

THE WHITE HOUSE
 PRESIDENT LYNDON B. JOHNSON
 DAILY DIARY

Date October 8, 1968

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

Day Tuesday

Entry No.	Time		Telephone f or t		Activity (include visited by)	Expenditure Code
	In	Out	Lo	LD		
	7:30a				Breakfast - w/ Mrs. Johnson	
	8:12a				The President asked for the Attorney General - he was on the way to the office	
C	8:25a		t		Mr. Tom Scott - w/ Senate Appropriations Committee (b. 1) - re pay for staff of former President's funds for libraries	
C	8:33a		t		Senator Spessard Holland (b. 1) - re above conversation	
C	8:35a	9:55			Congressional Leadership Breakfast: Senator Robert Byrd Senator Mike Mansfield Senator Russell Long Cong. Carl Albert Speaker John McCormack Hon. Hubert Humphrey, the Vice President Mike Manatos Joe Califano Barefoot Sanders	
					Agenda: Foreign Situation status of Legislation Adjournment date Convening of 91st Congress Expression of appreciation	
C	8:46a		f		Hon. Ramsey Clark - the Attorney General - returning the President's call	

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Today announced his intention to nominate Mordecai M. Merker of
 Virginia to be Deputy Director of the Ofc of Emergency
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	9:14a		t		DeVier Pierson	
	10:17a				To Oval Ofc	
	10:19a		t		Pierson - pl	
	10:20a		t		Jones - pl	
	10:23a		f		DeVier Pierson	
	10:25a	10:50			DeVier Pierson	
<i>c</i>	10:29a		t		Hon. Robert Anderson - NYC	
	10:30a	10:50			Mike Manatos	
<i>c</i>	10:40a		t		Mr. Will ^E () Leonard ^{Jr.} w/ Senate Finance Committee	
	10:50a		t		Temple - pl	
	10:55a		t		Rostow Rostow - pl	
	10:56a	10:59			Larry Temple	
	10:56a				Tom Johnson	

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	11:09a		f		Jones 0 pl	
	11:19a	11:30a			To the Department of Defense for ANNUAL COST REDUCTION AWARDS CEREMONY	
	Secretary Clark Clifford Under Secy Paul Nitze General Earle Wheeler				Tom Johnson says he has no other information other than that contained in the pool report: The President went to the Executive area of the Pentagon where Mr. Clifford has his ofc. They escorted him down that corridor to the main concourse. There was a guard of honor along the way, and there was applause all the way along.	
	11:35a	11:44a			REMARKS After his remarks, the President got up and made a little thank you which was kind of a farewell valedictory in which he said he wanted to thank all of the people in communications, health, food, and transportation who he said had been taking care of him all these years. Then back below, and Mr. Clifford said farewell.	
	12:07p				The President departed the Pentagon	
	12:15				To Oval Ofc - w/ J Jones	
	1216p		t		Temple - pl	
	12:17p		f		Mike Manatos	

Today awarded the Presidential Unit Citation to the 74th Tactical Wing, Vietnamese Air Force for extraordinary heroism in combat against an armed hostile force in South Vietnam from 1 July 1966 to 29 February 1968. Date October 8, 1968

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	12:29p		f		Jones - pl	
<i>c</i>	12:30p	1:00p 1:00p			Hon. Charles Zwick, Director, BOB Joe Califano re fiscal 1970 budget and legislative problems.	
	12:31p		t		DeVier Pierson	
	12:32p		t		Pierson - pl	
<i>c</i>	12:45p			f	Robert Anderson - NYC	
<i>a</i>	1:02p		t		Secy Clark Clifford	
<i>a</i>	1:12p	1:20p			Hon. Henry Fowler --asked to see the President as soon as possible re a memo sent to the President, entitled "One Last Push for IDA"	

