

1960 Chronology

January

- 1/1 The Johnsons are at the Ranch; the Connallys are their houseguests, leaving this afternoon. **LBJ (Lyndon Johnson)** also interviews Henry Blackburn for a position as ranch foreman.
- At the Cotton Bowl game in Dallas, a University of Texas football player allegedly spits in the face of a Negro Syracuse player. At the NAACP convention on 1/4, Roy Wilkins says that the incident may affect Negro support for LBJ but the real test will be action on civil rights legislation in Congress.
- 1/2 LBJ spends the day in Austin; phones George Brown, Lon Hill of Corpus Christi and John Connally about fundraising.
- JFK announces his candidacy for the Democratic presidential nomination, joining Hubert Humphrey as the only announced candidates.
- 1/3 The Johnsons fly to Washington today.
- 1/4 LBJ spends the day at the Senate; phones Bill Moyers in Fort Worth about the possibility of his working for Johnson.
- Apparently Drew Pearson writes a column today about LBJ's 8/22/59 letter re: labor bill.
- 1/6 Congress convenes.
- 1/7 Eisenhower delivers the State of the Union address at 12:30; afterward LBJ meets with JFK and Robert Kennedy.
- The Democratic Conference meets at 3:30. At the conference, Gore introduces a motion to expand the Democratic Policy Committee from 9 to 15 members and to have the members selected by the entire Democratic senatorial caucus, not LBJ. Clark makes a motion to establish regulations for calling meetings of the caucus, criticizing LBJ for calling meetings infrequently. Clark withdraws his motion after LBJ agrees to call meetings at the request of any senator. The Gore motion is defeated in the Democratic caucus on 1/12 by a vote of 51-12.
- 1/8 LBJ calls Senators Pastore, Holland, Smathers and Chavez this morning to thank them for their action in the Democratic Conference yesterday.
- That afternoon LBJ, **CTJ (Lady Bird Johnson)**, Yarborough and Bobby Baker fly to Aiken, South Carolina to attend the funeral of Mrs. Strom Thurmond. They return to Washington after the funeral and LBJ goes directly to a stag dinner given by Symington in honor of the Speaker.

- 1/9 Nixon announces his candidacy for the Republican presidential nomination. Miss Slatterly of Senator Douglas' office delivers a letter to LBJ signed by Douglas and other senators requesting a meeting of the Democratic conference. LBJ meets with Slatterly and asks her to return the letter to Douglas because a meeting of the conference has already been called for 1/12.
- 1/11 LBJ attends a meeting at the White House for congressional leaders.
- 1/12 Rayburn announces he will not serve as chairman of the Democratic National Convention, leaving him free to promote LBJ's candidacy.
- LBJ meets with Andy Biemiller and other international labor leaders this morning. Democratic Conference meets at 3:30; Gore motion on the Policy Committee is defeated, 51-12.
- 1/13 Senator Symington leads debate on the alleged missile gap; says the Soviets will soon have a 3-1 lead over the U.S. in ocean-spanning missiles. Defense Secretary Gates disputes Symington's charges.
- Senator Green announces that he will retire from the Senate at the end of his term.
- LBJ meets with Eisenhower at the White House at 5 p.m. and later attends the AFL-CIO Texas Congressional Dinner.
- CTJ attends a party given by the American Newspaper Women's Club honoring candidates of 1960. Humphrey, JFK, Symington, Gore and Meyner are present. Nixon, Stevenson, LBJ are unable to attend.
- 1/14 LBJ meets with Clarence Mitchell and other delegates to the Legislative Conference on Civil Rights this morning.
- 1/16 LBJ addresses the American Federation of Government Employees.
- 1/17 Eisenhower announces he will visit the U.S.S.R. from 6/10 to 6/19.
- 1/19 LBJ attends a luncheon at the White House in honor of the Prime Minister of Japan.
- 1/20 Democratic Conference meets at 10:30; Federal Aid for School Construction is on the agenda. The meeting continues past the noon opening of the Senate.
- LBJ flies to Chicago at 4:45. That evening he attends a dinner at the South Shore Country Club where he is met by John Connally.

- 1/21 LBJ meets with members of the National Home Builders Association who are attending their convention in Chicago. At 10 a.m. he meets with Mayor Richard Daley in his office.
- At noon LBJ addresses the Southtown Economist Club in Chicago. He and John Connally then fly to New York where LBJ attends a reception given by Mayor Wagner for him at Gracie Mansion and speaks at an appreciation dinner for Congressman John J. Rooney in Brooklyn.
- During an interview at Gracie Mansion, LBJ says he will give the House until 2/15 to act on a civil rights bill before he proceeds with a Senate measure. If necessary the Senate bill will be attached as a rider to another bill to prevent it being stalled in the Judiciary Committee.
- 1/22 LBJ attends a breakfast meeting given by Paul Kayser at the Waldorf Astoria this morning. He also meets with Ed Weisl, Mary Lasker, Eliot Janeway, among others. At 4 p.m. he attends a reception given by Carmine DeSapio for members of the New York legislature and at 7 p.m. he attends a dinner given by DeSapio for county leaders of New York.
- 1/23 LBJ flies to Washington this morning, meets during the day with Ed Connally, Jack Hughes, Carl Hill, and French Robertson, Byron Skelton, Jake Pickle and Marvin Watson.
- The Democratic National Committee's Presidential Campaign Kickoff Dinner is held tonight in Washington. Speakers include Paul Butler, Humphrey, Robert Meyner, LBJ, JFK, Pat Brown, G. Mennen Williams, Symington and Truman.
- 1/24 LBJ issues a statement concerning Secretary Gates' testimony on the missile gap. Gates refuted former Secretary McElroy's testimony last year, saying McElroy's statement that the U.S.S.R. would surpass the U.S. in missile production was based on the Soviets' capabilities -- not upon what they would actually produce. LBJ questions the validity of changing the basis for the intelligence estimates and announces that CIA Director Allen Dulles will appear before a closed meeting of the Space and Preparedness Committees on 1/29.
- LBJ meets with Max Brooks today regarding the new KTBC building. That evening he attends a cocktail party at Drew Pearson's in honor of Earle Clements.
- 1/25 The Clean Elections Bill passes the Senate after Senator Hennings leads the fight to include primary elections in the bill. Senator Long offers a counterproposal to require all states to hold primaries for federal elections. Both amendments pass but the bill dies in the House.

1/26 JFK introduces a bill to provide medical care for the aged under the social security system. The plan is to be financed by a ¼ of 1% increase in social security taxes.

Among his other appointments today LBJ meets with Arthur Goldberg and Andy Biemiller concerning the minimum wage; Paul Butler and Jack Redding; Otto Feurbringer and Neil McNeil of *Time*; and Defense Secretary Gates. LBJ also talks by phone with Charley Gibson in Amarillo concerning Paul S. Rogers of Amarillo who has filed as a candidate for the U. S. Senate election.

LBJ addresses the Women's National Democratic Club dinner honoring Senator Green.

1/28 LBJ meets with Mary Lasker and Dave Lloyd this morning, and with Vann Kennedy and Bill Gibbons.

1/29 Space Committee hearings are held all day today; Dulles testifies. At 3:45 LBJ, Diane Tschursin, Horace Busby, Mary Margaret Wiley fly to the LBJ Ranch. Apparently CTJ is already there with her father, brother Tony and their wives.

1/30 LBJ addresses the Headliners Club annual stag luncheon in Austin. LBJ, John Wayne, Oveta Culp Hobby receive awards presented by CBS newscaster Douglas Edwards at the Headliners party at City Auditorium that evening. LBJ returns to the Ranch that evening.

In Austin, LBJ also addresses the kick-off meeting of the Women's Division of the LBJ for President Club. CTJ, Marietta Brooks, and Mrs. W.A. Griffis attend.

1/31 LBJ returns to Washington today via Dallas. Speaker Rayburn is on the same flight with him from Dallas to Washington.

February

2/1 LBJ has a number of phone conversations today concerning the candidacy of Paul Rogers for his Senate seat. He consults with Ed Clark, Cliff Carter and Gerry Seigel about whether or not Rogers has properly filed and how long he has to pay the filing fee.

Four Negro students at North Carolina Agricultural and Technical School stage a sit-down strike at a segregated Woolworth's lunch counter in Greensboro. Similar sit-down strikes occur throughout the South the rest of the year, increasing racial tension in the South.

- 2/2 LBJ attends Space hearings beginning at 10 a.m. They continue throughout the afternoon.
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- 2/4 Senate passes a 2-year Aid to Education bill, authorizing \$20 per year for every school-age child (\$917 million a year), to be used for school construction and for teacher salaries. An earlier amendment offered by Clark to raise the bill to \$1.1 billion and to extend it indefinitely was narrowly defeated by a 44-44 vote in which Nixon broke the tie to kill the amendment.
- General Maxwell Taylor testifies before the Preparedness Committee (?) in favor of a \$50 billion increase in the defense budget to combat the missile gap. Eisenhower maintains, "Our defense is not only strong, it is awesome."
- 2/5 LBJ, CTJ, Mary Margaret Wiley, Irv Hoff and Cliff Ramsdale fly to Dallas this morning where LBJ holds a press conference at Love Field before flying on to Albuquerque. That evening he addresses the Western States Democratic Conference in Albuquerque.
- 2/6 LBJ attends a breakfast in his honor in Albuquerque before flying to Indianapolis to address a Jefferson-Jackson Day dinner that evening.
- 2/7 LBJ, CTJ, Wiley and Marvin Watson fly from Indianapolis to Washington, stopping en route in Nashville, Tennessee where they are met by Gov. Buford Ellington, Senator Kerr and Senator Clements. They have lunch at the Governor's Mansion before returning to Washington.
- 2/9 LBJ, CTJ and Wiley fly to the Ranch this morning. That evening LBJ phones Dr. and Mrs. Charles Bailey and Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Kellam asking them to go with the Johnsons to Acapulco the next day.
- 2/10 The Johnsons, Kellams, Baileys, Wiley and Bob Armstrong leave at 1 p.m. for Mexico on Wesley West's plane. They are forced to spend the night in Monterrey after the pilot refuses to fly into the unfamiliar terrain around Acapulco after dark. LBJ apparently considered returning to the Ranch but the next morning they fly on to Acapulco.
- 2/12 The Johnsons lunch at the home of former Mexican President Miguel Aleman.
- 2/13 The Johnsons and their guests return to the Ranch this afternoon. On the plane coming back, LBJ comments about the upcoming Senate Democratic Conference on 2/15, saying that he was getting tired of the caucuses and "they know it."

