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THE WHITE HOUSE
PRESIDENT LYNDON B. JOHNSON
DAILY DIARY

Date December 14, 1968

The President began his day at (Place) LBJ Ranch, Texas

Day SATURDAY

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	In	Out	Lo	LD		
					Beautiful day - bright, crisp cool weather, 35 degrees, sun bright, clear sky	
	7:45a				The President awake	
	8:00a				Breakfast in bed - reading newspapers, watching TV Mrs. Johnson, Jim Jones and Paul Glynn in and out of the bedroom	
	9:30a				The President to the swimming pool.	
	10:00 - 10:03		f		Charles A. Guy - Lubbock, Texas	
	10:19a-10:24a		f		Cong. Carl Albert - Washington, D.C.	
	10:33a				The President departed Main House accompanied by Jim Jones and mf to hangar area where he was met by Mrs. Johnson. All boarded Helicopter for Austin, Texas - Manifest: Pres. and Mrs. Johnson, Jim Jones, mf, Sgt. Paul Glynn, Fisher and Oke, Dr. Burkley and 2 Secret Svc Agents. Airborne at 10:35a	
	11:02a				Arrived Austin, Texas - the San J. Martin Junior High School Field	

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	11:05a				The President arrived at the platform where ceremony was held, for Austin Oaks Dedication - '68 - an HUD Experimental Housing Project	
					Invocation by Rabbi Levi Olan	
					Frank Erwin introduced guests	
					Cong. Jake Pickle spoke	
					Frank Erwin introduced the President	
					Austin Oaks 68 project is an experimental low-cost housing project, the beginning of the Fed. Govt's attempt to bring home ownership within the means of all Americans, situated on the banks of Town Lake in Austin, Texas. It is the first of its kind in the nation.	
					REMARKS BY THE PRESIDENT - concluded at 11:30a	
	11:32a - 12:20p				walking The President and Mrs. Johnson began a tour on foot of ten model homes - ranging in price from \$4,975 to \$7,000. The project administrator, Prof. J. Neils Thompson of the Univ. of Texas led Pres. and Mrs. Johnson on the tour of the homes which varied from semi-mobile and prefabricated units to homes w/walls of stacked sacks of concrete coated w/plaster. Pres. & Mrs. Johnson were also accompanied by Cong. Pickle, Cong. & Mrs. Wright Patman, SS men and pool of newsmen.	
	12:25p				The President, Mrs. Johnson, Jim Jones, marie fehmer, Paul Glynn, Okamoto and Fisher, Dr. Burkley, two SS agents, Mr. J. C. Kellam and Roy White departed from San J. Martin Jr. High School Field via helicopter for the LBJ Ranch	
	12:50p				Arrived LBJ Ranch -	

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	12:54p				The President, Mrs. Johnson, mf, Jim Jones, J. C. Kellam and Roy White to the Hangar where the President was presented with a composite photo of the crew of Air Force #1 by Lt. Col. Paul Thornhill.	
	12:58p				The President, Mrs. Johnson, Roy White and J. C. Kellam to the Hanagar apartments where the servants live	
	1:03p				All to the Main House - Pres., Jim Jones, mf and to the office The President worked his desk, read memoranda, signed many letters to military personnel who work in the Texas area not scheduled to receive the Presidential Service Badge, and signed his name to several books behind his desk in the LBJ Ranch office	
	1:15p - 1:45p				LUNCH w/Mrs. Johnson, Roy White, J. C. Kellam, Jim Jones, mf and yb Menu: Mexican Food which included Enchiladas, Tamales, Chile and Beans Toasted Tortillas, Green Salad and Sherbert. The President talked about his trip to Austin this morning and made comments regarding the model houses he and Mrs. Johnson visited. He mentioned the homes were flimsy built, horribly furnished and very disappointing to see. Pres and Mrs. Johnson further discussed the best house of the lot and Mr. White made agreeable comments.	
	1:19p		t		Agent Clarence Knetsch - from the dining room table.	

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	1:47p				The President to his bedroom to change into western clothes. Mrs. Johnson had commented at the luncheon table that she wanted to "closet" herself in her room, rest, do some work, maybe some Xmas autographs, etc. and would relish the afternoon doing just that.	
	2:05p				The President, J. C. Kellam, mf and yb departed Main House via golf cart - to the hangar area.	
	2:09p				All Boarded Helicopter	
	2:15p				Arrived at Scharnhorst Ranch -	
	3:05p				Departed Scharnhorst by auto - riding around the Scharnhorst ranch area. President asked that someone tell Dale Malechek to pick up some cedar posts lying around and have a certain area cleared of this.	
	3:30p				At the Martin Ranch - departed 3:34p	
	4:13p				On Park Road #49	

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	4:15p		t		Dale Malechek - radio phone - asking that the bulls near the birthplace be given some feed and molasses....	
	4:21p				The President and group returned to the Main House - stopping briefly on the way at the Cemetery	
					The President and group was met by Mr. Arthur Krim who accompanied into the Office.	
	4:23p - 5:15p				The President working his desk, reading, signing and autographing several books on bookcase behind his desk in the office. mf, yb and Jim Jones assisting. Mr. Kellam and Mr. Krim also in the office, reading newspapers.	
	5:04p - 5:07p		f		Secretary Dean Rusk - Washington, D. C.	
	5:15p				The President, J. C. Kellam, Mr. Arthur Krim, mf and yb departed Main House by car, driving to Johnson City, Texas	
					Drove through the Old Folks compound, a new section of modern homes for the aged and retired people, architect was Roy White. Showing area to Mr. Kellam and Mr. Krim. President pointed out the corner (directly in front of boyhood home) where a new Federal Building is going to be built soon.	
	5:42p				Arrived at the Johnson City Bank building. To the basement area of building where new offices are being readied for Secret Service Agent Clarence Knetsch. Paneling has been installed, some office furniture already there, and rug padding also there. Mr. Kellam had brought some carpet samples from Austin (Don Thomas now owns a carpeting /rug outlet firm) -- and the President made decisions on colors etc. from samples. Agent Knetsch joined the group inside.	

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