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	11:20a				President to mjdr's office - looked over incoming papers	
	11:26a				President to Oval Office Jua nita - [REDACTED] to work signing table and desk and discuss personnel matters.	
	11:31a		f		Jim J _o nes - pl	
	11:34a		t		Jim Jones - pl	
C	11:44p		t		Director Leonard Marks - USIA	
C	12:00n	12:03a			Congressman Joseph Minish, New Jersey - for a courtesy call -- The Congressman represents the 11th District of New Jersey. ... also discussed HUD applications by the town of Irvington, New Jersey.	
	12:10p		t		Jim Jones - pl	
	12:12p	12:19p			President to Cabinet Room	
	12:14	12:18p			SIGNING CEREMONY - H. R. 10790 - the Hazardous Radiation Bill PRESS app. 68 people in attendance	

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C	1:56p	2:00p			Rev and Mrs Norman Truesdell	
		2:00 p			Father Wunibald Schneider	
					---to say goodbye (they have been houseguests this week and are returning to Texas this afternoon)	
C	2:00p				OFF RECORD: Speaker John McCormack	
					The Speaker presented a Remington sculpture entitled, "The Scalp" --	
					see lunch table discussion	
✓	2:06p				To the Fish Room w/ Speaker McCormack	
					--to look at the Remingtons there	
C	2:09p	2:15p			Back to oval ofc w/ Speaker McCormack	
	2:24p				To the EOB	
	2:29p				Arrived the Mail Room	OFF RECORD
					--for picture with Mail Room employees	
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MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

October 21, 1968

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

FROM: Tom Johnson

The President left the Oval Office at 2:29 p.m. Accompanying the President to the Executive Office Building were William J. Hopkins, Executive Assistant, and Jim Jones, Appointments Secretary.

In the West Executive Drive the President was joined by a small press pool of Douglas Cornell (AP), Helen Thomas (UPI), and Bill Gill (ABC).

The President was met at the corner of the EOB by Whitney Shoemaker, who escorted the President to the Mail Room.

There, some 50 employees had been assembled by Okamoto for a group photograph. The President posed with the group for several takes, then noticed that Whitney Shoemaker was not near the President. He said, "Whit, come on over here. . . You are more a part of this than anybody."

After photographs were taken, the President turned to the assembled group and said:

"Mrs. Johnson and I have always wanted to express to you personally our appreciation for your excellent work. I started my government career handling mail, so I know the importance of it being handled properly. You men and women do an outstanding job in handling the 1.5 million letters which flow in here every year. We are grateful to you for your help."

There were handshakes with the employees and individual conversations with several of those present. To Whitney Shoemaker, the President said: "I want you to be sure that my mail operation in Austin works as smoothly as this one."

The President returned to the office at 2:37 with Bill Hopkins, Jim Jones and Tom Johnson who had accompanied the press pool.

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	2:37p				returned to Oval Ofc	
C	2:40p		t		Secy Dean Rusk (b. 1)	
	3:00p				To mansion for LUNCH w/ Tom Johnson	
	3:10p		t		mf - asking for cy of the wire he received this a.m. re Meier boy winning prize at Fair for his steer -- and asking for the names of the two men who accompanied Sen. Eastland to the Ranch.	
	3:20p				mf to second floor - and to dining room w/ above	
	3:23p				The President asked for Senator James Eastland	
	3:24p		t		Jim Jones' office - the President talked to Mary Rawlins and asked her to send to him in the dining room the Remington sculpture which Speaker McCormack had just presented to the President.	
	3:40p	3:37p			The President asked the operator to tell Mr. James Ketchum to come to the second floor dining room.	
	3:40p				Mr. James Ketchum to second floor dining room	
					--the President asked Mr. Ketchum if indeed the piece of sculpture were a Remington, and if Mr. Ketchum could determine an approximate value for the piece.	

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					Mr. Ketchum said he would have to examine it more closely, but that it looked like an authentic remington and he would value it between \$4,000-\$5,000 -- but went on to explain that the Value depends upon how many of the particular model had been cast.	
					The President then told Mr. Ketchum to take a pencil, and take notes on the history of this piece, as told to the President by Speaker McCormack when he presented it to the President in his office today.	
					The President took the	
					The piece was given to Sam Rayburn when he was Speaker of the House. Mr. McCormack did not know who gave it to Mr. Rayburn and did not know when it was presented. What he did know was that the Speaker did not like it. Mr. Sam had told him, "It's an ugly Indian and an even uglier horse." Mr. Sam just stored the thing in a corner of his office, and each time Speaker McCormack would go in, he would look at it and stroke it. One day Speaker Rayburn said, "Why don't you take the thing to Miss Harriet. She's an artist, and she might like it." So Sam Rayburn gave the piece to Speaker and Mrs. McCormack. The Speaker did not remember exactly when it was given to him, and neither does Speaker McCormack remember when Sam Rayburn gave it to him. So the McCormacks have kept it these many years, although McCormack says he never would have accepted it if he had know it was a Remington, and was of considerable value. Speaker McCormack feels sure that Speaker Rayburn did not realize its value.	
					Several days ago, the Speaker called and asked for an appointment with the President, and today he walked in with the sculpture under his arm saying that he and Miss Harriet wanted to present it "to the President and Mrs. Johnson in memory of their friend and our friend, Sam Rayburn."	