- 2/14 LBJ flies to Athens, Texas this morning where he visits with Clint Murchison and John Connally until 4 p.m. He then flies to Dallas where he makes connection with a flight to Washington. CTJ, Wiley, Marvin Watson and the Speaker are also on the flight.
- 2/15 Senate Democratic Conference is held at 9:30 a.m. At 11:00 LBJ opens the Senate. That afternoon LBJ meets with Bob Baskin, Bob Albright, Russ Baker, Silliman Evans, and Joe Alsop before meeting with the President at the White House at 5:30.
- Senate debate on the civil rights bill begins. Since no civil rights bill has been reported by the Judiciary Committee, LBJ calls up a minor bill and invites the Senate to offer civil rights amendments to it. Russell calls his tactic “a lynching of orderly procedure in the Senate of the United States.” The wording of the story in the *New York Times* and by the AP apparently causes southerners to criticize LBJ’s tactics as “trickery” and “out-foxing” of the southern senators.
- 2/16 LBJ lunches with Gov. Ellington this afternoon before meeting with Mayor David Lawrence and a group of about 40 delegates to the Municipal Association meeting in Washington.
- 2/17 At 11:30 LBJ meets with Governor Ellington, Senator Anderson, Governor Ribicoff and Senator Mansfield. Then at 6:30 he meets with Senators Dirksen, Clifford Case, Javits and Keating concerning the civil rights bill.
- 2/18 Senate Democratic Conference meets at 9:30. At 6:00 LBJ meets with Dirksen and Russell concerning the civil rights bill.
- 2/19 Jerry Holleman phones LBJ about COPE’s refusal to endorse LBJ.
- In an interview for the Anderson, South Carolina *Independent*, LBJ denies he “tricked” southern senators by bringing up civil rights legislation as he did, saying that 2/15 had been set as the date for bringing up civil rights legislation last September in order to prevent Senator Javits from bringing up a discharge measure to get the bill out of the Judiciary Committee. LBJ says Eastland “begged me not to pull that bill out of committee,” because it would have set a bad precedent for other legislation.
- 2/20 The Johnsons, Thornberrys, Jenkinses, Wiley, Bob Waldron go to Middleburg for the weekend.
- 2/21 LBJ’s Diary notes that on the way back to Washington from Middleburg, LBJ discussed the civil rights fight in the Senate. Referring to a speech by Russell in which he called the procedure “legislative lynching,” LBJ said it had occurred to

him to reply to Russell that this was the only kind of lynching that he had ever heard Russell object to. But he said he decided against it because “you might win an argument but lose the sale and you might not even win the argument.”

LBJ issues a statement on Eisenhower’s visit to Latin America. Eisenhower visits Puerto Rico, Brazil, Argentina, Uruguay and Chile.

Reedy sends Monk Willis a memo on how to counteract southern criticism of LBJ’s handling of the civil rights bill. Reedy points out that the Senate is determined to pass a bill and that efforts to block all legislation will have drastic results.

2/23 LBJ phones Russell this morning about civil rights and meets with Dirksen this afternoon.

2/24 Preparedness Committee hearings resume; Dulles testifies in executive session.

2/25 LBJ issues a statement on Eisenhower’s veto of the water pollution bill. The bill, which passed the Senate 2/15, would have increased authorization for sewage plant construction from \$50 million to \$90 million a year. Eisenhower vetoed the bill saying that water pollution is a “uniquely local blight.” House sustained the veto on 2/25.

LBJ visits Sam Houston Johnson who is in Sheppard Pratt Hospital in Baltimore.

2/29 Southern filibuster on the civil rights bill begins. LBJ keeps the Senate in round-the-clock session until 3/8 when Senate liberals, over the opposition of Dirksen and LBJ, offer a petition to invoke cloture.

LBJ Diary notes that LBJ said today that he did not know when the Senate would get to a vote on the bill and that the civil rights issue would “destroy me.” When asked if Russell knew that, LBJ replied, “He doesn’t care.” He also said that “history will record that this was my greatest tactical error,” and that he should have had someone else motion up the bill.

LBJ meets with H.L. Hunt today.

Proxmire writes LBJ opposing the nomination of James Durfee of Wisconsin to the Court of Claims. He objects to Durfee because of his age (63) and because he feels he violated the Code of Ethics as CAB chairman by accepting “unusual hospitality” from airlines.

March

Eisenhower asks the House Agriculture Committee for a 4-year extension of the Sugar Act with new provisions empowering the president to cut the quota for Cuban sugar or other countries if he felt it in the national interest.

3/1 Filibuster continues in the Senate. LBJ meets with Eleanor Roosevelt and Grace Tully this morning. At 9 p.m. LBJ meets with Senators Muskie and McCarthy. He spends the night on a cot in P-38.

3/2 LBJ meets with Russell, Gerry Siegel and Bobby Baker this morning; at 3:00 he meets with Anna Rosenberg and at 5:00 with Senator Engle. Afterwards he meets with Harry Akin and other restaurant owners to discuss their interest in the minimum wage bill. LBJ attends a Texas Exes banquet honoring CTJ that evening before returning to the Capitol for the night.

3/3 LBJ meets with Russell again this morning. He, CTJ, Senator and Mrs. Dirksen, Diane Tschursin, and Wiley have dinner this evening in P-38. At 10:15 LBJ meets with Pastore and again spends the night in P-38 on a cot.

3/4 LBJ attends a leadership luncheon today with Nixon and the Senate leadership. At 3:45 he holds a press conference and meets with Russell and McPherson at 5:30.

3/5 Saturday. LBJ, Wiley and Lynda lunch with Arthur Krock today. LBJ also meets with Talmadge and Mansfield at 2:00. He apparently spends the first night at home since the filibuster began.

Reedy writes a memo on strategy for the presidential nomination. LBJ cannot beat JFK, the frontrunner, in the primaries, but if JFK comes to the convention with not quite enough delegates, the convention might turn to someone else--LBJ--if he maintains his status as a national leader, not a sectional candidate. Therefore LBJ's performance in Congress, solving national issues, is of utmost importance.

3/7 LBJ returns to the Senate this morning, meets with Reedy and Siegel and with Dirksen before opening the Senate at noon. He meets with Secretary Gates at 5:30 and again spends the night in P-38.

3/8 JFK wins the New Hampshire primary.

Senate liberals offer cloture petition on the civil rights bill; LBJ meets during the day with Larry Blackmon, Earl Mayfield, Senator John Williams, Dirksen, Russell and Mansfield, Scotty Peake. At 6:30 he goes to the Speaker's office.

- 3/9 CTJ is apparently in Austin, visits state LBJ-for-President headquarters.
Senator Neuberger dies of cancer.
- LBJ meets with John Lyle this afternoon, also with a group of Texas doctors and with a group of attorneys general.
- 3/10 Cloture petition offered by Senate liberals on 3/8 is rejected 42-53, 22 votes shy. Prior to the vote, LBJ spoke on the Senate floor opposing the measure: "I am convinced this move at this time will serve no useful purpose. . . . The Senate in my judgment is not ready yet to act on cloture."
- LBJ, Magnuson, Church, Engle, Smathers attend a luncheon in P-38 cooked by Senator Ellender. LBJ goes to the Speaker's office at the close of the day.
- Russell Baker notes in *New York Times* column that JFK has not answered any post-midnight quorum calls during the filibuster, Humphrey answered 3, Symington 2, LBJ all.
- 3/11 John Connally is in Washington. The Thornberrys, Jenkinses, Connally and Wiley have dinner at the Johnsons this evening.
- 3/12 LBJ receives the AMVETS Silver Helmet Defense Award at a luncheon honoring him and Nixon. After the luncheon, LBJ and CTJ fly to Newark, New Jersey to attend the wedding of Charles Englehard's daughter at his estate "Cragwood" in Far Hills, New Jersey. After the reception the Johnsons fly back to Washington where LBJ attends the Gridiron Dinner as the guest of Arthur Krock.
- 3/13 LBJ, Justice Douglas, Bobby Baker and several senators fly to Portland, Oregon to attend memorial services for Richard Neuberger. LBJ visits with Mrs. Neuberger at her home and returns to Washington after the services.
- 3/15 LBJ attends a White House luncheon honoring Chancellor Adenauer, later meets with a group of 50 Texas labor members led by J.E. Flowers. At 4:00 he meets with Tom Corcoran and that evening attends a stag St. Patrick's Day party given by Mike Kirwan.
- News story in the *Washington Star* quotes a "high Democratic source" as saying JFK will be nominated on an early ballot and that task forces will be appointed to check on southern delegations to ensure that they will support the nominee. If they will not, he would favor denying those delegations a seat. Reedy sends LBJ a memo saying that the source is Paul Butler and that David Brinkley is considering doing a broadcast on the fact the Butler is using his position in a way that was never intended.

3/16 LBJ attends hearings of the combined Preparedness and Space Committees this morning before opening the Senate at noon. Defense Secretary Gates testifies for 3 hours, defending his stand that new intelligence estimates show that the missile gap predicted last year is narrowing. Symington charges that secret data given the committee by CIA Director Dulles shows the gap has widened. Committee Counsel Weisl questions Gates about Defense's underestimates of our own missile spending, demanding to know how we can predict Russian's missile spending when we can't our own.

LBJ meets with CTJ and Lynda this afternoon and goes to the Speaker's office at the close of the day as he does for the next two evenings.

3/17 LBJ meets with a group of 25 business editors from the Society of Business Magazine Editors this morning. At 11:30 he meets with Mary Lasker and Dave Lloyd, at 12:10 with Chancellor Adenauer.

Frankie Randolph writes an open letter to J. Ed Connally, chairman of the State Democratic Executive Committee, accusing the SDEC of "a reversion to the policies which led the Democratic Party in Texas so disastrously in 1952 and 1956." SDEC had met in Austin the previous Monday and rejected a motion by Billy Goldberg to require delegates to pledge support to the party ticket. The SDEC also endorsed the candidacy of LBJ and declined to order a referendum on the abolition of the poll tax on the ballot.

3/18 CTJ flies to Houston to attend the Harris County "Ladies for Lyndon" Kick-off luncheon at the Shamrock Hotel. LBJ addresses the group via movie presentation.

3/19 LBJ, Luci and Wiley have lunch at the George Browns' home in Middleburg this afternoon. LBJ returns to Washington this evening to attend a dinner at the Mayflower with Jim Abercrombie, Ernest Thompson and others.

3/20 LBJ attends the Texas State Society Brunch this afternoon.

3/21 LBJ has lunch with Kerr and Gene McDill, the Oklahoma Democratic State chairman in P-38. At 2:30 he meets with Bill White to discuss White's idea that LBJ should go on nationwide TV to announce his candidacy for the presidency.

Robert Novak article in the *Wall Street Journal* notes that the filibuster is a stronger tactic than ever due to the success of the recent civil rights filibuster. Southern senators were organized "with military precision" into 3 teams, allowing them to rest, while the majority was kept exhausted answering quorum calls.

