

THE WHITE HOUSE
PRESIDENT LYNDON B. JOHNSON
DAILY DIARY

Date JULY 7, 1968

RESIDENCE OF U. S. AMBASSADOR

His Ex. Raul Castro, San Salvador, El Salvador Day SUNDAY

The President began his day at (Place)

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					Beautiful day, bright sunshine, picturesque view in a lovely green setting of Amb. Castro's back yard, all enclosed with high walls, lovely swimming pool flowering vines everywhere. The Ambassador's house is situated on a hilly section of San Salvador, a very affluent residential section, modern architecture two-story, circular driveway in front, and beautifully and taste-	
	7:15a				President awakened - fully furnished throughout. Expansive downstairs portion with glass window / walls overlooking back yard.	
	7:35a	- 7:42a		t	Mike Manatos - Washington, D. C.	
	8:01a	- 8:13a		t	Hon. Frank Ikard - West Virginia	
	8:15a	- 8:30a		t	Judge Homer Thornberry - Austin, Texas	
	8:45a	- 9:20a			Downstairs in the terrace, breakfast with Mrs. Johnson	
					Then President went for a swim, relaxed in a chaise lounge and seemed to enjoy the bright morning sun. President was joined by mf, Mary Rather and yb	
	9:15a		f		To a question fm yb if he had slept well, he said he had not mainly because there was power failure during the night and the air-conditioner stopped. He said he was most uncomfortable because it was hot.	
	9:20a				Upstairs to dress and shave	
	9:51a				The President, Mrs. Johnson and Luci Nugent departed the Amb.'s residence for Metropolitan Cathedral of San Salvador. All along the way, crowds were waiting for his car, waving, cheering and clapping as he passed. Motorcade followed with staff, press, etc.	
					As the motorcade proceeded into the downtown area, crowds became more and more populous, cheering, waving and some holding signs that read "Bienvenidos Johnsons" (Welcome Johnsons) "Viva Johnson" "Long Live Johnson"	

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	10:00a	10:55			President, Mrs. Johnson and Luci arrived at Metropolitan Cathedral of San Salvador. Met and escorted to their pews at front left side of the Cathedral's center aisle by the Pastor, Msgr. Modesto Lopez Portillo and Msgr. Jorge Castro Pena.	
					Others there were Amb. and Mrs. Raul Castro	
					President and Mrs. (Col.) Fidel SANCHEZ Hernandez	
					Amb. and Mrs. Angier Biddle Duke	
					Walt Rostow, Bill Bowdler, Secy Covey T. Oliver	
					CHURCH SERVICES - Low Mass said by His Ex. Luis Chavez y Gonzalez.	
					Archbishop of San Salvador	
					Luci Nugent, Amb. Castro and two others (unknown) were asked to participate in taking the offering to the high altar and left their pews to assemble at the entrance to the Cathedral, walking up to the Archbishop at the Offertory portion of the Mass.	
					Press and Photographers there	
					Oke took pictures when they departed	
	10:55a				President, Mrs. Johnson, Amb. and Mrs. Castro, Luci Nugent departed Metropolitan Cathedral. Motorcade seemed to follow a route behind the Cathedral then around involving several blocks of the downtown area.	
					Heavy crowds, cheering, waving, children running alongside the Pres.'s car. Many shouting "Viva, Viva" (Long-live, Long-live) "John-Son"	

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	10:57a				The President's car abruptly stopped - President stood up through the top portion of auto and began shaking hands, waving, obviously delighted with this magnificent reception	
					He was heard to say at this point "Adios, mis amigos, gracias" "Goodbye, my friends, thank you" - this took place in front of a square that was so full of people, one couldn't see the square benches, nor the green grass. The crowds were tremendously overwhelmed with the President and Mrs. Johnson and Luci, that it was difficult for Secret Service to keep them from engulfing the car -- and this seemed to please the President very much. Many in the crowds were overheard to say "how well President Johnson speaks Spanish"he IS our friend, he IS our friend." "How handsome and young the Johnsons are, how gracious"... "how pretty Luci is, she is beautiful"	
					The motorcade proceeded to the American Embassy	
	11:10a				Arrived at the American Embassy - front entrance	
					A lovely new building, begun in 1965 and finished in Nov. 1967. Pres. and Mrs. Johnson and Luci escorted to the lobby of the Embassy by Amb. and Mrs. Castro	
					American Mission personnel and local all gathered to greet the Johnsons	
					U.S. military personnel and Peace Corps Volunteers also there, estimated crowd of 300 persons	
	11:14a				Amb. Raul Castro made brief remarks, introducing the President and Mrs. Johnson	
					Luci and other distinguished guests there and said "this is the home of the United States in the Republic of El Salvador, and today we honor two of the most faithful employees this Embassy has had and I would like for the President to present them with these awards. One to Miss Maria Rodriguez, 40-yrs service and the other Mr. Bernardo Letona, 20-yrs service.	
	11:15- 11:20a				REMARKS by the President - Lobby of U. S. Embassy	
	11:25a				Presidential party departed Embassy and motorcade proceeded to the LBJ School	