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4	4:44p		t		Senator George Smathers	
	4:47p		t		Cater - pl	
	4:48p		f		Douglass Cater	
	5x					
	4:56p		t		Harry McPherson - pl	
	5:20p		t		Rostow - pl	
	5:24p		t		Jones - pl	
	5:29p				To Oval Ofc - stopping in mjdr's room to look at things in box on her desk	
	5:35p				To Oval Ofc	
	5:35p		f		Barefoot Sanders	
	5:37p		t		Jones - pl	
	5:38p		t		Sanders - pl	
	5:39p		t		Jones - pl	

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	5:41p		t x		Califano - pl	
	5:42p		t		Rostow - pl	
<i>c</i>	5:45p	<i>5:47</i>			To Cabinet Room joining: Senator Everett Dirksen Senator James Eastland Senator Mike Mansfield	
		<i>7:10pm</i>				
	5:47p	<i>7:10</i>			To Oval Office w/ Senators Dirksen, Eastland, and Mansfield and Mike Manatos	
<i>c</i>	6:00p		t		Secretary Henry Fowler	
<i>c</i>	7:10	7:20			President to Cabinet Room w/ Senator Mike Mansfield - departed White House Senator Everett Dirksen and Secretary Dean Rusk Secretary Clark Clifford Mr. Walt Rostow	President asked that Mrs Johnson be phoned and told he was delayed - at least 30 min. behind; for her to express his apologies to Mrs. Westmoreland; he would be along as soon as possible and for her to decide whether she (Mrs. J.) should go on or wait for him.
		7:20p				
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	7:20pm	7:30pm			President Johnson and Senator Everett Dirksen to Oval Office (others, Secy. Rusk, Secy. Clifford and Mr. Rostow remained in Cabinet Room)	
	7:30pm				President returned to Cabinet Room meeting.	
	8:35pm				Meeting in Cabinet Room over. President to Oval Office, first stopping to look at some pictures and some gifts he wanted to take to the Westmorelands. Then President signed a few pressing matters on his desk, asked that Gen. Westmoreland's residence be telephoned that he had just finished and was on his way.	
8:53pm					President departed South Grounds en route to residence of Gen3ral and Mrs. Wm. Westmoreland for dinner. Mrs. Johnson and Luci Nugent had gone on ahead since he was late.	
					President took with him as gifts was for the Westmorelands some pictures of Lyn, book ends, 2 decks of playing cards electric razor and Swedish crystal ashtray	
9:02pm					President arrived at Westmoreland residence for DINNER	

*w/ 2 Westmorelands
 Gen & Mrs Earle Wheeler
 Mrs J
 Luci*

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	9:15p				Pollster Lou Harris called the President - talked to Jim Jones at 10:09p	
	10:43p		f		Walt Rostow	
	11:28p		f		Joe Califano	
	11:55p				The President and Mrs. Johnson returned to the mansion accompanied by Luci	
	12:30a				retired	
					NOMINATIONS SENT TO THE SENATE ON OCTOBER 8, 1968	
					Will E. Leonard, Jr., of La., to be a Member of the U S Tariff Commission for the remainder of the term expiring June 16, 1969, vice Dan H. Fenn, Jr., resigned.	
					Herschel D. Newsom, of Indiana, to be a Member of the U S Tariff Commission for the term expiring June 16, 1974, vice James W. Culliton, term expired.	
					Margaret Hunter Pierce, of the District of Columbia, to be a Commissioner of the Indian Claims Commission, vice William M. Holt.	
					John F. O'Leary, of Maryland, to be Director of the Bureau of Mines.	
					Robert L. Hardesty, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the Advisory Board for the Post Office Department, vice Robert MacNeal, deceased.	
					WITHDRAWAL SENT TO THE SENATE TODAY:	
					Bernard Norwood, of New Jersey, to be a member of the U S Tariff Commission for the remainder of the term expiring June 16, 1969, vice Dan H. Fenn, Jr., which was sent to the Senate on April 3, 1968.	