- 3/22 LBJ meets with a group of student editors from Georgetown Prep School and the University of Virginia who have formed a LBJ-for-President Club.
- 3/24 The House passes its civil rights bill, providing for court-appointed referees to ensure voting rights. The Senate abandons its bill and sends House bill to the Judiciary Committee with instructions to report it no later than midnight, March 29. Motion by Eastland to have bill sent to committee uninstructed fails, 72-19.
- LBJ meets with Averell Harriman at 10:30 a.m. and with Russell, Stennis and Hill at 11:00.
- Symington announces that he is a candidate for the Democratic presidential nomination.
- Reedy sends LBJ a memo advising him on how to handle the controversy surrounding Tommy Corcoran who apparently is accused of influencing members of the FPC in favor of his clients. Reedy advises LBJ to acknowledge that Corcoran is a friend who has helped him on speeches and has urged him to run for the presidency but that he knows nothing of his business dealings.
- 3/26 LBJ goes to Middleburg for the weekend with Wiley and Bob Waldron. They are joined later by CTJ, Thornberry, Walter and Marjorie Jenkins and Diana Tschursin.
- 3/27 LBJ et al visit the Phillip Grahams' home in Marshall, Virginia before returning to Washington. That afternoon LBJ attends the West Virginia State Society Reception in the Senate Caucus Room and has dinner at home with Mr. and Mrs. Bill White, Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Graham, Wiley, Tschursin, and Waldron.
- 3/28 LBJ meets with Arthur Goldberg this morning, later with Charles Herring and Senator Hartke concerning the casein bill, a bill extending for 2 years the duty-free entry of casein, a skim milk by-product used in coated papers. LBJ also talks to Frank Ikard today concerning the bill. Controversy on the bill centers over whether the imported casein could be converted to food use and compete with U.S. markets.
- The Steering Committee meets at 5:00 and afterwards LBJ meets separately with Baker, Dirksen and Kerr.
- 3/29 LBJ receives a phone call from JFK who is in Wisconsin. JFK had received a report that the Majority Leader's office was trying to reach him but apparently the message was a prank.

3/30

Senate begins consideration of the House-passed civil rights bill after it is reported from the Judiciary Committee.

The Special Senate Committee on Unemployment Problems, headed by Senator McCarthy, issues its report urging a broad attack on the causes of unemployment.

LBJ talks with Siegel this morning about the Kefauver amendment to the civil rights bill. The amendment would delete language in the House bill that required that a Negro's appearance before a voting referee be ex parte (without cross-examination) and added language requiring that hearings be held in a public office with 2 days' written notice to the local registrar. The registrar could also have counsel present at the hearing. Opponents of the amendment charge that this would have the effect of intimidating Negroes. The amendment was accepted by the Judiciary Committee, 7-6, but the Senate accepts a substitute amendment offered by Carroll on 4/1 restoring the House language.

After opening the Senate, he meets with Russell, Dirksen and Siegel. At 12:45 LBJ meets with Prime Minister Macmillan and Ambassador Caccia, Fulbright joins the meeting at 12:55. They meet with the press after the meeting. At the end of the day LBJ meets with Dirksen, Judge Walsh of the Justice Department, Russell and Siegel.

3/31

Negro students at Wiley and Bishop Colleges in Marshall, Texas attempt to desegregate local lunch counters. 51 students arrested at a sit-in, fire hoses used to disperse others gathered on the courthouse steps in protest. 21 white youths also placed in custody after having been in the vicinity of the Negro colleges. City police, sheriff's deputies, highway patrol and Texas rangers are in the town to prevent trouble. Negro students call for a boycott of all Marshall business establishments when some lunch counters close to prevent desegregation.

LBJ talks with Wright Patman this afternoon concerning a meeting to organize Johnson forces in Marshall tomorrow. LBJ also meets with CTJ and Bill Moyers to discuss the sit-down strike and proposed Johnson meeting in Marshall.

April

4/3

LBJ, Jenkins, Kerr, Allen Crumley and Moon Anderhill fly to Oklahoma City where LBJ addresses the Oklahoma Press Association News Clinic. Afterwards LBJ attends a public reception given by the Oklahoma Johnson for President Clubs before flying back to Washington. LBJ stops en route in Nashville, Tennessee where he has coffee at the airport with Gov. and Mrs. Ellington and Senator Gore.

- 4/4 In action on the civil rights bill, the Senate kills amendments to include Part III and a provision to provide federal grants to school districts undertaking desegregation. Dirksen and LBJ are attempting to bring the bill to a final vote this week and are trying to keep it in its present form. They have employed the technique of making motions to table amendments, which once made are not debatable. Thus they are shortening time taken on amendments.
- 4/5 JFK wins the Wisconsin primary.
- Reedy relays a message from Dean Acheson to LBJ congratulating him on his statement on the proposed small atomic bomb testing moratorium. LBJ had refused to comment on the proposal without knowing more about the total terms. Humphrey, Symington and JFK have apparently come out in favor of the agreement now being negotiated. Acheson feels the plan is dangerous unless there is a fool-proof inspection agreement.
- 4/7 LBJ meets with a group about the Trinity River project this morning before attending an Appropriations Committee meeting in behalf of the project.
- 4/8 Senate passes the civil rights bill 71-18 after rejecting Eastland's motion to send the bill back to the Judiciary Committee. As finally passed, the bill provides for fines of \$1000 or one-year imprisonment or both for obstruction of a federal court order; prescribes criminal penalties for false bomb reports and for bombing or burning any building; requires preservation of all voting records for federal elections for 22 months; authorizes federal courts to appoint referees to help Negroes register after a court finding of a "pattern or practice" of discrimination.
- The House approves the Senate version on 4/21 and sends it to Eisenhower.
- According to his diary, LBJ meets with Drew Pearson, Alex Christie of the Steelworkers, Phil Potter, Bill White, Cecil Dickson, Senator Eastland, and Kenneth Crawford today, lunches with Walter Hornaday, Dick West and Bob Baskin. At 6:00 he meets with JFK about the West Virginia primary before going to the Speaker's office. A note in the diary says that Pearson told LBJ at the meeting that he was for LBJ for President.
- 4/9 LBJ talks to a number of journalists on the phone this morning: John Cline (*Washington Star*), Phil Graham, Marshall McNeil, Walker Stone, Joe Alsop, Walter Lippmann; lunches with Reedy, Siegel, George Bevel, Jack Bell, Warren Duffy. At 3:15 LBJ, CTJ, Wiley, and Betty Cason fly to the Ranch.
- 4/12 CTJ apparently goes to Karnack early this morning, returns to the Ranch by dinnertime.

- 4/14 LBJ, CTJ, Wiley go to Austin to meet Hugh Sidey. They have dinner at the Melvin Winters' lake house before returning to the Ranch that evening.
- 4/15 LBJ, Wiley and Sidey fly to Dallas this afternoon where LBJ meets with Jim Blundell before meeting Luci's plane at Amon Carter Field. LBJ, Wiley, Lucy, Jane Scholl, Tom McEvoy and Mr. Herscholt of *Life* magazine return to the Ranch that evening.
- 4/17 LBJ, CTJ, Tom McEvoy, Jane Scholl, Wiley, Cason drive to Austin to attend Lucy's confirmation at St. David's church. Afterwards they dinner at Melvin Winters' lake home before returning to the Ranch.
- 4/18 LBJ attends the board of directors meeting at the Citizens State Bank in Johnson City this morning, travels to the Austin to make a radio tape at KTBC before returning to the Ranch with Roy White, the Kellams and Warren Woodward.
- 4/19 LBJ spends the day in Austin today and tomorrow.
- 4/21 LBJ, CTJ, Luci, Cason, Wiley fly to Houston this morning. LBJ meets with the Executive Committee of the Houston Johnson-for-President Club before he addresses the State Convention of the Junior Chamber of Commerce.
- After his speech, LBJ holds a press conference and later he and CTJ attend a reception at the Johnson for President headquarters. While in Houston, LBJ also meets with Gilbert Adams, Mr. and Mrs. Hobart Taylor, Sr., Pee Wee Graham, Dick Arthur, and Bruce Hill before returning to the Ranch that evening.
- 4/22 LBJ, CTJ, Lynda, Luci, Wiley, and Cason fly to Denver this morning where LBJ addresses the Denver Mining Conference this evening. They also attend a reception this afternoon given by friends and supporters of LBJ.
- 4/23 LBJ and his party fly to Cheyenne, Wyoming in the morning. A number of reporters accompany him on his trip. In Cheyenne LBJ speaks at a breakfast for state committeemen and women. Gale McGee and Governor Hickey also attend. Afterwards the Johnson party flies to Salt Lake City, Utah where LBJ addresses a fundraising luncheon, holds a press conference and addresses a Jefferson-Jackson Day dinner in Salt Lake City.
- 4/24 LBJ visits the Mormon Tabernacle Choir in the morning before he and his party fly to Las Vegas, Nevada. Lynda, however, returns to Washington. LBJ holds an afternoon press conference at the Las Vegas Auditorium before attending a public reception in his honor. That evening he goes to a dinner and show at the Desert Inn.

- 4/25 LBJ apparently makes an off-the-record statement to the press en route to Las Vegas outlining his reasons for running for president and yet not announcing his candidacy. He can't announce and retain his position as majority leader, and the Democrats need to produce a sound legislative program to win in November no matter who is the nominee. Therefore it is more important he remain as leader. LBJ et al return to Washington with brief stops in Wichita, Kansas and St. Louis, Missouri. In Wichita he meets at the airport with Malcom Lee, a local UAW leader, and talks on the phone with the Mayor of Wichita who is reported to be in favor of LBJ for president. In St. Louis, LBJ is met at the airport by Tony Buford and Howard Woods, editor of the *St. Louis Argus*, a Negro newspaper. Woods accompanies the group on the flight to Washington, where they arrive at 9:15 p.m.
- 4/26 LBJ, Reedy and Wiley fly to New York City. LBJ lunches with the Newspaper Editors Association at the Waldorf, later meets in his hotel suite with Ed Weisl, Dick Berlin and George Sokolsky. They return to Washington at 9:30 p.m.
- 4/27 LBJ attends the Democratic Conference at 10:30 a.m. and opens the Senate at noon. That evening he (and CTJ?) attends a White House dinner in honor of the King of Nepal.
- 4/28 LBJ opens the Senate at 10:00 a.m. At 12:30 the Congress meets in joint session to hear the King of Nepal. Afterwards, LBJ attends a Policy Committee luncheon, meets with Dirksen, makes his weekly radio report, and has dinner at the Mayflower with Albert Jackson. After dinner LBJ makes an appearance at a B'nai B'rith dinner in honor of Maryland Governor Tawes at the University of Maryland in College Park.
- 4/29 LBJ meets with Siegel and Ken Belieu this morning before attending a hearing on NASA appropriations. He attends a luncheon in honor of President Truman at Skeeter Johnston's office, talks with John Connally who is in Los Angeles; he also meets with Bill Munnell and Louis Warschaw, two members of the California State Central Executive Committee and also attends a reception at the Carlton given by California people. During the day LBJ also talks with Jack Maguire and Jesse Kellam in Austin about picketing in Austin for desegregated eating facilities.
- 4/30 LBJ meets Mr. Robinson, the clerk of the Supreme Court, who delivers a letter from Chief Justice Warren. This evening LBJ attends the Congressional Campaign Dinner at the Washington National Guard Armory where he introduces President Truman. Truman charges the Republican administration of "years of drift and neglect and indecision." Rayburn also addresses the crowd, indirectly rebukes Butler for wanting to drive some people out of the party and by charging that some Democratic candidates can't be nominated.