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	11:35a				President and party arrived at the Lyndon B. Johnson School	
					Met there by President Fidel SANCHEZ Hernandez of El Salvador and Mrs. Sanchez	
					Others present:	
					Minister of Education Beneke	
					Members of President's	
					party, Walt Rostow	
					Bill Bowdler, etc.	
					Large, enthusiastic crowds of children waving American flags were awaiting his arrival, a handsome 6-yr old boy named Carlos Emilio Lara Aviles caught the President's eye, and immediately President squatted down talking to the youngster, while photographers and press watched and took pictures.	
					Remarks by School Principal. Miss Valentina Portillo	
					School Queen gave flowers to Presidents' wives.	
	11:41a				President Johnson made brief REMARKS	
					presenting piano to the school	
					Mrs. Luci B. Johnson Nugent played a ^{musical} piece on the piano	
					Sixth grade students thanked Pres. Johnson and presented him with	
					Alliance for Progress text book signed by all the students	
	12:03p				President and party departed LBJ School	
					Motorcade went through some beautiful scenic route, coffee plantations abundant and hilly terrain on both sides of the road.	
	12:20p - 12:26p				Motorcade stopped - President greeted by large and abundant crowds in the town of Santa Tecla, outskirts of San Salvador	
					Mariachi bands playing, children cheering and running toward the President's car	
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					At this point the President seemed completely overwhelmed with the reception given him and his family - and he had Don Barnes, State Dept interpreter translate verbatim his impromptu remarks to the cheering crowds. He said among other things paraphrasing it "It's wonderful to be in your lovely country and we deeply appreciate your friendship in this, one of the loveliest democratic countries of Central America." "Viva El Salvador" --crowd responded in unison "VIVA"	
	12:28p	12:31p			Motorcade stopped again - enthusiastic throngs again encircling the car of the President - he, shaking hands with as many as possible, and speaking to them through the interpreter, Don Barnes. Signs everywhere reading "Con Tu Ayuda, Tendremos Abundancia" (With your help, we shall have plenty" - "Welcome Senor Pres. Johnson" - "Long Live the Johnsons"	
	12:32p	12:38			Motorcade stopped again - President himself saying on microphone "Mis Amigos, Gracias, Gracias" (My friends, thank you, thank you) Large crowds cheering.	
	12:40p	12:42p			Motorcade stopped again - President saying "Viva El Salvador" - crowds responding in unison "Viva" - - and "Viva Johnson" they replied (Long Live Johnson)	
	1:00p	1:45p			President and party arrived at Alberto Masferrer Normal School, City of San Andres accompanied by Pres. and Mrs. Sanchez Hernandez of El Salvador	
	Peace Corps Teachers:				Again large crowds gathered awaiting arrival of 2 Presidents and their wives.	
	Dorien Frazier				They went into a large auditorium, escorted by Amb. and Mrs. Raul Castro at the back entrance, met by 6 Peace Corps Teachers:	
	Bill Frazier				Pres. Sanchez Hernandez made short speech and invited Pres. Johnson to	
	Francis Lyman				inaugurate ITV studio by unveiling a plaque	
	Sue Wilson					
	Katie Hannon					
	JoAnn Alpiser				Presidents and wives walked through a line of students of the school dressed in native costumes and proceeded to the stage.	

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					Considerable time was spent above the falls; the group walked back from the falls until they were out of sight, and then returned and finally came down to a table which had been set for the Presidents and their wives (also Luci Nugent) Entertainment - folkloric dances	
					The park was a very unexpected, scenic spot with undisturbed of its natrual, native beauty except for the tables that had been set for the guests and the cooking of beef, sausage and chickens for the lunch. The area was completely secluded by surrounding high hills, much vegetation, and shaded by tall trees. The air was cool and pleasant and a relief from the heat of the previous school stops.	
					Lunch was leisurely and the food was abundant.	
					President and Mrs. Johnson were due to depart at 3:00pm but President Johnson decided he better make a little speech to the people of El Salvador expressing his appreciation of the two days he had been with them.	
					A microphone on a small platform was near the Presidents' lunch table because President Sanchez had planned to talk to the people and also to the Press, who had been there all afternoon, about what he and the other Presidents had been doing and saying the past two days.	
					President Johnson sent word to Mrs. Johnson at other end of the table to come to the platform when he did so that she too could say a few words.	

