

THE WHITE HOUSE  
PRESIDENT LYNDON B. JOHNSON  
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Date June 5, 1968

The President began his day at (Place) the White House

Day Wednesday

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	In	Out	Lo	LD		
	12:50a				retired	
	3:31a		f		Walt Rostow - told the President that Senator Robert Kennedy had been shot in the Ambassador Hotel in Los Angeles	
C	4:04a		t		A. W. Moursund - houseguest in mansion	
	4:23a		t		Mrs. Johnson	
	4:31a		f		Walt Rostow	
C	5:10		t		The Attorney General, Hon. Ramsey Clark	
C	5:19a		t		James Rowley, Director, U.S. Secret Service	
	5:21a		t		Hon. Ramsey Clark, the Attorney General	
C	5:34a		t		FBI Director, J Edgar Hoover (b. 1 -6-4) telling him he had asked Rowley to assign agents to Presidential candidates and their families, and asking that the FBI afford cooperation where necessary.	
C	5:41a		t		Hon. Clark Clifford, Secy of Defense	
C	5:47a		t		The Attorney General, Hon. Ramsey Clark	
	6:00a		f		Tom Johnson	

\*6:45a entry - George Christian issued statement by the President on the shooting of Sen Kennedy in Los Angeles.

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C	6:04a		t		James Rowley, Director, US Secret Service	
	6:18a		t		George Christian	
C	6:20a		t		Senator A. S. (Mike) Monroney	
C	6:35a			t	Theodore (Ted) Sorenson, Los Angeles, California	*GC's briefing -- 1259-A indicates "he talked first to Ted Sorenson, this morning, and then to Sen. Edward Kennedy and Stephen Smith."
C	6:45 *				(b. 1 - 6-4) - offering prayers and sympathy for/	
C	6:46a		t		Cong. Tom <del>Sex</del> Steed the family.	
C	6:59a		t		Sen. Mike Mansfield	
	7:00a				Breakfast	
	7:05a		t		DeVier Pierson	
	7:06a				The President asked for the Attorney General - he was en route to his office they talked at 7:40a	
C	7:07a		t		Secy Fowler	
	7:15a				The President told the operator to have Senator Mansfield brought to the bedroom	
C	7:16	7:38a			Senator Mike Mansfield - second floor	
C	7:17a		t		Sen. Everett Dirksen	
C	7:38a		t		Hon. James Rowley, Director, U S Secret Service (b. 2) re assigning SS agents to Presidential candidates, and a report on assignments made this morning	
C	7:40a		f		The Attorney General, Hon. Ramsey Clark - returning the President's call	
C	7:51a		t		Sen. <del>Mike</del> A. S. (Mike) Monroney	
C	7:52a		t		Justice Abe Fortas	

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	8:00a	8:50a			De Vier Pierson	
					The President and I discussed the best means of obtaining authority for the Secret Service to protect presidential candidates and for providing authority for other departments or agencies to assist the Secret Service in its protective duties which would include candidates as well as those already provided by statute. We determined this should be done by amendments to the appropriations bill and that we would seek action by the Subcommittee and full Appropriations Committee, and House concurrence in that action. The President said he had talked with Mansfield, Steed, Monroney, and Dirksen by telephone, and they all concurred. He called Senator Allott, the ranking Republican on the Appropriations Committee, and he concurred. The President asked me to go to the Hill and make sure they got the language correct.	
					He talked to Sen. Aiken about the request for Section 22 action to limit milk imports and expressed his concern that Aiken <del>had</del> had indicated objection to international grains agreement. Aiken responded that he would support the grains agreement if he were sure that we were taking dairy action.	
					The President talked with a number of persons over the phone, read memoranda, among which was one made by the Kennedy family for government transportation to take members of the family to the hospital in Los Angeles. The President agreed to this action.	
					Rufus Youngblood was there, and they discussed SS protection provided to candidates and made certain that agents had been dispatched.	
					above from Pierson	
	8:15	8:55a			Rufus Youngblood, Assistant Director, U S Secret Service	

