

THE WHITE HOUSE
PRESIDENT LYNDON B. JOHNSON
DAILY DIARY

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	12:10a				George Reedy returned the Prsident's call	
	7:00a				Breakfast w/ Mrs. Johnson	
	6:18a				The President asked what the noise was on the roof...operator checked and found it was men spraying the bushes.	
	8:03a		t		George Reedy	
C	8:20a	8:37a			Hon. Marvin Watson, the Postmaster General	
C	8:30a			t	Earl Deathe - Austin, Tex	
C	8:35a		t		Cong. John Young	
	8:50a				Mrs. Johnson ex departed the White House enroute National Airport	
	9:50a		t		Tom Johnson - pl	
	10:09a		t		Jim Jones - pl	
	10:20a				To the dentist's office	

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	11:10a				To Oval Ofc - alone	
	11:12a		t		Jones - pl	
C	11:20a		f		Cong. John Young	
	11:29a		f		Jim Jones - pl	
	11:30a	11:37			The Ambassador of Nicaragua, His Excellency Dr. Guillermo Sevilla-Sacasa and William Bowdler of NSC staff	
		11:37			On July 30, the Ambassador observes his 25th Anniversary as Amb of Nicaragua to the United States. Protocol at DOS requested that the President receive the Ambassador sometime near his anniversary date.	
	11:37a				In Oval Ofc - approved a statement on the death of Dr. Charles William Mayo, and gave it to Tom Johnson	
C	11:40a			t	Mrs. Arthur Krim - New Orleans, La.	
	11:48a		f		George Reedy	

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<u>C</u>	11:59a			t	Mr. O. P. Bobbitt, Austin, Texas	
	12:14p		t		De Vier Pierson	
	12:17p		f		Jones - pl	
	12:20p	12:50p			To Cabinet Room -- to meet with Representatives of the National Association of Counties	
<u>C</u>					Commissioner James H. Aldredge, Fulton County, Georgia	
					Clesson Y. Chikasuye, City and County of Honolulu, Hawaii	
					Richard J. Coffee, Mercer County, N. J.	
					Conrad M. Fowler, Shelby County, Ala.	
					Bernard I. Hillenbrand, Montgomery Co., Md.	
					Commissioner Ed Munro, King County, Md. King County, Wash.	
					Donald M. Neff, Erie County, NY	
					G. A. Treackle, Norfolk County, Va	
					The delegates are herefor the Annual Conference of the National Association of Counties. The President was scheduled to address their convention in Detroit last year, but the appearance was cancelled because of the riots. This is the organization's 33rd annual convention, and is being held at the Sheraton Park Hotel.	
					Mr. Munro presented the Association's "Creative Federalism Award" to the President... a steuben glass bowl mounted on a lighted base.	

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	12:50p				To Oval Ofc	
	12:51p		t		Christian - pl	
C	12:55p	1:06p	William		"Bill" Gill , ABC commentator Tom Johnson (TJ came out and asked for cy of latest ltr from P Nugent to give to Gill)	
C	1:06p	1:14p			General William F. McKee Administrator, Federal Aviation Administration	
					The General retires on Wednesday of this week and has expressed his high regard and personal affection for the President. He asked to pay a courtesly call on the President.	
C	1:15p	1:25p			To the Fish Room - for SIGNING CEREMONY	
C	list to DT				S. 2986, Amendments to Public Law 480 (An Act to extend the Agricultural Trade Development and Assistance Act of 1954, as amended, and for other purposes)	
					(Mr. George Holland, Director, Investigation and Security, Veterans Administration (an old friend of the President brought his sister to the White House - to see Loyd Hackler who took them into the room to see the President and ceremony. A note was given to the President just before going into the room telling him about Mr. G. L. Holland and his sister, Mrs. Bertha Collins being in the room and that this was Mrs. Collins' first visit outside of Texas -- she is from San Antonio. (The President went over, shook hands and gave Mrs. Collins a signing pen after the ceremony.)	

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	1:29p		t		Also after the signing ceremony, the President saw Sen. Fred Harris who presented an invitation to the Oklahoma State Fair to be held in Okla City in Sept. Pres turned the invitation over the to Jim Jones.	
					Tom Johnson - pl --he also made a special point of greeting Sen. Allen Ellender and his grandchildren: Maria, Claude, and Charlie <i>William</i>	
	1:30p		t		Jim Jones - pl	
	1:35p				President to mjdr's office - looked at newspaper and walked back into Oval Office	
<i>C</i>	1:35p	<i>1:50p</i>			OFF RECORD: Helen Thomas - UPI Tom Johnson	
					Helen Thomas asked to see the President saying that she is "especially interested in talking about the President's mood, his hopes for his grandchildren and what he considers to be the challenges during the last months of this administration."	
	2:30p				President to mjdr's office saying he was going to the Barber Shop	
	2:35p				President to Barber Shop	
	2:44p		f		George Reedy	
	2:52p		t		George Reedy	
	3:20p		f		George Reedy	