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	3:11p	3:14p			REMARKS (extemporaneous) by President Johnson expressing appreciation for two wonderful days, productive meetings, friendly people, and the barbecue in the beautiful park (Los Charros National Park)	
	3:14p	3:17p			Interpreter Donald Barnes translated President's speech to the crowd Applause	
	3:17p	3:19p			Mrs. Johnson spoke. She was interrupted in middle of her speech and more applause at the end. She thanked everyone for all the hard work that had gone into planning the events for her and President Johnson and especially was eloquent in describing the beauty of the Park	
	3:19p	3:21p			Donald Barnes interpreting Mrs. Johnson's speech. More applause.	
	3:21p	3:22p			President Johnson remembered something else he wanted to say and spoke again.	
	3:22p	3:23pm			Interpretation to the audience	
	3:23p	3:33p			President Sanchez spoke to the Press	
	3:33p	3:40p			Interpreter translating President Sanchez' speech into English	
	3:40p	3:52p			President Sanchez spoke again, thanking President Johnson for coming to El Salvador, and telling the people what he and the other Presidents and President Johnson had been doing and saying these last two days.	
					President Sanchez recommended that the 5 Central American Presidents and President Johnson meet annually.	

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	3:52p	3:57p			Interpreter Donald Baines translating President Sanchez/ speech into English	
	3:58pm				President Sanchez asked the PRESS if they had any questions. Question was asked of Pres. Sanchez. It was translated and his reply was translated. Another question asked and translated, and then one of the PRESS asked question of President Johnson who got up to the microphone and said he did not want to take questions and answers at President Sanchez' Press Conference, but that he agreed with everything President Sanchez had said, and he too hoped these meetings could take place annually. President Johnson said that he and the other 5 Presidents were unanimous in all the decisions they have reached and the meetings had been profitable.	
	4:05pm				President Sanchez told the reporters that he would be happy to answer other questions and suggested they meet him at his residence at 6 PM; that he felt some of the people wanted to go home, and he felt his colleagues (the other Presidents) had pressing things to do right now. President Johnson then departed, shaking hands, hugging people along the way as he worked his way across the Park grounds toward his automobile. President Sanchez came along too, holding President Johnson's arm. At the foot of the steps leading out of the lower part of the Park the Don Basco School band had assembled (young boys), and the band began to play with a young fellow about 12 years of age singing all the verses "I lost my heart in San Francisco."	Gave the President a colored photograph of the band.

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					The President took a nap - had been told the Reception he and Mrs. Johnson were hosting for the 4 Central American Presidents was at 7 pm and he would have to leave at 6:45pm	
					Jim Jones and Larry Temple in the Residence	
					Word came that the exchange of gifts was to take place at 7 pm but had been postponed until 8 pm because the 4 Central American Presidents had been off their schedules, were tired, were resting therefore postponing the whole affair an hour later.	
	6:30p				President up - dressed Jim Jones in and out with teletypes and items	
	7:15pm				The President, Mrs. Johnson, Luci, Don Barnes, State Dept interpreter and yb departed Amb. Castro's residence	
	7:30pm				Arrived at Hotel !! San Salvador Intercontinental Hotel Wonderful reception of sizable crowds gathered at the entrance to the hotel Pres. and Mrs. Johnson met by Pre. and Mrs. Fidel Sanchez Hernandez of El Salvador All guests invited to this function were waiting in the lobby of the hotel and as the Presidential party proceeded down a long hallway, at they immediately formed a line into a Salon where a receiving line was held later. Press and photographers there.	
	7:35p				Pres. and Mrs. Johnson to Salon where Amb. and Mrs. Angier Biddle Duke were waiting, Secy and Mrs. Covey Oliver, Amb. and Mrs. Raul Castro, and others.	
	7:36p				The Pres. and Mrs. Johnson were immediately ushered to a portioned off part of the Salon where all the gifts were on display, the ones the Johnsons gave Pres. & Mrs. Sanchez and the ones they (Johnsons) received.	