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	6:05p	6:06p			To Oval Ofc - w/ Tom Johnson Jim Jones	
	6:09p		t		Maguire - pl	
	6:15p		f		Walt Rostow	
	6:16p		t		T Johnson - pl	
	6:18p	6:50p 6:50p 6:50			OFF RECORD: Helen Thomas, UPI and Frances Lewine, AP <i>and Tom Johnson</i>	

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	6:47p		f		Walt Rostow	
	6:55p	7:10p			To the Cabinet Room joining: Hon C R Smith and staff:	
					Larry Levinson	
					Bob Hardesty	
					Harry Middleton,	
					Tom Johnson	
					Harry McPherson	
	7:10p				Hon C R Smith departed, and the President remained in the Cabinet Room,	
		8:10			and was joined by staff members for	
					STAFF MEETING	
					William Blackburn	
					Charles Maguire	
					Larry Temple	
					Joseph Califano	
					Mike Manatos	
					Ervin Duggan	
					Harry Middleton	
					Robert Faiss	
					Charles Murphy	
					Ernest Goldstein	
					Fred Panzer	
					John Gonella	
					Glen Phillips	
					Loyd Hackler	
					DeVier Pierson	
					Jim Jones	
					George Reedy	
					Tom Johnson	
					Charles Roche	
					Larry Levinson	
					Walt Rostow	
					Harry McPherson	
					Barefoot Sanders	

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	8:10p				To Oval Ofc	
	8:11p		t		Rostow - pl	
	8:15p				Mr. and Mrs. William S. White to the second floor --joined Mrs. Johnson there	
c	10:23p			f	Cong. Jack Brooks - Beaumont, Tex	
	10:40p				The President to the second floor	
	10:54p				The President asked the operator to see if mf mf were still in the office - no answer in the office - "never mind"	
c	10:55p				DINNER - w/ Mrs. Johnson	
		11:50p			Mr. and Mrs. William S. White	
	12:15a				retired	

October 21, 1968

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD:

FROM: Tom Johnson

The President entered the Cabinet Room at 7:10 p.m.

Originally the meeting was to have been held in the Fish Room, but the President moved the group into the Cabinet Room where he already had been meeting with some staff members interviewing Secretary Udall on the Accomplishments of the Johnson Administration.

Those attending included:

Jim Jones
Harry McPherson
Tom Johnson
Bill Blackburn
Loyd Hackler
Glen Phillips
Joe Califano
Larry Levinson
Ben Wattenburg
Fred Panzer
Charles Maguire
Ernest Goldstein
Walt Rostow
George Reedy
Barefoot Sanders
Mike Manatos
Charles Murphy
DeVier Pierson
Larry Temple
Ervin Duggan
Bob Hardesty
Harry Middleton

The President made the following points:

1. He never has had a more loyal or talented staff than the one which meets with him tonight.
2. He is deeply appreciative for their efforts and loyalty to him throughout the time they have been with him.
3. He hopes all the staff members who can will stay on through January 20.

4. He is ready, however, to accept the resignation of any staff member who must leave.
5. Each staff member is assigned special duties (Manatos to Senate; Sanders to House; Pierson to legal matters; Jones to appointments; Johnson to press).
6. The President is concerned deeply about host of stories appearing which give the President's mood, thinking of new programs, thoughts about what is planned after January. In particular, the President read from Friday edition of the Wall Street Journal which quoted a "top aide" on the plans for new programs in the State of the Union.
7. The President said there are only two people who know what the President's views are: Christian and Johnson. Said he spent seven minutes with one aide today; four hours with Tom Johnson. The one aide was not as well equipped to talk to the press about the President's views as Christian or Johnson.
8. He urged all staff to clear any appointments with the Press with the Press Office first. Said he had been aware of several staff seeing press who were quite unfriendly to the Administration and the President personally. The President said he was afraid staff members were being "used" by these people.
9. Said the next three months will be difficult for all of us, but his own load could be lightened by following the guidelines mentioned. Asked that the staff work down to the wire without letup.
10. Thanked everybody assembled for their cooperation on this matter.

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					Today awarded the Presidential Unit Citation to Company A, 1st Battalion, 5th Cavalry Regiment, 1st Cavalry Division (Airmobile), U S Army, for extraordinary heroism in action against hostile forces on 20 March 1967, in the village of Tan An, Binh Dinh Province, Republic of Vietnam.	
					Today announced that the President has received the 1968 Report of the Board of Visitors to the U S Military Academy together with comments by the Secy of the Army and the Secy of Defense	
					Today awarded the Presidential Unit Citation (Army) to the 2d Battalion 327th Infantry, 1st Brigade, 101st Airborne Divison, and to 1st Battalion (Less Company A), 8th Cavalry, 1st Cavalry Divison (Airmobile), U S Army, for extraordinary heroism in action against hostile forces during the period 19-22 June 1966 in the Republic of Vietnam.	
					Today awarded the Presidential Unit Citation to the 12th Air Commando Squadron, USAF, for extraordinary heroism in action against hostile forces in the Republic of Vietnam, from 21 August 1966 to 30 June 1967.	
					TODAY APPROVED THE FOLLOWING BILLS:	
					S. 4158, continuation pay for medical officers	
					H. R. 2263, Relieves Henry E. Bullock, of Whitesboro, NY	
					H. R. 2283, relieves Dr. Ray F. McMillan	
					H. R. 5818, to deem Clifton R. Kindt, of Hines, Illinois - VA employee - to have been in a leave-without-pay status during separation period	
					H. R. 18248, District of Columbia School Fare Payment	
					H. R. 15114, redemption of savings notes	
					H. R. 17361, Memphis Sesquicentennial Medals	
					H. R. 17273, Administration of the estates of the Agua Caliente Band of Mission (Palm Spring) Indians, California	
					H. R. 2282, Relief of certain Dept of the Navy Employees	

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