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	9:10 <b>p</b>				Walt Rostow called - the President was asleep - left word	
	10:14a		t		Rostow - pl	
	10:22a		t		Jones - pl	
	10:24a		t		McPherson 0 pl	
	10:30a		t		Jones - pl	
_	10:37a		t		Secy Rusk	
	10:45a		t		Temple - pl	
	10:55a		t		Jones - pl	
	11:30a		t		Rostow - pl	
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	11:53a			1	To the Fish Room for	
	C				Presentation of Credentials of newly arrived Ambassadors:	
				-	The Ambassador of Ethiopia, H. E. Dr. MINASSIE Haile	
				-	The Ambassador of the Argentine Republic, H.E. Eduardo Alejandro Roca	
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Q	12:02p	12:35			To Cabinet Room joining:	
9					NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL MEETING	
					Under Secy of State Nicholas Katzenbach	
					Assistant Secy of State Anthony Solomon	
	5				Hon. J. R. Wiggins, US Amb to UN	
					Hon, Clark Clifford, Secy of Defense	
					Deputy Secy of Defense Paul Nitze	
					Hon, Henry Fowler, Secy of Treasury	
					Hon, Richard Helms, Director of CIA	
	31				Hon, Earle Wheeler, Chairman, JCS	
					Hon. Price Daniel, Director of OEP	
					Deputy Director of OEP, M. M. Merker	
					Mr. William Lawrence of OEP	
					Hon, Leonard Marks, Director of USIA	
					Walt Rostow	
					George Christian	
					Bromley Smith	
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	12:35p			To	mjdr's room - w/ Walt Rostov						
					Oval Office w/ Walt Rostow  Harry McPherson  Cy Clark Clifford  (militarily, Was enemy washed up? Secy Clifford said in his opinion enemy (washed up. Hence we ought to go ahead and seek progress in peace talks. It Rostow back in  To the theater - w/  Cy Clifford  To the theater - w/  Cy Clifford  Cy Clifford  Cy Clory Walt Rostow  (The President reviewed all aspects of presiden						
				ad	ded at end of speech they are w	orking on.					
				Tł	he President read the two pages carefully as McPherson and Rostow stood by,						
				an	and said, "I think it's real good." The two pages contained an appeal to the candidate						
				n	non-partisan statesmanship in the search for peace.						
	12:36p	1:05p		To	Oval Office w/ Walt Rostow	(The President reviewed all aspects of pres	ent prob				
0					Harry McPherson	(-how to get Saigon to sign on once again to	step we				
				Ge	eneral Earle Wheeler	(are taking today - Asked whether, in fact,	we were				
				Se	cy Clark Clifford	(not winning the war and enemy being defeat					
					(militarily. Was enemy washed up? Secy Clifford said in his opinion enemy was						
					(washed up. Hence we ought to go ahead and seek progress in peace talks.)						
	1:05p			Wa	Walt Rostow out Pres asked Gen, Wheeler whether Chiefs were really solid in support						
					bombing halt decision. Gen. Wheeler said they were.)						
	1:10p	1:35p	13	W	Walt Rostow back in						
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	1:35p	153									
2		-				(Group watched film and President recorded	The state of the s				
		1 3				(final segment, noted above two pages on					
				Ha		(partisanship The President's cold was v					
		1 T.			and Jim Jones	(and his voice huskier. That was expected to					
					*	(up in the finished film, but the group though	ht his				
	1.40	-				(performance throughout good.)					
	1:40p	153		Ho	n. C. R. Smith, Secy of Comm	nerce, joined in theater	11111				
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	1:53pm				President to Second Floor of Mansion accompanied by the group shown with him in	
					theater at 1:35p Conversation on political situation and the media's handle of the candidates.	ng
	l:55pm		t		Secretary Orville Freeman  (President talking from Second Floor Dining Room) - Discussion with Freeman or the Vice President should go to Chicago as promised for candle-light parade with Daley. (Freeman had asked President's advice). President said this was entirely	Mayo
		1.7.			the Vice President. NOTE: The Vice President went	ар то
	2:00p	2:30			LUNCH President Johnson Usher's office says only 5 ate Secretary Clark Clifford lunch, but does not know which 5. General Earle Wheeler Secretary C. R. Smith George Christian Tom Johnson Harry McPherson	
	2:30p				President returned to the theatre. Saw piece of film that he had recorded just before Whole film, in color, not available.	e lunc
	2:50p		f		Walt Rostow	