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	7:50p				Arrival of Pres. and Mrs. Julio Cesar <u>Mendez Montenegro</u> of Guatemala Pres. and Mrs. Oswaldo <u>Lopez Arellano</u> Pres. and Mrs. Jose Joaquin <u>Trejos Fernandez</u> Gen. and Mrs. Anastasio <u>Somoza Debayle</u>	
	8:00pm - 8:50p				Receiving line was formed composed of Pres., Mrs. Johnson and Luci with Don Barnes and Lilly Packer behind them and two American protocol advisors	
					Other distinguished guests there: Dr. Francisco Jose GUERRERO and Mrs. - Foreign Minister of San Salvador Lic. Fernando LARA Bustamante and Mrs. - Foreign Minister of Costa Rica Dr. Tiburcio CARIAS Castillo and Mrs. - Foreign Minister of Honduras Dr. Lorenzo GUERRERO and Mrs. - Foreign Minister of Nicaragua Lic. Emilio Arenales Catalan and Mrs. - Foreign Minister of Guatemala Sr. Manual JIMENEZ de la Guardia and Mrs. - Minister of Economy - Costa Rica Dr. Manuel ACOSTA Bonilla and Mrs. - Minister of Economy - Honduras Ing. Arnoldo RAMIREZ Eva and Mrs. - Minister of Economy - Nicaragua Ing. Jose Luis BOUSCAYROL and Mrs. - Minister of Economy - Guatemala Pres. of Legislative Assembly and Mrs. Benjamin Interiano Pres. of the Supreme Court of Justice and Mrs. Alfredo Martinez Moreno Director of Protocol, Amb. Carlos Matamoros Guirola - El Salvador Sub-Director of Protocol and Mrs. Coto - El Salvador Mr. and Mrs. Jose Rafael Ulloa Morazan, Protocol Office- El Salvador Mrs. Maria Baires Vda. de Membreno - El Salvador Amb. and Mrs. Ramon Gonzalez Montalvo - El Salvador Minister of Interior and Mrs. Cuestas - El Salvador Minister of Justice and Mrs. Pena Trejo - El Salvador Minister of Finance and Mrs. Arbizu Bosque - El Salvador Minister of Education, Lic. Walter Beneke Medina - El Salvador Minister of Defense and Mrs. Torres - El Salvador Minister of Labor and Social Welfare and Mrs. Zaldivar - El Salvador	

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					Minister of Agriculture and Livestock and Mrs. Berrios - El Salvador	
					Minister of Public Health and Social Assistance and Mrs. Infante Diaz - El Salvador	
					Minister of Public Works and Mrs. Cuellar - El Salvador	
					The Executive Secretary of the National Economic Planning and Coordination Council and Mrs. Suarez (Ministerial rank) - El Salvador	
					His Ex. and Very Rev. Luis Chavez y Gonzalez, Archbishop of San Salvador	
	8:50p	9:05p			After the receiving line ended - all the Presidents went back to the gift room and were in there for about fifteen minutes	
	9xx				President Johnson mingling with enormous of crowd of people gathered - the majority of them officials of all the governments represented there - drinks were plentiful and the buffet table was extremely long and varieties of delicious looking food most appetizing. The room was actually too small for the number of people present and it was quite difficult to mingle freely without elbowing or pushing through.	
	9:10p				President John son and President Sanchez chatting - Pres. Johnson motioning to yb, Marty Underwood, Ted Connell to present them to President Sanchez. Pres. asked yb to translate a few words of praise for El Salvador in Spanish "tell my good friend I have never enjoyed visiting one country as much as I have his and that I look forward to seeing him again very soon. Tell him also that you speak Spanish fluently and can do as good a job translating for me as Don Barnes except that you are now living in Mexico City."	
	9:15p				The two Presidents to the larger room where receiving line had been held. President Johnson took a microphone and said "Presidents and Distinguished wives, Guests, I just want to make a brief announcement. Mrs. Johnson, Luci and I are so very pleased to be here among these warm and friendly people and I take this opportunity to wish President Sanchez a very happy birthday today. I want everyone to join in singing a happy birthday song to my good	

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					Friend. It took my detectives to find out this is his day." Everyone sang Happy Birthday to Pres. Sanchez.	
					While at the recep-	
					the President was given	
					a scroll by the Central	
					America Union Party	
9:25pm					The President had Marty Underwood bx intake down some paintings which extended greet-	
					that were on exhibit in a hallway outside the RECEPTION Salon ings to President	
					because he was interested in owning them. Johnson.	
					departed	
9:30p					Pres. , Mrs. Johnson and Luci/San Salvador Intercontinental Hotel	
					and drove to the Residence with yb and Don Barnes	
9:38p					Arrived Amb. Raul Castro's residence. Sat in living room	
					signing mail and papers and discussing the reception	
10:00pm					DINNER	
					President and Mrs. Johnson	
					Larry Temple	
					Jim Jones	
					Marie Fehmer	
					Yolanda Boozer	
					Mary Rather	
10:40p					President retired	