May

- 5/1 LBJ and the Speaker attend a luncheon of the Citizens Committee for Johnson for President today. That evening he (and CTJ?) has dinner with Secretary and Mrs. Anderson aboard the President's yacht.
- 5/3 LBJ hosts a luncheon today for postal union leaders. He also makes a number of phone calls--to Jim Wilson, Yarborough, and Jim Mathis-- concerning Mathis' story in today's *Houston Post* about Padre Island. That evening he attends a Texas Chamber of Commerce dinner at the Mayflower, drops by a stag party honoring Senator Green at the University Club, and attends a dinner at the Brazilian Embassy honoring the Speaker.
- 5/4 Staff meeting today in P-38 with Jenkins, Reedy, Bill Gibbons, Moyers, Herb Hodge and Bill Lloyd.
- House passes the Senate Area Redevelopment bill authorizing \$25 million for federal grants and loans for chronically depressed areas. Ike vetoes the bill on 5/13, calling it a "shotgun approach" to area aid. The veto is sustained in the Senate on 5/24.
- HEW Secretary Arthur Flemming announces the administration's old-age health care plan which has 2 alternatives: 1) federal grants to states to pay 80%-100% of medical costs for those over 65 with incomes less than \$2500; 2) maximum federal-state payments of \$60 to cover the cost of private health insurance. The plan is immediately criticized as too costly, confused, and socialized medicine.
- "Lady Bird Johnson Day" in Austin. CTJ shakes 4,000 hands at a reception and ice show in her honor. Mayor Miller presents her with a proclamation designating it as her day.
- 5/5 Khrushchev announces that the Soviets shot down an American reconnaissance plane on 5/1. Eisenhower says plane is a U-2 on a weather mission out of Turkey.
- 5/6 LBJ, Wiley, Cason, Jenkins, Reedy, Helen Williams, Frank Muto, Larry Winship, Robert Novak, Ed Jamieson, Jim Mathis, Bob Baskin, Holmes Alexander, Sarah McClendon, Bob Albright, Bill Secrist, Roy Calvin, and Wayne Hayes fly to Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania this afternoon, then drive to East Liverpool, Ohio. LBJ holds a press conference at the East Liverpool courthouse, attends a reception at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Beatty, and is the principal speaker at a Jefferson-Jackson Day dinner at Beaver High School in East Liverpool. He returns to Pittsburgh to spend the night.
- Eisenhower signs the civil rights bill.

5/7 In Pittsburgh this morning, LBJ meets with Mayor Joe Barr, Joseph Yablonski (VP of the UMW), and speaks to the Bataan-Corregidor Veterans Association. He also meets with a group from the National Association of Letter Carriers of Alleghany County, holds a press conference, and lunches with some of the Pennsylvania delegates to the Democratic National Convention before flying to Clarksburg, West Virginia where he is met by Senators Byrd and Randolph. LBJ speaks at a Jefferson-Jackson Day Dinner before flying to the Ranch. All of his party from 5/6 except Jim Mathis and Roy Calvin accompany him to the Ranch.

Khrushchev announces that the U.S.S.R. has U-2 pilot Gary Powers in their custody and he has confessed to being on a spy mission. The State Department says there was no authorization for such a flight. LBJ issues a statement saying both parties will support the President in this crisis.

5/8 LBJ and his group arrive at the Ranch at 3:40 a.m. Later in the day he drives to the Schornhost and the West Ranches with various guests.

5/9 LBJ et al fly to Washington, stopping briefly in Nashville where Governor Ellington meets LBJ at the airport. Diary notes that LBJ said he was pleased by his performance in East Liverpool the other day but not with his West Virginia appearance.

In Washington, LBJ stands in the line at a reception for the Democratic congressional leadership at the Sheraton Park and later presents a plaque to the Speaker for his library.

Reedy sends LBJ a memo on the U-2 incident: Khrushchev is obviously using the incident to strain international relations, possibly breakup the upcoming summit meeting, and test the U.S.'s national unity. Reedy writes that voters will reject candidates who are divisive at such a time. The basic need of the country is for unity, not questions about a candidate's religion or ancestry.

5/10 LBJ meets with Senator Talmadge at 12:30; Talmadge tells LBJ that he supports him for president, if he has a chance, despite efforts by some southern people who are trying to drum up support for Talmadge for president.

LBJ, Ken Belieu and Reedy are briefed by Allen Dulles and Bill Macomber at 3:20 p.m. about the U-2 downing by the U.S.S.R. Afterwards LBJ meets with Bobby Baker and goes to visit the Speaker at the end of the day. LBJ also issues a statement on the Senate floor calling for unity, not panic over the U-2 incident

JFK beats Humphrey in West Virginia primary; Humphrey withdraws from race.

- 5/11 This afternoon LBJ receives a phone call from Dudley Dougherty who is running for Congress against John Young. Dougherty tells LBJ he has heard that LBJ has issued an order to defeat him. LBJ assures him that it is not true.
- Eisenhower announces that he takes full responsibility for the U-2 overflights.
- 5/12 LBJ meets with Jacqueline Cochran this morning and receives a phone call from Houston Harte about a cut of \$432,000 for a serviceman's center at Goodfellow AFB by Stennis' committee. LBJ also goes to the opening of the new RCA building this afternoon, meets with Chester Bowles, Bill Lawrence (*New York Times*), John Steele and Neil McNeil (*Time*) and Warren Duffee; he also attends a NASA appropriations conference committee. That evening he attends Mr. and Mrs. Clark Thompson's cocktail party before having dinner with Silliman Evans and David Baird.
- 5/13 LBJ meets with Smathers and Russell Long this morning about possible southern support for a candidate other than LBJ; he later phones Talmadge on the same subject. There appear to be a number of phone calls dealing with the upcoming Texas county conventions, including a call to Governor Daniel, to Ralph McCulloch re reports LBJ has received that the Harris County delegation will not support LBJ, and to Stuart Long asking him to support Charlie Herring for permanent chairman of the convention.
- LBJ speaks on the Senate floor, calls for support of the President at the Paris summit despite political differences. Eisenhower leaves for Paris on 5/14.
- 5/14 LBJ, CTJ, Wiley, Jenkins and Thornberry go to the races in Baltimore in the afternoon. That evening, LBJ is the guest of May Craig at the Women's National Press Club annual dinner and stunt night.
- 5/15 LBJ talks to Gilbert Adams twice today concerning the county convention in Beaumont. LBJ tells Adams to put Jack Brooks on the delegation to the state convention.
- LBJ and CTJ have cocktails at the home of Justice Douglas this afternoon. Later Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Marks, Wiley, Thornberry and Jenkins have dinner at the Johnsons'.
- 5/16 LBJ meets with Adlai Stevenson at 12:15. Diary notes indicate they discussed the current political scene. LBJ said he thought that he and Stevenson ought to let their people be more active and that he resented pressure coming from JFK. Stevenson agreed and also mentioned reports he has received that LBJ does not like him. LBJ assured him of his respect.

LBJ also meets with Bob Oliver and later with Phil Graham who accompanies him to the Speaker's office.

LBJ and Jenkins meet Connally's plane upon his arrival in Washington this evening.

Reedy sends LBJ a report on the West Virginia primary. Howard Norton of the *Baltimore Sun* visited Reedy about a story he wrote on Kennedy vote-buying, which the *Sun* watered down. Norton claims that both Humphrey and Kennedy bought votes from county sheriffs but that Kennedy overwhelmingly outspent Humphrey. Norton says Humphrey won't expose Kennedy because of his own vote-buying and that the *Sun* is afraid to run the story for fear of angering the Archbishop in Baltimore.

At the Paris summit, Khrushchev demands an apology from Eisenhower for the U-2 overflights before he will participate in the Big Four conference and also withdraws the invitation to Eisenhower to visit the U.S.S.R. in June. Eisenhower rejects the "ultimatum" and the summit is called off. Khrushchev also says the summit should be postponed until after the November U.S. elections.

5/17 LBJ is in consultation today with a number of people about a proposed wire to Khrushchev from him, the Speaker, Fulbright and Stevenson. LBJ meets with John Connally, Abe Fortas and Justice Douglas at 10:35; has phone conversations with Pat Holt, Stevenson, the Speaker, Secretary Macomber and Russell about the telegram. Diary notes that Russell advises that the telegram will do little good but little harm. In the end the telegram is sent to Eisenhower, not Khrushchev, and asks Eisenhower to convey to Khrushchev their wish that he reconsider his decision to postpone the summit until after the elections. The next day Eisenhower has Herter call Johnson from Paris to tell him that the conference has already broken up and that Eisenhower is leaving Paris the next day. LBJ says that the Democrats would still want the message sent to Khrushchev.

Khrushchev replies to the four Democrats on May 30 with a 3-page letter denouncing Eisenhower and the U.S. government, saying they are to blame for the failure of the summit.

5/18 LBJ receives several phone calls today concerning the telegram to Eisenhower, including a call from Arthur Krock and two calls from Secretary Herter in Paris.

Tommy Corcoran begins two days of testimony before the House Legislative Oversight Subcommittee concerning allegations that he had met privately with members of the Federal Power Commission which resulted in favorable rulings for his clients. Corcoran insists that he was within his rights in doing so.

