

THE WHITE HOUSE
 PRESIDENT LYNDON B. JOHNSON
 DAILY DIARY

Date November 18, 1968

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

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Entry No.	Time		Telephone f or t		Activity (include visited by)	Expenditure Code
	In	Out	Lo	LD		
	8:15a				President awake	
	8:25a				President had breakfast --oatmeal and tea	
	9:00a		t		Charles Maguirey- pl	
	9:02a		t		Walt Rostow - pl	
<i>e</i>	9:34a		f		Commissioner Willard Deason	
<i>c</i>	9:35a				Dr. Charles Turchin, Podiatrist, to the bedroom Dr. George Burkley	
	10:21a				President to Oval Office w/ George Christian Tom J hnson	

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	10:30a		f		Lynda - in the mansion	
	10:54a				President to Press Office --then to Mildred Stegall's Office	
	10:56a				to Oval Office	
c	10:56a		f		Hon. Hubert H. Humphrey, Vice President - Miami, Florida <i>b.1</i> --he called to say that he was sorry that he and Mrs. Humphrey could not be in Washington yesterday --and to say that he would be in Washington in a few days. The President said that when he got here - he wanted to see the VP and bring him up to date.	
	11:26a	11:55p			Mrs. Geri Rudolph and children - in for a picture Lisa Gayle Brian Alan --they sat in the little lounge and had cold drinks and chatted with the President	OFF RECORD

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	11:57p		f		Tom Johnson - on JJ's-pl	
<i>c</i>	12:01p	12:06p			Honorable C. R. Smith - in for a picture Miss Ellen McCloy --Miss McCloy is John McCloy's daughter, and Secy Smith asked if he could bring her in for a handshake w/ the President. It is her first time to be in the White House -- and to meet the President.	
	12:10p		t		Tom Johnson	
<i>c</i>	12:15p		f		Hon. Joseph Barr, Undersecretary of Transportation <i>Treasury</i> re: devaluing French franc by 15% (see memo dictated by President relative to this conversation)	
	12:19p		t		Walt Rostow - re conversation with Secy. Barr above	
	12:24p		t		Tom Johnson	
<i>c</i>	12:26p		t		Hon. W. Marvin Watson - Postmaster General	

re call from Joseph Barr, the President dictated: "Barr called me and said they were thinking of suggesting that I call Chancellor Kiesinger and tell him that we had a cable from Prime Minister Wilson indicating the French would devalue the franc 15%. They wanted me to call Kiesinger and ask him to call DeGaulle about withholding action until the 10 nations could get together. I suggested that Barr immediately call Secy Fowler whose plane is landing about 1:00 pm at Bonn, and ask Fowler to ask his counterpart there to talk to Kiesinger and ask Kiesinger to talk to DeGaulle. Afterwards, I called Rostow and he agreed with this procedure."

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✓	12:32p		t		Hon. Marvin Watson	
✓	12:33pm	12:41p			George Foreman of Houston, Texas (U. S. Olympic Boxing Heavyweight Champion) - For a Photograph - Charles Bates (Tex) Thornton, Chairman of Litton Industries the Board and Chief Executive Roy Wilkins, Exec. Dir., Nat'l Assn. for Advancement of Colored People Ofcr of Litton Industries	
	12:42p		t		Mildred Stegall Foreman is a Job Corps product. He is 19, finished the 9th grade, did not enter the 10th, was frequently in trouble, and finally elected to try to join the Job Corps. He went to Grants Pass, Ore., and then to Parks Job Corps Center and got his GED (high school equivalent diploma.) One of the Parks counselors (Charles Broadus) got him interested in boxing, entered him in Golden Gloves, and 23 fights later he was AAU Champion and had the Olympic Gold Medal around his neck in Mexico City.	
	12:46p		t		Walt Rostow - pl	
	1:00pm		t		Tom Johnson - pl	

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	1:00pm		t		Tom Johnson - pl	
	1:04p		t		Harry McPherson - pl	
	1:13p				President to the Mansion for LUNCH with Secretary Clark Clifford who was already there and waiting for him	
<i>e</i>		<i>2:15</i>				
	1:19p		t		Larry Temple	
	3:55p		t		Mr. Rostow - pl	
<i>e</i>	4:02p				President to Blue Room for birthday party honoring Cong. Carl Vinson	

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					on his 85th birthday	
					--receiving line in the Blue Room	
✓	REMARKS				--buffet in the State Dining Room	
					--sherry was served to the guests at the end of the receiving line	
					--when the President, Mrs. J. and Carl Vinson went into the dining room to cut the	
					cut - Mrs. J. noticed that the candles that the candles were not lighted - so	
					they lighted them. Then Congressman Vinson said that he would like his name sake,	
					Carl Vinson stood ^{SMITH} to come and blow the candles out. He was a little boy and	
					he thought it was delightful to be a part of the ceremony and blow them out - he	
					succeeded. The Pres. and Mrs. J. visited w/ friends. Pres. told a "Carl Vinson -	
					Corpus Christi story and Mr. Vinson responded. Mrs. J. made the presentation, which	
					Mr. Vinson had trouble opening, Mrs. J. helped him. It was an engraved Mint Julep	
					cup - the Pres. said that it came from Kentucky and could be used for egg nog, mint juleps	
					or pencils on his desk. Mr. Vinson said he liked the first suggestions better than the last.	
					Mr. Vinson said that he could feel the engraving but he couldn't read it. The President	
					read it. It said "Honorable Carl Vinson, friend and mentor, Lyndon and Lady Bird Johnson,	
					November 18, 1968". Then pictures ere taken, at Mr. Vinson's request of his family that	
					was present. After this - the Pres. and Mrs. J. visited with some more friends.	
	5:06p				President to Oval Office	
					--walked over from the mansion w/	
					Tom Johnson	
					Juanita	
	5:15p				pub - in with Press briefing and julep cups engraved for Wright Patman and his ^{new}	
					wife. The President liked them and said to send them on out,	
	5:24p			t	Ashton Gonella	
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	5:35p				pob in - did signing table material. President told her he liked her orange dress - it was a good color on a drab day.	
	5:37p		t		Walt Rostow - pl	
	5:40p		t		Harry McPherson - pl	
<u>o</u>	6:03p	6:25 p			Hon. Edward D. Re, Assistant Secretary of State for Educational and Cultural Affairs Hon. James H. McCrocklin, Under Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare	
<u>o</u>	6:35 p.		f		Sheldon Cohen returned call from President of Saturday	
	6:44 p.		t		DeVier Pierson	
	7:05 p		t		Tom Johnson pl	
	7:10 p.				George Christian into the Oval Room	
	8:05 p.		t		Rostow pl (re cable for clearance on Paris talks. Listed on night reading. President held.	
	8:20		t		Rostow pl (re memorandum Rostow had sent up about Senators Gore and Pell	

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					to see Kosygin - giving recommendation as to what Embassy should say to them. President gave his suggestions to Rostow.	
	8:30 p.		t		Harry McPherson	
	9:05 p.		f		Walt Rostow.	
	9:25 p.				President left Oval Office, accompanied by George Christian and Tom Johnson and went to the Mansion for dinner. Called for the President to tell Mrs. Johnson that they were on their way and get everything in readiness so dinner could be served quickly.	
	9:30 p.				President and party arrived at Mansion.	
	9:44p					
	9:44p		t		Donald Thomas - Austin, Tex	
	9:50p				DINNER - w/ Mrs. Johnson Tom Johnson George Christian	
	9:51p				The President asked for Mildred Stegall in ofc - she had left - "never mind"	
	10:10a		t		Walt Rostow	