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	2:50p				To the second floor	
	2:52p				To the South Portico w/ Mrs. Johnson and for a walk in the Rose Garden w/ Mrs. Johnson	
					(awaiting the Arrival of Lynda and Lucinda)	
- T- 2000 L	3:05p				Lynda arrived at the South Portico, accompanied by Luci	
	-1				and little Lucinda Desha Robb	
	3:10p				The family to the second floor	
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	3:25p		t		Rostow - pl	
-	3 <b>:2</b> 6p		t		Jones - pl	
	3:29p		t		Jones - pl	
C	3:30p		f		Secy Rusk	
	3:3 <b>2</b> p		t		Jones - pl	

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	3:39p		t		Rostow - pl			
	3:41p		t		Rostow - pl			
C	3:53p		t		Secy of Defense Clark Clifford			
	4:00p		f		Walt Rostow			
	4:01p		t		Jones - pl			
C	4x0xlx 4:09p		*	t	Senator Everett Dirksen - Chicago (6.1)			
					Condition Children Children			
	4:38p		f		Walt Rostow			
	4:50p		t		Jones - pl			
	5:04p		t		Rostow - pl			
	5:10p		t		Jones - pl			

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0	5:21p			t	Edwin Weisl, Sr - NYC		
	5:25p		t		Jones - pl		
	5:30p		t		sanders - pl		
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V	5:32p		t		Jones - pl		
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	5:41p				President to Oval Office accompanied by		
			-		Jim Jones		
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	5:54p	6:35p			Secretary Clark Clifford Operator was asked to set up a Conference	. 6
0					Secretary Dean Rusk Call to Vice President Hubert Humphr	
					General Earle Wheeler Hon. Richard M. Nixon, and Governor	
					Director Richard Helms George Wallace	
				-	Mr. Walt Rostow	-
	6:00pm			-	Tom Johnson taking	+
					Geri Rudolph (Steno-typist) into Oval Office	
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	6:04p		t		Tom Johnson - pl	
2	6:05pm	/ 21		+	(Vice President Hubert Humphrey in Newark, N.J. (Ph. 3519123)	
	3.5			1	)Hon. Richard M. Nixon at his apartment in New York City (Ph. a/c 1212 - 838-	1441
<del>-ce</del>	NFERE	NCF CA	LL		(Gov. George Wallace in Norfolk, Virginia at the Golden Triangle Motor Hotel	-
	6:22p		t		Jim Jones (PL)	
2	6:28p	6:35p	t		Sen. Thomas J. Kuchel (R) Cal - at Washington residence	
	CONFE	RENCE	CAL	L: t	Sen. Everett McKinley Dirksen (R) Ill - in Chicago, Ill	
				t	Sen. Mike Mansfield (D) Mont - in Harden Montana	
				t	Speaker John W. McCormack (D) - Mass - at his Boston, Mass residence	
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	6:40p	6:48p			Larry Levinson					
	•	•			For Joanson Harry Middleton					
					Bromley Smith Bob Hardesty					
					importance of this day and of this meeting, Larry Levinson, Harry Middleton and I	Bob				
-	Harde	sty took	note	s and	combined them into the following:	1				
					The President was attired in a grey suit and grey tie. He spoke in a voice that see hoarse. His delivery was rapid and business-like. He stated:	med				
					"We are ready to announce that we are going to stop bombing North Vietnam. V	We hav				
					always held that conferences will not be productive unless the Government of Viet	nam i				
		1			represented; unless the other side refrains from shelling the cities; unless there	is no				
	*				violation of the DMZ.					
_					"Hanoi has said that it is willing for South Vietnam to sit in on the meetings.					
					"We have let them know that any violation of the DMZ will trigger an attack fro	m us.				
					"We have talked with the Soviet Union and others and they understand this.					
			ļ		"We will test their faith and see.					
_					"I am going on the air at 8 p.m. tonight to talk to the Nation. Just before that,	I will				
-				-	order the bombing to stop at 8 a.m. tomorrow.					
-				-	"Negotiations will resume on November 6. If they are there, fine. If not, we w	ıll go				
					anyway.  "I"ve gotten the judgment of my advisers on this." (At this point the President)	read				
					statements from his advisers:					
	*				"McConnell: Therefore, I recommend that you go ahead and do this.					
					"Rusk: I recommend that we proceed. I recommend that we proceed along	the				
					course as outlined.	1				
					"Chapman: I think we should go ahead with it.					
					"Palmer: Considering everything that has been brought up here, I would	go alo				
					with making this proposition.					
					"Russell: It's worth a try.					
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seeks credit or compliments -- just gives and gives and gives. Spoke of his high SEE TRAVEL RECORD FOR TRAVEL ACTIVITY