- 5/19 LBJ, CTJ, Luci, Wiley, Nancy Hanschman, Ed Koterba, Cong. and Mrs. Thornberry and their children, Bob Waldron, Hartke, Mace Brodie and Busby fly to Indianapolis. LBJ holds a press conference at the airport, then addresses the Indianapolis Gridiron Dinner. At 10:30 all except Hartke and Brodie fly to the Ranch.
- 5/20 LBJ meets with Governor Daniel and Warren Woodward at the Ranch at 4:30. That evening LBJ addresses the Johnson City High School Commencement.
- 5/22 LBJ flies to Oklahoma City with Wiley, Reedy, Busby, Hanschman, Ed Koterba, and the Thornberrys. In Oklahoma City LBJ appears on "Face the Nation" at a local television station. That evening he makes the commencement address at Oklahoma State University and receives an honorary doctor of humane letters. Afterwards he and his party plus Mary Rather fly back to Washington.
- Newsweek* survey shows that JFK has 589 delegates to the Democratic National Convention; LBJ has 387.5.
- 5/24 LBJ phones Faubus today, apparently thanking him for his support.
- 5/26 LBJ has breakfast at the White House this morning with other congressional leaders. At 3:30 he, Moyers, Wiley, Busby, Senator Frear, and Bob Kelly fly to Wilmington, Delaware where LBJ addresses a Jefferson-Jackson Day Dinner. They return to Washington that evening.
- 5/27 LBJ, CTJ, Reedy, Busby, Wiley, Rather, Marvin Watson, James Davis, Ed Koterba, Nancy Hanscman, Phil Potter, Earl Mazo, Loye Miller, Bob Baskin, Jack Morris, Mary McGrory, Bob Hollingsworth, and Bob Vermillion fly to Idaho Falls, Idaho at 7:30 this morning. LBJ attends a reception at the Rogers Hotel for Idaho delegates, goes on local television with Senator Church and CTJ and addresses a Jefferson-Jackson Day Dinner that dinner.
- JFK wins the Oregon primary, his 7th state primary victory.
- 5/28 LBJ et al fly to Spokane, Washington this morning. LBJ meets with labor representatives and John Ben Sheppard, and speaks to North Idaho delegates at a Coeur D'Alene, Idaho luncheon at the American Legion Hall.
- At 4:00 LBJ speaks to the Washington State Democratic Convention in Spokane and attends two receptions before flying to Pierre, South Dakota. JFK and Symington are also scheduled to address the state convention.

- 5/29 LBJ arrives in Pierre at 4:30 a.m. At 10:30 he attends a brunch with local Democrats, later holds a press conference and attends the groundbreaking ceremony of the Big Bend Dam. Afterwards, he and his party fly to Bismarck, North Dakota for press conference, reception and buffet supper.
- Governor Pat Brown appears on “Face the Nation” and is questioned about the upcoming (6/7) California primary in which he is a favorite son candidate.
- 5/30 LBJ et al fly to Reno, Nevada, holds press conference, attends a reception for the general public and addresses a dinner for Nevada delegates. Then he and his party fly to Los Angeles, spending the night at the Beverly Hilton Hotel.
- 5/31 LBJ, JFK, Symington address a dinner honoring Governor Pat Brown at the Beverly Hilton Hotel. During the day LBJ attended a legislative breakfast, met with Don Reynolds and Al Cahlan (newspaper publishers), met with the chairmen of Johnson-for-President Clubs, lunched with the Brown delegation, and met with California labor leaders.
- Supporters of LBJ open a nationwide presidential campaign headquarters on his behalf.
- June**
- 6/1 LBJ arrives back in Washington this afternoon, goes to the office and then to the Speaker’s at the end of the day.
- 6/2 At 4:00 the Speaker, Connally, Oscar Chapman, and Mrs. India Edwards hold a press conference at the Speaker’s office to announce the opening of the Citizens for Johnson for President Committee headquarters. Diary notes say that LBJ was very opposed to the HQ and to the press conference and would have preferred that the HQ, if any, be operated from a hotel room “like Lucius Clay did for Eisenhower.” LBJ also referred to himself as another “Warren Harding.”
- 6/3 At 2:30 LBJ, CTJ, Moyers, Reedy and Wiley fly to Trenton, New Jersey where they are met by Ed Weisl. LBJ holds a press conference and attends a reception for New Jersey delegates. After the reception he and CTJ have dinner with Governor and Mrs. Meyner before flying to New York. CTJ returns to Washington, LBJ spends the night at the Waldorf.
- 6/4 LBJ, Weisl, Ed Weisl, Jr., Eliot Janeway, Wiley and Reedy fly to Binghamton, New York this morning. LBJ addresses the Broome County National Dinner Club and attends a reception for Democratic delegates and others. They return to New York City at 6:00; LBJ spends the night at the Waldorf.

- 6/5 Carmine DeSapio and Weisl meet with LBJ this morning in his suite. Later in the day CTJ and Diana Tschursin arrive and they have dinner that night with Frank Stanton.
- 6/6 LBJ films an interview with Dave Garroway today for the "Today" show before flying back to Washington with Reedy and Wiley. (CTJ stays in New York?)
- 6/7 Proposed DC suffrage amendment to the Constitution passes the Senate. LBJ attends the Defense Appropriations meeting this morning before opening the Senate, meets briefly with Governor Collins of Florida before going to the Speaker's at the close of the day.
- Reedy sends LBJ his comments on the draft of a letter to Eisenhower from LBJ, Rayburn, Stevenson and Fulbright transmitting their reply to Khrushchev 5/30 letter. The Democrats emphasize the role of the loyal opposition in our government, express shock at Khrushchev's recent remarks about our upcoming elections. Reedy suggests modifying or eliminating one paragraph of the letter which refers to "mistakes on the part of the American government."
- 6/8 LBJ has an interview with David Lawrence and others at the *U.S. News and World Report* Building this morning.
- 6/9 LBJ attends a luncheon honoring George McGovern who is a candidate for the Senate against Karl Mundt. At 4:45 he and the Speaker have an off-the-record meeting with the President at the White House. That evening LBJ attends a reception given in his honor by the Speaker and Congressman Cecil King.
- Senate passes wheat bill, calling for a 20% cut in wheat acreage, freezing parity at 75% after rejecting Agriculture Committee proposal for 80% parity. On 6/23, however, the House rejects Senate wheat bill and its own version, thus ending any chance of enacting new legislation dealing with the wheat surplus this session.
- LBJ appoints Senate members of a conference committee on the school-aid bill which passed the House on 5/26 with an anti-segregation rider attached by Adam Clayton Powell. House opponents of the bill, led by Charles Halleck, succeed in the House Rules Committee which on 6/22 rejects a motion to request a conference. The move is seen as a rebuke for Nixon who had announced he was in favor of a school-aid bill.
- 6/10 LBJ, CTJ, Luci and Lynda, Wiley, Mary and Edward Rather, Ashton Gonella, Reedy, Dorothy Nichols, and Geraldine Williams fly to the Ranch at midnight, arriving at 5:00 a.m. 6/11.

White House Press Secretary Jim Hagerty and Tom Stephens, in Tokyo on advance work for Eisenhower's impending visit, are trapped in a car en route to the U. S. Embassy by anti-American rioters. Along with Ambassador Douglas MacArthur II, they are finally removed by helicopter. Eisenhower nevertheless leaves for the Philippines, the first leg of his trip, on 6/12.

6/13 State Democratic Convention meets in Austin.

LBJ, CTJ, Lynda fly to Austin this morning. LBJ meets with his county men at noon at the Driskill, holds a press conference at 4:15 and attends a dinner in his honor at Austin Auditorium. Afterwards he meets with Connally, Jerry Holleman, and the Speaker, spends the night at the Driskill.

6/14 LBJ addresses the State Democratic Convention in Austin this afternoon, flies back to Washington with Congressmen Ikard, Wright, Thornberry, Dowdy, Kilgore, Beckworth, Teague, Mahon, Rogers, Burleson, Lucy, Wiley, John Holton and D.B. Hardeman.

Diary notes that LBJ spent two days at the Ranch prior to the convention and was in a relaxed mood. He said his chief hope for the convention was to get a delegation united behind him and wanted to take care not to send anyone who would go to the national convention and announce his support for another candidate as happened in 1956 when a delegate wore a Harriman button on the train to Chicago. He also said he favored Mrs. Charles Bailey for national committeewoman over the other two candidates, Mrs. Weinert and Mrs. Brooks.

Reedy sends LBJ a memo on the possibility of accepting the vice presidential nomination.

6/16 The Japanese cancel Eisenhower's visit due to anti-American rioting. Eisenhower still visits Okinawa, Formosa and Korea.

Senate passes the Defense budget after adding \$1 billion to the House bill, including funds for the development of the B-70 bomber. After conference with the House, the final Defense appropriation is \$40 billion (\$780 million more than Defense requested). Much of the additional money remains frozen by the Budget Bureau, however.

Senate passes an omnibus housing bill authorizing \$1,247,500,000 in loans and grants for federal housing. The House bill is bottled up in the Rules Committee, however, so the House passes a 2-year extension of veterans housing loans which were due to expire on 7/25.

LBJ and others host a luncheon for Billy Graham in the Old Supreme Court Chamber. After the luncheon LBJ meets with Graham and Smathers, and Graham told LBJ he would like to announce his support for LBJ for President. LBJ asked him not to make an announcement but to talk to religious leaders in his behalf.

LBJ also makes a TV clip with Dirksen this afternoon concerning the Japanese situation and meets with Andy Biemiller and Arthur Goldberg.

6/17 Senate passes a 7.5% federal pay raise after rejecting Senator Dirksen's attempt to add a postal rate increase to the bill.

LBJ testifies at Senate hearings on behalf of the Student Loan Insurance Bill this morning; cites the assistance of Mary Lasker and David Lloyd on the bill. He also makes 3 TV clips and meets with Bill Dougherty and other members of the letter carriers union this afternoon, who thank LBJ for passage of the pay raise bill. LBJ meets with Dirksen at the close of the day.

6/18 LBJ meets with Dirksen and then later with Dirksen and Fulbright about the Japanese Treaty this afternoon. At 8:15 he, CTJ, Baker, Connally, Reedy, Dene Jones and Wiley fly to Des Moines, Iowa.

6/19 LBJ, CTJ and Connally breakfast with Governor and Mrs. Loveless at the Governor's Mansion this morning. Afterwards LBJ attends a reception and luncheon for Iowa delegates.

LBJ et al fly to Omaha at 4:00 where LBJ attends a reception and dinner in his honor at the home of Bernard Boyle. Around 500 people attend. LBJ and his party plus Senator Kerr then fly back to Washington. CTJ flies back to the Ranch.

An open letter from Hugh Scott to JFK is released in which Scott sarcastically criticizes JFK for his absenteeism during a very busy Senate week.

6/21 LBJ attends State, Justice, Judiciary Appropriations Subcommittee this morning and again in the afternoon. He has a number of meetings today: Hobart Taylor, Jr. and Mr. Prattis; Goldwater; Kerr and George Killian; Fulbright and Ambassador Hill; Herbert O'Connor and George Hocker (assistant to the Governor of Maryland); and Governor Ed Johnson of Colorado who was upset about the outcome of the delegate selection in Colorado. He himself was not selected as a delegate but felt badly "that we treated you that way."

That evening LBJ and Connally attend a party given by Frank Ikard for the Ways and Means Committee.

Reedy reports on a meeting with Hobart Taylor on efforts to get Negro support for LBJ. Taylor says that many Negroes are suspicious of LBJ and suggests efforts be made to contact Adam Clayton Powell, Earl Brown and Louis Martin. Action must be taken soon in order to be effective, however.

6/22 Senate ratifies the Japanese Security Treaty amidst anti-American rioting in Japan.

