

THE WHITE HOUSE  
 PRESIDENT LYNDON B. JOHNSON  
 DAILY DIARY

Date October 26, 1968

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Day Saturday

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					below	
	12:23am		those listed/		Departed Second Floor ; George Christian Tom Johnson <del>Charles Maguire</del> <i>Harry McPherson</i> Marie Fehmer	
	1:00am				President retired	
	5:28am		t		Doctor's office - talked to Chief Dunn	
	5:29am		t		Situation Room	
	8:30am				President had breakfast with Mrs . Johnson	





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	11:21am		f		Tom Johnson	
	11:25am				Walt Rostow - pl	
c	11:28am		t		General Earle Wheeler	
	11:40a		t		Tom Johnson - pl	
	11:42a		t		Tom Johnson	
e	11:43a		f		Dr. Harry Ransom, Austin, Texas returning the President's call (filed w/ b. 2 of yesterday) The President expressed his pleasure with the news that Walt and Elspeth Rostow were coming to the University of Texas.	
	11:45a		t		Jim Jones - pl	



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C	1:45p		t		Secy Dean Rusk - returning his call (the Secy had called at 1:21 when the President was doing his taping)	
	1:51p				Helicopter departed the South Lawn - Marine One --the President was accompanied by staff members: Tom Johnson Jim Jones Bob Hardesty Harry Middleton Yoichi Okamoto Sgt Paul Glynn Connie Gerrard Cdr Sam Latimer Dr. William Lukash Sgt Paul Glynn and mf	
	1:57p				Arrived Andrews AFB, via helicopter --directly to Convair	
					Waiting on the Convair was Secy of Health, Education and Welfare, Hon Wilbur Cohen	
	2:05p				The Convair - Air Force One - departed Andrews AFB  The President sat in his cabin - at the rear of this particular aircraft -- w/ Secy <del>Cohen</del> Cohen and staff members -- in and out  The President had lunch <del>aboard</del> aboard	



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	2:45p				NAP	
	2:46p				A W Moursund called for the President at the White House -- when he learned that the President was traveling, he said, "never mind, I'll call tomorrow."	
<i>e</i>	3:16p				Air Force One arrived Huntington, West Virginia	
					Met at the foot of the aircraft steps by The Governor of West Virginia, Hon. Hulett Smith	
<i>C</i>					<b>RECEIVING LINE:</b> Senator Jennings Randolph Congressman Ken Hechler The Mayor of Huntington, Hon. Gordon Millard City Manager Ed Ewing Chairman of County Commissioners (Cabel County) Frank Black Chairman of County Commissioners (Wayne County) Pearl Booth - a man U. S. District Judge, Hon. Sidney Christies	
					Weather was cool, almost <del>expensive</del> crisp -- small crowd at the airport -- 500 people	
<i>e</i>	3:20	3:25			The President then went directly to the podium for his REMARKS -- airport stop	
					After his remarks, the President went to the fences to shake hands w/ the crowd -- there were several high school <del>bands</del> bands there, and they played "Hail to the Chief," "Yellow Rose of Texas," etc.	
					then to helicopter	

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	3:34p				The President departed Huntington, West Virginia - via helicopter - Marine One accompanied by Hon. Wilbur Cohen, Secy of HEW Jim Jones Bob Hardesty Harry Middleton Tom Johnson Yoichi Okamoto Cdr Sam Latimer Sgt Paul Glynn <del>Cong</del> Col. Jack Albright Dr. Wm Lukash mf and Douglas D'Andrea (movie photographer - Okamoto's ofc)	
	4:12p				Arrived Pikesville, Kentucky  --a small scare here. The President's helicopter attempted a landing on the small helo site, atop the dam, and then veered off -- and took to the air again. When the President asked what had happened, he was told that the press helicopter, carrying 36 members of the press and White House press ofc staff, had caught fire while landing ... the fire caused considerable damage to the hydraulic system... and the helicopter was not used to transport the press back to Huntington--they rode a chartered bus. The pilot refused to fly the machine. The President's helicppter then landed on the second try.  At the landing site, the President was met by The Lt. Governor of <del>West Virginia</del> , Hon. <i>Windell H Ford</i> Cong. Carl Perkins <i>Kentucky</i>	
					The Lt Gov and Cong Perkins accompanied the President on the short drive to the dam site.	