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	4:25p		t		JJ pl	
	4:30p		t		JJ pl	
✓	5:01p			f	Mayor Sam Yorty in Los Angeles	
	5:06p		t		Harry McPherson pl	
✓	5:25p		f		Mr. William S. White	
	5:27p		t		Tom Johnson pl	
✓	5:37p		f		Attorney General Ramsey Clark	
	5:50p		t		Jim Jones pl	
	5:55p		t		Jim Jones pl	
	5:56p		t		Harry McPherson	
	6:00p		f		Jim Jones	
	6:04p		t		Liz Carpenter	
	6:12p		t		Jim Jones pl	

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	6:22p				President to oval office	
C	6:25p	6:30p			Ambassador W. Tapley Bennett, Jr. - Ambassador to Portugal in oval office	
					-- here in Washington on consultation, asks to pay courtesy call	
	6:31p		t		JJ pl	
g	6:33p	7:25p			Senator Mike Mansfield Senator Everett Dirksen in oval office	
C	6:55p	8:40p			Secretary Clark Clifford in oval office joining others	
C	7:00p	8:40p			Justice Abe Fortas in oval office w/others	
C	7:08p	7:28p			Attorney General Ramsey Clark in oval office After Atty. Gen. left oval office he went into cabinet room alone	
	7:40p	8:30p			Harry McPherson	
		8:30p			Joe Califano in oval <del>xxx</del> office joining	
		8:40p			Secy. Clifford	
C		8:40p			Justice Fortas (all into lounge going over speech)	

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✓	7:45p	8:40p			Attorney General Ramsey Clark returned to office	
	8:35p				Joe Califano returned to lounge	
	8:40p				President back into oval office w/	
		8:41p			Joe Califano	
✓	8:49p		t		Speaker John McCormack	
	8:50p		t		Joe Califano	
✓	8:53p		t		Dr. Milton Eisenhower - in Baltimore, Maryland	
	9:02p		f		Colonel John Glenn	
	9:06p		t		Harry McPherson	
✓	9:07p		t		Eric Hoffer	
	9:09p		f		Jim Jones pl	

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C 9:11p			t		Senator Philip Hart	
9:12p			f		Mrs. Johnson - Mrs. Johnson was ringing for Diana - I was in the President's Office and couldn't keep the operator from <del>ringing</del> ringing--so President cut in on call.	
C 9:14p			t		Congressman William <del>McCulloch of Ohio</del> McCulloch of Ohio	
C 9:22p			t		Congressman Gerald Ford	
C 9:27p			t		Harry McPherson	
C 9:28p			t		Mr. Albert Jenner	
C 9:31p			f		Vice President Hubert Humphrey	
9:32p			t		Jim Jones pl	
9:34p			f		Jim Jones pl <del>President's telephone</del>	



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	9:34p		t		Harry McPherson	
	9:37p		t		George Christian pl	
	9:43p				Talking to the operator	
	9:44p	9:50p			President to Barber Shop	
	9:50p				President to oval office	
	9:52p				President to diana asking her to have Mrs. Johnson notify Lucy <sup>~</sup> and Lynda that he is going to be on television in the next 5 or ten minutes.	
	9:54p		t		Jim Jones pl	
C 10:00p			t		Mr. Dick Muteing - legislative assistant to Sen. Roman L. Hruska of Nebraska	
	10:01p				President to Fish Room for	
C 10:02p	10:10p				REMARKS by the President - live from the White House on TV	

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					the President made a statement on the shooting of Senator Robert F Kennedy .. and he announced the formation of a commission of most distinguished Americans and directed the Commission to immediately examine the tragic phenomenon of violence and assassination. Commission members:	
					Dr. Milton Eisenhower	
					Cong. William McCulloch	
					Archbishop Terence J. Cooke	
					Judge A. Leon Higginbotham	
					Albert E. Jenner, Jr.	
					Ambassador Patricia R Harris	
					Mr. Eric Hoffer	
					Senator Philip A Hart	
					Senator <sup>K</sup> oman Hruska	
					Cong. Hale Boggs	
	10:10p				President to oval office w/ Jim Jones	
	10:18p	11:40			Joe Califano	
		11:40			Harry McPherson	
					Jim Jones into oval office	
	10:24p		t		George Christian	
✓	10:25p		f		Congressman Jack Brooks	
	10:29p		f		Walt Rostow	
	10:30p	10:47			Walt Rostow into oval office	
	10:31p		t		George Christian pl	

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