- 6/23 LBJ attends State, Justice, Judiciary hearings and meets with Ernest McFarland this morning.
At 11:00 LBJ meets with Senator Talmadge; at 11:15 he meets with Jim Blundell, Bob Hall, MacDonald Gallion (Alabama Atty. Gen.), and Pitt Masionllauer of Montgomery, Alabama. The diary notes that LBJ had various senators, including Thurmond, Smathers, Holland and Russell, come to P-38 to meet with Blundell et cetera that afternoon.
- LBJ lunches with Dave Lawrence and the Speaker in the Speaker's "little room" and then has a number of meetings that afternoon: with Reedy, Bevel, Tom Blake, Bill Lloyd, Bill Gibbons and Herb Hodge; Phil Graham; tapes an interview with Martha Roundtree; meets with Mary Lasker. That evening he attends a party honoring Senator Murray in the Old Supreme Court Chamber and has dinner at home with the Jenkinses, Thornberrys, Nellie Connally, Lynda and Luci, Eddie Sargent, Shannon Ratliff, Margaret Hodges, Bob Waldron, Charlie Herring, Mary and Edward Rather, Wiley, Marvin Watson. After dinner the group goes dancing at the Chevy Chase Club.
- JFK gets 87 of 105.5 New York State delegates and receives the public support of New York Democratic leaders Prendergast, De Sapio and Harriman. He has already received Mayor Wagner's support.
- Reedy sends LBJ a memo listing JFK's political vulnerabilities, suggests that the Democrats start considering answers to them in the event JFK is the nominee.
- 6/24 LBJ holds a national press conference at 6:00. Appointments today: Connally; Dr. Anthony Kalina, a delegate from Cleveland who said he would be for LBJ on the second ballot; Mary Lasker; Douglas Dillon and Bill Macomber; Ed Connally; Smathers; Policy Committee; Drew Pearson; Welly Hopkins and a number of phone calls concerning an article in *Newsweek* to Abner Larsen of Bismarck, North Dakota, Gov. Loveless and Reedy.
- LBJ makes a statement on the Senate floor in support of an authorization for construction of an international storage dam on the Rio Grande River between Mexico and the U.S. The amendment, adding \$5 million to a supplemental appropriation bill, is read 3 times and passes on 7/1.
- 6/25 LBJ attends defense appropriations hearings today, meets with Arthur Krock and Russell for lunch, later with Connally and Weisl. He has dinner at Tom Corcoran's before going dancing at a birthday party for Abe Fortas.
- 6/26 LBJ, CTJ and the Connallys go to hear Billy Graham this afternoon, have dinner at home with the Connallys, Thornberrys, Bill Whites, and Diana Tschursin.

At Governor's Conference, G. Mennen Williams charges that LBJ threatened Walter Reuther that he would withhold Senate action on the Medicare bill if the Michigan delegation came out in support of JFK. Reuther denies the story the next day.

6/27 The Senate votes to suspend the FCC equal time rule to permit debates between the 2 major candidates for the presidency.

Among his appointments today, LBJ meets with Fenton Baker and Fred Brown this morning concerning the minimum wage bill; with Dr. W. M. Cobb of Howard University about Cobb's issuing a statement for LBJ for President; with Ed Johnson and Bobby Baker about the baseball bill; talks on the phone with Bob Oliver about Reuther's statement concerning a comment by Gov. G. Mennen Williams that LBJ is pressuring Reuther on the old-age health insurance bill. LBJ goes to the Speaker's at the close of the day.

6/28 Senate passes a compromise tax bill today after rejecting amendments to repeal the 4% dividend credit and limit tax deductions for entertainment and gifts.

LBJ talks to Clare Engle this morning about a statement by Governor Brown that LBJ has held up some legislation beneficial to California, also has conversations with Gerry Siegel about the Saline water bill and phone conversations with Mary Lasker and David Lloyd (about saline bill also?); has conversations about a letter from Senator Murray concerning Padre Island with Jim Mathis and Jenkins. LBJ attends defense appropriations conference.

6/29 Joint session to hear the King of Thailand today. LBJ also attends State-Justice-Judiciary appropriations mark-up, meets with Ambassador Carrillo-Flores and Mr. Martinez, later meets with Louis Martin and Chief Aystunbe Rosiki of Nigeria. Meets with W. P. Kennedy and Walter Munro of Cleveland and Walter Roynill of Alabama, later with Jerry Holleman. At 5:00 LBJ holds a national press conference and goes to the Speaker's at the close of the day. Congressman Bill Green is also at the Speaker's.

Truman announces he will not attend the Democratic convention, resigns as a delegate.

6/30 Eisenhower vetoes the federal pay raise, citing extraordinary lobbying pressures.

Senator Anderson introduces an amendment to the Medicare bill to finance health benefits for the elderly through social security, not federal grants.

Belgian Congo receives independence. Patrice Lumumba is the new prime minister; Joseph Kasavubu is the new president. Two days later tribal

disturbances occur, troops rebel against white officers. On 7/7 there is rioting in Leopoldville and on 7/14 Katanga, Congo's wealthiest province, announces its secession under the leadership of Moise Tshombe. Belgium sends troops to protect its interests.

House passes the sugar bill granting the president the right to set quota for Cuba. LBJ says that senators will "vehemently oppose" the House bill. The House also passes a bill raising the minimum wage to \$1.15 an hour for those already covered and to \$1 an hour for newly covered workers.

July

7/1 Senate and House pass the federal pay raise bill over Eisenhower's veto, only the second time Congress has overridden his veto in 8 years.

LBJ meets with Frear and Crawford Greenwalt on the DuPont bill, talks to Senator Anderson about it. Other appointments include Connally and Rowe, Chuck Lipsen and James Suffrage (Retail Clerks Association), Siegel, Baker, Senators Humphrey, McCarthy, Kerr and Fulbright; phone call to the Speaker re: the sugar amendment.

U.S. RB-47 reconnaissance plane is shot down by the USSR over the Barents Sea. Eisenhower claims the plane was shot down over international waters.

7/2 LBJ meets with Senators Anderson, Frear, Talmadge, McCarthy and Smathers on the Sugar Act. The Senate stayed in session all night, LBJ left briefly to join Marvin Watson's dinner party, then returned to the Senate, going home at 9:30 the next morning when Congress adjourns. The Senate will return on 8/8, the House on 8/15.

Senate passes the Sugar Act, giving Eisenhower the authority to set the Cuban sugar quota only for the balance of 1960. The Senate bill is rejected by the House. After Eisenhower threatens to call the Congress back into session, the Senate passes an amended House bill extending the Sugar Act to 3/31/61 and giving Eisenhower full authority to fix Cuba's quota.

At a press conference in Independence, Missouri, Truman says he isn't attending the Democratic convention because it is controlled by Kennedy and that the troubled world needs a more mature leader. Truman supports Symington. Kennedy asks for equal television time to rebut Truman's remarks, which he receives on 7/4.

7/3 LBJ appears on "College News Conference" after the Senate adjourns.

- 7/4 LBJ talks to Connally and Baker who are in Los Angeles. That afternoon he watches JFK's television press conference reply to President Truman. JFK stresses the need for strength and health and vigor of a young man in the White House. At a press conference that day, in answer to a question about LBJ's health, Connally and India Edwards raise questions about JFK's health, claiming that he has Addison's Disease. Later Kennedy forces reply that JFK had an "adrenal insufficiency" that is now corrected. Apparently LBJ's supporters felt that JFK's remarks about strength, health and vigor referred to LBJ's heart attack.
- 7/5 At 1:00 p.m. LBJ announces his candidacy for the Democratic presidential nomination in the New Senate Office Building. He had met at 10 a.m. with Phil Graham who helped him with his statement. Senator Fulbright calls to compliment him on his press conference and McCarthy calls to offer his help in whatever way he can.
- 7/6 LBJ, Reedy, Moyers, Wiley, Loye Miller and John Steele fly to New York City this morning. LBJ lunches with *New York Times* editors and later meets with *Time* magazine editors. He also meets that evening with Mr. Jacoby, a New York delegate; then with Otto Fuerbringer, Tom Deegan, Mr. Bowen and Banks of Time-Life; at 6:50 with Jim Cannon and two others from *Newsweek*; and at 7:45 meets with Paul Kayser before going to dinner at Mr. and Mrs. Henry Luce's apartment. That evening he and the others return to Washington.
- 7/7 LBJ, CTJ, Busby, Reedy, Geraldine Williams, Oscar Chapman, Lynda, Luci, Moyers, Wiley fly to Chicago at noon today. LBJ holds a press conference at the Chicago airport before flying on to San Francisco. There he holds a press conference and attends a reception at the Fairmont Hotel, has dinner with 15 California delegates.
- 7/8 LBJ et al fly to Los Angeles this morning. Upon arrival in L.A. he is met by a large crowd and a band at the airport, speaks briefly to the crowd and then goes to the Biltmore Hotel where he holds a press conference. A staff meeting is held at 3:00. Dinner with the Wesley Wests, Gene Chambers, Mary Love Bailey, Wiley, CTJ and Luci. At 10:00 he meets with Governor Meyner and at 11:30 goes to see Humphrey at his hotel with Connally.
- Apparently George Meany, in a meeting with AFL-CIO leaders in Los Angeles, charges that LBJ and Reedy threatened that the vote on the pending minimum wage bill would be affected by labor's vote for LBJ at the convention. Files contain a response prepared for LBJ in which he expressed personal resentment of such charges against a member of his staff and of Meany's attempt to exercise a veto power over the selection of presidential and vice presidential nominees.

- 7/9 According to notes in the diary, LBJ said early this morning that “It’s all over with. It is going to be Kennedy by a landslide,” apparently as a result of last night’s meetings with Humphrey and Meyner.
Very busy schedule today, including meetings with a number of southern political leaders (Smathers, Collins, Farris Bryant, Ross Barnett, Eastland), NY political leaders (DeSapio, Mike Pendergast), Jim Griffin and the Illinois delegation, and with Meany and Biemeiller.
- At 7:00 LBJ attends a reception at the home of Mario Klinko for himself and Congressman Anfuso; NY delegation attends. He also attends a reception at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jules Stein.
- 7/10 LBJ meets with Bill Munnell and a group of California delegates this morning. Other appointments: Gov. Burroughs and Seaborn Collins; Ed Weisl, Tom Dodd and Connally; Bill Oxford, Mrs. Solander (KS), Mrs. Marie Vickers; taped an interview with Ed Murrow; met with Arizona delegates; Texas caucus at 1:20; Arthur Krock; “Meet the Press”; Alabama caucus (4:45); Georgia caucus (5:10); Dinner honoring Paul Butler at the Beverly Hilton Hotel.
- Diary notes that LBJ said today that JFK is making some inroads into LBJ votes in North Carolina and Alabama.
- 7/11 LBJ meets with Pennsylvania delegation at 9:00, attends Florida delegation lunch; meets with Montana and Michigan delegations in his suite at 1:30, attends the Alaska caucus at 2:00. Dinner with the Wesley Wests, Gene Chambers, Moursund at the Beverly Hilton Hotel.
- 7/12 LBJ receives a wire from JFK addressed to him as chairman of the Texas delegation, asking him to debate the issues. The televised debate is held at the Biltmore Hotel Ballroom before the Texas and Massachusetts delegations. Afterwards LBJ meets with Rowe, Graham, Oscar Chapman, Daniel, Moursund, Jacobsen, Connally, Weisl, Baker, West, Chambers.
- 7/13 Presidential nominations are made at the Democratic Convention. LBJ is nominated by Rayburn, JFK by Freeman, Symington by Blair, and Stevenson by McCarthy. JFK receives the Democratic presidential nomination on the first ballot, receiving 806 votes to LBJ’s 409. LBJ watches the convention from his suite at the Biltmore. According to diary notes he was calm, relaxed, possibly relieved.
- After the session concluded, the Speaker calls LBJ and tells him not to accept the vice presidential nomination under any circumstances. LBJ then talks to Connally who is still at the convention hall and says he does not believe the VP nomination will be offered to him. Diary notes say that when Missouri went for

JFK on the first ballot he said that a deal had been made for the VP nomination. Connally tells LBJ that there are rumors at the convention hall that JFK will offer it to LBJ.