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	3:37p				On second floor	
	3:45p				Lunch (2 hamburgers, fruit salad, 2 butterscotch deserta desserts) with Ashton Gonella Lynda Bird (who did not eat, but had popsicles - 2)	
✓	3:45p		t		Director Leonard Marks (talking about Senator Hickenlooper)	
	3:49p		t		Jim Jones	
					(During lunch the President complained about being awakened at 6 this morning by the tree sprayers outside his window. He told them to stop - to go away -- then later saw that on the news (ticker). Instructed Ashton to call Mr. Williams he is not to allow the Park People working in the grounds to talk with the Press --- to AP.	
					Commented on having all the pangs of old age --- obesity and bad teeth -- had had to have another seesion with the Dentist today.	
					President went into bedroom to rest	
	5:17p		t		Jim Jones pl	
✓	5:22p		t		Mr. Earl Deathe in Austin, Texas	

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	5:54p				Back to Oval Ofc	
	5:55p		t		Christian - pl	
	5:59p				diana in to signing table	
	6:04p		t		Jim Jones pl	
	6:12p		t		Joe Califano	
	6:20p		t		Jim Jones pl	
	6:22p	6:48p			Senator George Smathers in oval office	OFF RECORD
	6:29p		f		Director Charles Zwick	

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	6:52p				The President to mjdr's office	
	7:00p				To the Cabinet Room to meet with Secretary Clark Clifford Secretary Dean Rusk	
					--Secretary Rusk asked if he and Secy Clifford could see the President for fifteen minutes at the end of the day to discuss the message on offensive and defensive missiles.	
	8:00p				The President through mjdr's room to Oval Office to get a magazine. Returned to Cabinet Room and on the way through told diana to go home, that there was no need for her to stay, he might be in there a long time. He said that when he was through talking with Rusk and Clifford he was going to the mansion anyway	
	8:08p		t		mf at home - to invite to dinner	
	8:10p		t		mf at home - "bring John, too." (John Criswell in Chicago today)	
	8:12p		t		Harry Middleton there was a telephone message on the President's spindle saying that Middleton had a "call me" memo from night reading. Later in the evening, the President mentioned that he talked to Middleton about the raw film being taken by the White House Navy photographers... saying that he wanted that film as well as the finished products that he is getting now.	

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C	8:35p		t		General Earle Wheeler	
	8:50p				mf arrived - and to Oval Ofc	
C	8:53p		t		General Leonard F. Chapman, Jr., Commandant, USMC The President had seen a ticker item saying that the General was leaving for Vietnam on an inspection tour in the next day or two... the President asked the General to give Chuck a big hug for the family if the General happened to see Capt. Robb.	
	9:06p		t		Bromley Smith (who is acting in Walt Rostow's place while Rostow is on vacation) re a memo from Smith, dated this date, 4:09p, re Ambassadors Harriman and Vance proposals for revision of our Vietnam policy.	
C	9:22p		t		Hon. Richard Helms, Director, CIA - re a rumor in CIA about division of thought on the above mentioned proposal. Helms replied that he had prepared paper on subject, citing both sides, and that there were only three copies in existence... one for Helms, one for Secy Rusk, and one for Bromley Smith.	
	9:24p		t		Bromley Smith The President asked him to send a cy of the Helms paper to him right away, and there was continuing discussion about changes in our negotiating position in Paris talks with the Vietnamese. The President also instructed B Smith to attend the weekly luncheon tomorrow.	
	9:41p		t		The Kitchen - 'we'll be over to dinner soon.'	

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	9:45p				Jim Jones joined	
	9:56p				The President asked for General Wheeler -- he was out walking his dog	
					The President invited Jim Jones to dinner, and Jim said that he had planned to eat at his date's apartment, but that the President was welcome to come along. The President smiled and said he might take him up on it. He talked about spending the entire Month of August in Texas saying that other Presidents had taken time off to go to vacation spas and he thought he was entitled to take a month at home during this slow time.	
					Also discussed Oklahoma politics w/ Jim Jones...taking special note that Senator Fred Harris came to today's signing ceremony but that Sen. Monroney did not.	
✓	10:18p		f		General Earle Wheeler - returning the President's call --the President asked him to be ready with military aspects connected with change in our negotiating position in Paris talks....and to be able to discuss them at luncheon tomorrow.	
	10:58p				The President departed the White House, in a black unmarked mercury, accompanied by mf, Jim Jones and two secret service agents	
✓	11:05p				Arrived 2500 Q Street, rear entrance. The President was very interested in keeping this movement STRICTLY OFF RECORD, and he entered the building quickly, and went to the apartment of Jim Jones' date, Miss Olivia Barclay.	

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					The President sat down in a comfortable chair and watched the 11:00 news	
					The Secret Service agent who was standing in the hall was invited in -- and sat in the bedroom -- so as not to draw attention by having a man standing in an apartment building hall late in the evening	
C	11:25p				DINNER - STRICTLY OFF RECORD w/ Jim Jones Olivia Barclay mf	
					a specially prepared pot roast w/ carrots and French bread on the side... chocolate cake for dessert.	
					quiet and relaxed	
	11:58p				The President departed 2500 Q Street, in same black Mercury, w/ mf and two secret service agents	
	12:05a				Arrived the White House, and to the second floor immediately, carrying with him the 4:09p memo from Bromley Smith in addition to the Helms paper citing both sides and proposals.	
	12:20a				retired	