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					At the dam site, the President greeted: County Judge William Pauley The Mayor of Pikesville, William Hambley District Engineer, Col. Maurice Roush Mrs. Carl Perkins	
					He then went to the platform,  Lt. Gov. Ford introduced Cong Perkins	
					Cong Perkins introduced the President for his REMARKS at dedication of Fishtrap Dam, Pikesville, Ky	
	<u>4:35p</u>	<u>4:50</u>			A good crowd here -- 5,000 people -- 40 school buses and many, <del>many</del> homemade signs.  After his remarks, the President moved to the right of the platform, and unveiled a plaque -- the band played, "My Old Kentucky Home."  The President then went to the crowd -- to shake hands -- someone in the crowd gave him a very small little girl doll -- and he carried it with him, telling everyone that it was for his little grand-daughter.	
					The President then got in his car and drove to the helo site, accompanied by Lt. Gov. Ford and Cong. Carl Perkins	

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	5:02p				The President's helicopter departed Pikesville, Ky - Fishtrap Dam Site	
					--accompanied by	
					Ⓢ Hon. Wilbur Cohen, Secy of HEW	
					Jim Jones	
					Tom Johnson	
					Dr. William Lukash	
					Yoichi Okamoto	
					mf	
					Sgt. Paul Glynn	
					Ⓢ and PRESS POOL (since press helicopter was inoperable and could not fly, a small pool was selected, and other members of the press rode a bus back to the airport.)	
					Muriel Dobbins, Baltimore Sun	
					Mike Posner, UPI	
					Doug Cornell, AP	
					James Mathews, Reuters	
					Robert Pierpoint, CBS	
					W.	
	5:32p				Wheels down - Huntington, /Va.	
					--the President was met by Governor Hulett Smith	
					--to the fences to shake hands w/ crowd	

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	5:46p				The President's Aircraft departed Huntington, W Va. (same manifest as on page 7 -- with addition of: <del>Senator Jennings Randolph</del> <i>James</i> <i>c</i> Gubernatorial Candidate, Jim Sprouse <i>c</i> Howard Cook (advance man) <i>c</i> and PRESS POOL	
					The President invited the Press Pool to come to his stateroom --Muriel Dobbins --Mike Posner --James Mathews --Doug Cornell --Robert Pierpoint	
	6:00p				Press pool departed - and the President stretched out on the couch and took a NAP	
<i>c</i>	6:26p				Arrive Morgantown, West Virginia Airport --met by Governor Hulett Smith, Cong. Harley Staggers, Sen Jennings Randolph --to the podium introduced by Senator Jennings Randolph --a very good crowd, approx 2,000 people -- bands playing, majorettes in Indian costume lining the runway	
<i>c</i>	6:35	6:40			REMARKS	

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	6:41p				Depart Morgantown, West Virginia airport - via motorcade --the President was accompanied by Senator Jennings Randolph Cong. Harley Staggers Hon. Wilbur Cohen, Secy of HEW	
					--en route he stopped at a Dairy Queen - and sent SS for an ice cream	
	6:55p				Arrive Hotel Morgan - downtown Morgantown, West Virginia	
					The President went directly to the 8th floor to attend <del>Harley O.</del> Harley O. Staggers Testimonial Banquet --the room was packed (Secret Service said they had oversold tickets) and the crowd was quite enthusiastic. 600 people had been expected, but SS was sure that more than that were in the room.	
					At the head table were: Cong and Mrs. Harley Staggers Senator Jennings Randolph Gubernatorial Candidate, James Sprouse (had to leave early) Demo Candidate for State Treasurer, John Kelly Demo Candidate for State Auditor, Denzil Gainer Mr. S. J. (Sam) Angotti, Chairman, Monongalia County Dem Exec Comm	
	7:21p	8:02p			REMARKS	
	8:05p				The President arrived fifth floor suite reserved for him in the Hotel, accompanied by Hon. Wilbur Cohen	

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					and to the living room for refreshments w/ Secy Cohen, mf	
					Jim Jones	
					(the President made this stop in order to allow staff personnel and press to get down from the 8th floor to the main floor and to the motorcade -- the hotel was very crowded, and it took a while to run elevators up and down to ferry personnel to their cars)	
	8:10p				Down the elevator	
	8:11p				Motorcade departed the Hotel Morgan --the President was accompanied by Jim Jones	
	8:17p				Arrive Morgantown, West Virginia airport --and to aircraft	
	8:24p				Depart Morgantown, West Virginia, via Convair-- w/ same manifest as before -- deleting Gubernatorial candidate Sprouse and adding Ray Jacobsen (advance man)	
					In stateroom, having dinner w/ PRESS POOL: Muriel Dobbins, Baltimore Sun Robert Pierpoint, CBS Mike Posner , UPI James Mathews, Reuters Doug Cornell, AP Tom Jones mf	