7/14 LBJ is nominated for the vice presidency. (See attached diary entries.)

U.N. Security Council passes a resolution calling for Belgium to withdraw its troops from the Congo. U.N. will supply troops till Congo is able to control the situation. Eisenhower asks Congress for an extra \$100 million in aid. Tunisian and Moroccan troops are sent in the next day by the U.S. Air Force, using U.S. supplies.

7/15 LBJ meets with Symington at 10:30; at 11:30 he and JFK meet with a group of Negro delegates, then meets with Speaker and Booth Mooney.

At 1:15 he meets with Texas Attorney General Will Wilson, then with Rowe and Phil Graham. At 6:00 he makes his acceptance speech before the convention.

7/16 LBJ, CTJ attend a breakfast honoring congressional, senatorial, gubernatorial and presidential, vice presidential Democratic candidates. That afternoon they leave for the Ranch with Lynda, Luci, Diana Tschursin, Betty Cason, Reedy, Busby, Wiley, Ashton Gonella, Bill Lloyd, Mary Rather, Moyers, Geraldine Williams. They arrive at the Ranch about 11:00 and are met by a large group of neighbors.

7/17 Lucia, Birge and Becky Alexander arrive at the Ranch for a visit.

7/18 LBJ, CTJ spend the afternoon in Austin; among other things LBJ talks to Don Thomas about paying rent on the Convair for use during the campaign.

Governor and Mrs. Collins arrive at the Ranch late that night for a visit.

7/19 CTJ goes to Camp Mystic to visit Luci early this morning. LBJ breakfasts with Governor Collins and his family who leave shortly thereafter. LBJ spends the afternoon in Austin.

7/20 LBJ, CTJ, Dr. and Mrs. Bailey, the Thornberrys, Diana Tschursin, Ashton Gonella, Wiley, and Reedy fly to Acapulco this morning, where they stay at President Aleman's home. Later in the day they are joined by Ambassador and Mrs. Hill, Bobby Baker and Tom Corcoran.

7/21 LBJ meets with a few press and photographers this morning but does not answer questions. Diary notes that he was displeased that he had to see the press on the first day of his stay and also displeased that the *New York Times* carried an

inaccurate story that he had received 10,000 wires unfavorable to his acceptance of the nomination.

The Johnsons stay in Acapulco till 7/23, returning to the Ranch that afternoon. Diary notes that it was not a restful stay; nearly everyone in the party was sick except LBJ.

7/24 Back at the Ranch, LBJ attends church services at the Johnson City Baptist Church with CTJ, the Baileys and the Moyers. At 4:00 LBJ holds a press conference at the Ranch for the Texas press.

7/25 LBJ visits his tailor in San Antonio in the morning and later flies to Denver with A.W. Moursund and Bill Moyers where they are met by Alexis McKinsey and Mort Stern of the *Denver Post*. LBJ watches the Republican convention on television that night.

James Rowe sends LBJ a memo on campaign organization, recommends Connally be appointed his campaign manager. Another memo from Rowe reports on a conversation he had with Robert Kennedy, who asked Rowe to be supervisor of scheduling and advancing and if he would serve as liaison between LBJ and JFK. Rowe told RFK he would have to discuss it with LBJ first but apparently the offer was leaked to the press.

Rowe also reports that the Kennedys want JFK to campaign exclusively in the industrial states and LBJ in the South, Midwest and West. Rowe feels JFK needs more personal exposure in the South, LBJ in the North.

7/26 LBJ, Moursund, Moyers and Palmer Hoyt ride the *Denver Post's* special train this morning for Cheyenne. LBJ rides a stagecoach at the head of their Frontier Days parade, attends the rodeo. That afternoon he attends a party at the home of Tracy McCracken and at the Governor's Mansion before flying back to the Ranch.

7/27 LBJ spends the afternoon in Austin making plans to go to Hyannis Port to meet with JFK; telephones JFK, Truman and the Speaker. LBJ also talks to Ed Clark and Abe Fortas today about a lawsuit to keep LBJ's name off the ballot for two offices.

LBJ meets with Busby and Dr. Harry Ransom, asking Ransom to supply him with ideas and possibly get others at the University of Texas to do the same.

LBJ returns to the Ranch at 6:00. Allen Dulles and Jack Ermine arrive shortly thereafter.

Nixon receives the Republican nomination for president; Lodge is picked as his running mate the next day.

7/28 LBJ is briefed by Allen Dulles this morning, holds a press conference in the front yard afterwards. Ken BeLieu had supplied LBJ with a briefing paper before the Dulles meeting, suggested LBJ ask him about Berlin, RB-47 incident, Congo, Japan, Cuba, rumors that Russia will put a man in space next month, and the possibility of an intelligence gap developing because of the cancellation of further U-2 overflights.

Yarborough arrives at the Ranch at 3:00; they leave for Austin shortly thereafter.

7/29 LBJ, CTJ, Reedy, Cason, Moyers, Wiley, Geraldine Williams, Busby, Jack Maguire and 38 Texas press fly to Hyannis Port this morning, stopping en route at Kansas City where LBJ meets with Truman at the Muehlbach Hotel. LBJ holds a press conference there and at the airbase in Massachusetts upon arrival.

7/30 LBJ, JFK, et cetera hold meetings that night at the Kennedy home. Press conference this morning at Joe Kennedy's home, then LBJ et al fly to Nashville for a meeting with southern leaders and to address a Young Democrats Rally. LBJ spends the night at the Governor's Mansion.

7/31 LBJ et al plus Bill Lloyd fly to Cedar Rapids, Iowa this morning. LBJ addresses a rally for Congressman Leonard Wolf at Monticello, Iowa, holds a press conference at the Monticello Community Center after visiting a farm owned by Harry and Claire Atchison. Returns to Austin that night.

August

8/1 LBJ in Austin all day, attends KTBC Board of Directors meeting. He, CTJ, Cason, Moursund and Wiley return to the Ranch late that night.

8/2 Wesley West arrives at the Ranch for a visit today.

8/3 LBJ talks on the phone today with the Speaker, Tony Buford, JFK, Kerr. That afternoon he attends a barbecue for district and county men and their wives, meets with Gov. Daniel and Jake Pickle, and with Melvin Winters, Bill Allen and Jimmy Dillinger an "agc" business and legislation. Then LBJ attends the Blanco County Rally in his honor with CTJ, Gov. and Mrs. Daniel.

8/4 LBJ, CTJ, the Daniels, Wiley, Cason, Moyers fly to Austin this morning; LBJ, Kellam and Reedy fly on to San Antonio, then back to the Ranch.

- 8/5 LBJ, CTJ, Lynda, Kellam, Zollie Steakly, Moyers fly to Oklahoma City this morning with stops in Dallas to pick up Gerald Mann and let out Kellam and in Bonham to pick up the Speaker. LBJ speaks at an author's party and barbecue for Kerr's book, *Land, Wood, and Water*. He later holds a press conference and attends a reception given by Kerr and the State Democratic Committee in his and the Speaker's honor. They return to the Ranch that evening after leaving the Speaker in Bonham.
- 8/7 LBJ, Lynda, Moyers, Wiley, Ashton Gonella, Cason, Warren Woodward, Cliff Carter, Lloyd Hand, Will Wilson, Mary Love Bailey, Marietta Brooks, and 5 members of the Fredericksburg Chamber of Commerce fly to Kansas City (or St. Louis -- diary unclear) this morning where they are met by Tony Buford. LBJ, Lynda, Moyers, Wiley, Ashton Gonella, Cason and the 5 C of C members fly on to Washington. Averell Harriman has dinner with LBJ, Moyers, Wiley and Lynda at 30th Place.
- 8/8 LBJ to the Capitol this morning, meets with JFK before opening the Senate's post-convention session. LBJ also meets with Dirksen at 1:00, later with JFK, Olin Johnston, Jackson, Clements, and Baker (re: minimum wage??), also meets with Humphrey. Also a number of phone conversations (about campaign??) to Clements, Gerry Mann, Connally, Rowe, Speaker, Will Wilson, Woodward, Cliff Carter.
- Eisenhower asks for an additional \$100 million for Mutual Security contingency funds because of the Congo crisis; Senate grants the request and restores House cuts in the Mutual Security bill. The bill, as finally approved by conference, cut Eisenhower's total request by 11%, less than in previous years.
- 8/9 LBJ meets with JFK, Jackson and Matt McCloskey at 9:30 this morning; that afternoon he makes a statement for radio and television.
- 8/10 Drew Pearson breakfasts at 30th Place before LBJ opens the Senate at 9:30. LBJ attends a luncheon at Skeeter Johnston's with JFK, Jackson, and staff. LBJ holds national and Texas press conference.
- 8/11 LBJ opens the Senate at 10:00, meets with JFK, Tony Buford, August Busch. Late that afternoon he meets with Governor Freeman, Eugene McCarthy, and Humphrey, then with Senator Clark, then Russell concerning civil rights legislation.
- CTJ and Luci arrive tonight. LBJ meets their plane. (LBJ)
- 8/13 Saturday. LBJ opens the Senate at 9:30, meets with JFK and Ferris Bryant at 11:00, with Smathers at 11:15.

