and Yuki and one with Lyn for David Dubinsky	
					-- told pob that she looked like she could use Saturday afternoon off because he had seen her in the office a lot that week (It was pob's <del>saturday</del> Saturday off, anyway	
	1:25p				Arrived South Grounds	
	1:28p				President to Oval Office	
	1:35p				pob in with pictures for Mrs. Stulberg and David Dubinsky --the President signed them and told her to leave for her afternoon off	
	1:54p				President to Mansion for luncheon: <i>notes to DT</i>	
C					General Maxwell Taylor	
C					Richard Helms, Director CIA	
					Walt Rostow	
C					Justice Abe Fortas	
C					Sec. of State, Dean Rusk	
C					Sec. of Defense, Clark Clifford	
C					General Earle Wheeler, Joint Chiefs of Staff	
					George Christian	
	3:45p				All guests departed except Justice Fortas	

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	5:00p		t		Walt Rostow - pl	
	5:15p				President to Oval Office	
	5:40p				Marianne Means to Oval Office	
	5:43p		t		George Christian - at home	
	6:20p		t		<del>President at home</del> Jim Jones - pl	
	6:26p				President to Mansion	

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	7:03p				President departed South Grounds to Pier # <del>K</del> 1	
					Manifest on boat:	
					The President	
					Mrs. Johnson	
C					Mr. William White	
C					Gov. Price Daniel & Mrs. Daniel	
C					Mr. Simon McHugh	
C					Mrs. Vicky McHugh	
C					Capt <del>Mr.</del> Barry Beck	
C					Mrs. Mary Beck	
C					Mark Beck - Mary Beck's brother-in-law	
C					Mr. Emmet Riordan	
C					Mrs. Emmet Riordan	
					Diana Heiges	
C					Kevin Delaney	
					Jim Jones	
					Olivia Barkley	
C						
					As soon as the "Sequoia" departed the Pier everyone went to the top deck.	
					Mrs. Johnson asked the chief to serve dinner as soon as possible. We found	
					out it would be another hour--so everyone went to the dining room to watch	
					a Documentary film about Franklin Roosevelt entitled "FDR-3rd Term to Pearl Harbor"	
					Afterwards dinner was served in the dining room and the rear deck.	
					(lobster and beef stroganoff) Immediately following dinner Mrs. Johnson	
					started a bridge game w/ Mary Rather, and the Price Daniels.	
					Another group had a table set up to play cards also - Diana, JJ, Olivia Barkley,	
					Si and Vicky and Kevin Delaney. Soon after the President joined our group	
					and played with us until we got to Pier #1. Our group was playing poker w/match sticks.	
					The President was absolutely hysterical.	

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