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					regard for Mrs. Rostow.	
2	7:49p				Mr. Walt Rostow joined.	
	7:50p				Jim Jones and Larry Temple joined	
					President suggested all move into Oval Office where there would be more and all could watch the 8 o'clock broadcast on the larger TV sets.	roon
					President told Jim Jones he wanted him to carefully screen the people worked for him and who wanted to stay in Washington and who would need in getting well situated mentioned particularly Helen Williams to so she had all help in getting a good job	help
	7:54p				Tom Johnson joined - reported Walt Rostow had done an excellent job in briefing the President asked specific questions on the briefing - Tom indicated all we no difficulties no objectors.	e pres
	8:00p	9:04p			In Oval Office - watched taped speech The President announcing bombing halt and related matters regarding Vietnam. With the President were (with various going and coming)	
					Mrs. Johnson	
	11,				Luci Nugent and Lyn	
					Walt Rostow	
					Larry Levinson	
		*			Larry Temple	
					Tom Johnson	
		7		0 1 5	Jim Jones	
			-	104	Warrie Lynn Smith	
					Mary Rather	
					Okamoto	
					Juanita Roberts	

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	8:00p	9:04p			The President switched the TV presentation of his speech from channel to channel as	nd
					conversation continued throughout the presentation	
					The President expressed his wonder about what Chuck and Pat would think	what
_					their reaction to this announcement would be	
$\dashv$					He said it was the most important decision he had ever made.	
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_				-	He further said he was not sure it was the right decision but was what he felt	
-				-	had to be done. Said he couldn't guarantee Thieu what Thieu wanted. I could or	
4				-	him I was taking them on faith that the times demanded this action. This is	a ster
+				-	toward peace.	
1	8:30p				Mary Margaret Valenti called, but the President did not talk at that time.	
	9:00p				Edwin Weisl, Sr. of NY called. President did not talk at that time.	
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_	9:04p				To the Mansion a mrs. Ihmont fullewed by Luci Lyn, Helene Lin	da
+	9:05p			-	In the Mansion	_
n	0.00-			f	Sen. Warren Magnuson (D) Washington from Seattle.	
7	9:09p				Soli, married the second to th	
7	9:17p		t		William S. White. (Mrs. White had called earlier in the day leaving a simple messa	ge:
					(Just tell him we love him - June and Bill). The President called from the offi	ce,
					but the call was not completed until this time)	
	9:18				myde and mary Rether	
)	9:19p		t		Mrs. Mary Margaret Valenti returning her call of 8:30p	
	_				(mrs. Jack)	
4	9:31p		f		C. P. Little	
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긕	9:33p		f	-	Vickie McHugh (Mrs Simon)	
-		1022			Tom Johnson to second floate 1	*
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$\dashv$	19:00p			-	DINNER with Solden Lenger Geo, Christia	en a
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					Dinner served: Broiled steaks and stuffed green peppers	
					Fresh corn off the cob (cream style) - Frenched green beans	
					Sliced tomatoes on greens with herb dressing	
					Tiny hard rolls - butter - peach preserves	
					Ban <b>a</b> na Bavarian Cream	
					Demi-tasse	
					The President ate heartily.	
					Mrs. Ann Garmon to	
	10:00p	X			President called the press office asking	is speed
	10:28p				To his bedroom w Geo. Christian and Tom Johnson	
1	11:00				Retired	
	12 d 1 d 1			0115	Warrie Lynn Smith a houseguest. Helene Lindow visited with WLS until about	1 a.m.
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