- 8/15 LBJ meets with Phil Graham and Smathers in the afternoon, then with Robert Troutman; goes to the Speaker's at the close of the day.
- 8/16 LBJ meets with JFK, Congressman Dawson, David Searls, and Claud Wild then with Harry Akin, W. Price, and other representatives of the restaurant association concerning the wage and hour bill; JFK stays in the meeting. At 6:00 LBJ meets with Walter Reuther.
- 8/18 LBJ telephones Oveta Culp Hobby today to ask her support for the Democratic ticket. She tells him that she can't support Kennedy- Johnson.
- Senate passes bill raising minimum wage from \$1 to \$1.25 an hour and extending coverage to 4 million additional workers. House bill raises minimum wage to \$1.15 an hour for those already covered and adds 1.4 million new workers but with a minimum wage of \$1 an hour. Bill goes to conference where JFK leads the Senate conferees.
- 8/19 Senate passes bill raising dairy price supports from 77% to 80% of parity. Eisenhower signs the bill in September despite his opposition to it.
- 8/21 LBJ, Reedy, Wiley, Geraldine Williams, Diana Tschursin, Moyers, and some members of the press fly to Des Moines, Iowa this morning where LBJ attends the Farm Work Conference chaired by Senator Humphrey. JFK also spoke there. LBJ et al then fly to Cincinnati where LBJ speaks to the Letter Carriers Convention, flying back to Washington that night.
- 8/22 LBJ meets with JFK and a group from OCDM in New Mexico, also meets with Robert Troutman again today.
- 8/23 LBJ attends a luncheon for North Carolina newsmen and radiomen; attends the State-Justice Appropriations conference and talks to Liz Carpenter on the telephone about CTJ's press conference and trip to Texas. That evening he has dinner at Skeeter Johnston's with JFK, Benjamin Coates, David Baird and Baker.
- Senate passes the medical care bill for the elderly after rejecting revised Anderson amendment. This is seen as a defeat for JFK who had actively supported the Anderson amendment. After conference, the bill sent to Eisenhower provided \$200 million in federal grants to states for medical care under existing old-age assistance programs for a new group of "medically needy."
- 8/24 LBJ meets with Arthur Goldberg this evening before addressing a Democratic rally at the George Washington High School Stadium. (LBJ)

- 8/25 LBJ and the Speaker meet with the President at the White House at 5:30.
- 8/26 LBJ attends Campaign Committee luncheon, later meets with Arthur Goldberg and Alex Rose. Mutual Security Appropriations conference meets at 3:45, LBJ telephones Margaret Chase Smith and Bridges concerning mutual security. That afternoon LBJ hosts a party in P-38 for about 60 ladies who had worked for LBJ prior to the convention. Afterwards LBJ meets with JFK and Rowe in JFK's office concerning campaign scheduling, then JFK and LBJ meet with Adam Clayton Powell.
- 8/27 A surprise birthday party is held for LBJ this afternoon in the Old Supreme Court Chamber; staff and some senators attend. The diary notes that LBJ seemed genuinely surprised and was visibly affected by Dirksen's remarks. LBJ also attends a reception in his honor given by the Millers at the Mayflower from 6:30 and 8:30. The Senate stays in session till 1:30 Sunday morning.
- 8/28 Sunday. LBJ stays in bed all morning, attends a party given for him by Mr. and Mrs. Ed Clark and their daughter and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. Doug Wynn.
- 8/29 LBJ breakfasts with Abe Fortas, Ed Clark and Leon Jaworski at the Mayflower before opening the Senate at 10:00. A number of telephone conversations today--with Gerry Mann, Wright Patman, Rowe--about scheduling JFK's trip to Texas; also a phone conversation with Smathers about his luncheon today with oilmen in Houston. (LBJ)
- 8/30 LBJ, JFK attend breakfast for House Campaign Committee, and later a reception for Democratic congressmen.
- After 4 unsuccessful conference meetings on the minimum wage bill, JFK says the House is unwilling to compromise and that the House bill "would not be progress," and "we'd rather come back and try to do it in January." The conference committee is formally dissolved.
- 8/31 LBJ meets with Russell this morning in the Senate restaurant, later with Robert Troutman. That afternoon he attends a ceremony in the Foreign Relations Committee Room honoring Senator Green. CTJ is apparently in El Paso on a campaign trip.
- After it becomes apparent that no omnibus housing bill will be enacted, Congress passes a 3-point stopgap measure extending FHA home improvement loan program, adding \$500 million for college housing, and increasing public facility loan program by \$50 million.

September

- 9/1 LBJ opens Senate, meets briefly with JFK, Poage and Cooley. He speaks with both Secretary Anderson and Bryce Harlow about the sugar bill. That afternoon he meets with Truman, Henry Jackson, Gen. Vaughn and Dirksen. Later he calls Eisenhower re: the sine die resolution before attending dinner honoring members of Finance Committee.
- Congress adjourns without either party claiming much accomplishment. The cut in Dominican sugar quota is barred by House-Senate disagreement.
- 9/2 LBJ goes to Walter Reed Hospital with Dirksen to visit Nixon and later meets with team of speech writers for lunch.
- That evening LBJ, accompanied by Diane T., Wiley, Moyers, Lynda and Luci, Deane Hamilton and Anita Voelkel, go to Butler Aviation to take Convair to Texas, but motor goes out on the plane so they have to turn around a few miles out and come back. They wait until 10:30 p.m. before finally returning home to wait until 9/3 to leave.
- 9/3 LBJ and his party fly to Marshall, Texas, where LBJ goes to the hospital with Lynda, Luci and Diana to visit Mr. Taylor, and then they all fly on to Austin. After holding a press conference at the airport, LBJ and his party go to the Ranch. CTJ is at Ranch that evening.
- 9/4 LBJ rests at the Ranch, visits with Mamie Allison, Gertrude Largent, Mr. & Mrs. Harold Teague and Mr. & Mrs. Boodie Johnson.
- 9/5 LBJ and John Connally go dove hunting in Brackettville with Browns.
- 9/6 Johnsons go to Austin for afternoon, returning to Ranch with Don and Jane Thomas.
- 9/7 No diary entry. Protestant conferees on religious freedom, led by Norman Vincent Peale, issue statement saying Catholic president would be under "extreme pressure" to follow political policies of his church.
- 9/8 LBJ (accompanied by Moyers, Wiley, Reedy, Busby, Bill Lloyd, Geraldine, Mary McGrory, Bill Gibbons, Nancy Hanschman, Loye Miller and Dick Lyons) flies to Boston, rides in parade through town to Sheraton Hotel, holds press conference, and addresses Democratic rally in Symphony Hall.

9/9 LBJ and his group, joined by Clements and Rowe, go to Hartford, Conn., where he is met by Gov. Ribicoff, John Bailey and others. He holds press conference and addresses Democratic luncheon at the Statler Hotel.

That afternoon he goes to New York City where he is met by Mayor Wagner and others. He holds press conference at the Biltmore Hotel and has dinner in suite with Carmine DeSapio and Mike Pendergast. That evening he addresses annual meeting of American Political Science Association at Statler-Hilton, before flying back to Washington. (Emmett Redford is president; Max Kampelman is treasurer.)

9/10 LBJ (accompanied by Moyers, Wiley, Waldron, Busby, Luci, Rowland Evans, Jack Morris, Doug Cater, Bob Abernethy, Reedy and Geraldine) flies to Austin. LBJ holds press conference at airport and speaks to Texas Press Association at Driskill Hotel. LBJ et al, minus Wiley, fly to Ranch that afternoon. LBJ speaks to Stonewall Centennial celebration.

9/11 LBJ is called by Groucho Marx regarding an appearance on his TV program. That evening the Johnsons fly to El Paso (accompanied by Thornberry, Ben Ramsey, Ed Connally, Byron Skelton, Hilda Weinert, Mrs. Max Brooks, Will Wilson, Liz Carpenter, Reedy, Lloyd Hand, Geraldine, Bob Waldron, Bill Lloyd, Bill Moyers, Betty Beale and Maxine Chesser). They are met at airport in El Paso by Sen. Yarborough, Rayburn, J.T. Rutherford and George Mahon. LBJ meets JFK at airport and they address airport crowd. Johnson party stays at Hotel Cortez.

9/12 LBJ and JFK address rally in City Square in front of Hotel Cortez. LBJ and CTJ then fly on Kennedy plane to Lubbock airport--staff flies in Johnson Convair--where JFK and LBJ address airport rally in Lubbock, and Paul Kilday joins group. They all fly to San Antonio and address crowd at airport. LBJ gives speech and introduces JFK at rally in Alamo Square. They then fly to Houston where Johnsons visit in hotel with Mr. & Mrs. Wesley West, Mr. & Mrs. Gus Wortham, and Mr. Arthur Sandlin. LBJ addresses rally in Houston Coliseum with JFK and then listens in hotel suite to JFK's speech to Houston Ministerial Association. There Kennedy reiterates his support for separation of church and state and denies church pressures on him. JFK, LBJ, et al fly to Austin, where JFK and LBJ spend night at Governor's Mansion.

9/13 LBJ introduces JFK to crowd on steps of Capitol. He and CTJ fly to Fort Worth in Kennedy's plane, where LBJ introduces JFK to the crowd at Burnet Park. They then go by motorcade to Dallas, stopping along the way at Chance Voight [?]. LBJ introduces JFK at Dallas Auditorium.

LBJ, CTJ, Moyers, Bob Waldron, Wiley, Liz, Bill Lloyd, George and Geraldine fly in LBJ Convair to Carlsbad, New Mexico (press on another plane) where LBJ speaks

at rally at Elks auditorium. LBJ and group drive to Artesia, New Mexico, where LBJ speaks on steps of Veterans Hall. Then they drive to Roswell, New Mexico, where LBJ participates in panel discussion over KSWB-TV with Sen. Anderson, Joe Montoya, Cong. Tom Morris, Governor Burroughs. After attending public reception, they fly on to Albuquerque, New Mexico.

- 9/13 Senator Thomas Hennings of Missouri dies.
- 9/14 LBJ holds morning press conference and addresses rally at Civic Auditorium in Albuquerque, followed by luncheon meeting at Alvarado Hotel with state leaders. Johnson's group flies to Phoenix where LBJ appears before Phoenix Press Forum at Westward Ho Hotel, speaks at dinner at Jewish Men's Club, Temple Beth Israel, and then addresses a rally at Phoenix College Auditorium.
- 9/15 LBJ and his staff, accompanied by Cong. Udall, Sen. Hayden, and Oscar Chapman fly to Tucson, Arizona. (CTJ and Liz Carpenter fly to Karnack, Texas, where Capt. Taylor undergoes surgery.) LBJ speaks to a crowd of University of Arizona students and later addresses a Democratic luncheon. He and his staff fly to Las Vegas, where LBJ is in a parade to his hotel. That evening he speaks to a rally at Convention Center before flying to Los Angeles to catch a flight to Baltimore.
- 9/16 LBJ attends funeral services for Sen. Hennings in Washington. After press conference he flies to Oklahoma City to address Midwestern Democratic Conference and then returns to Austin.
- 9/17 LBJ, (accompanied by CTJ, Liz Carpenter, Frank Muto, John Morris, Pat Ferguson, John Holton and Dick Lyons) flies from Austin to Abilene. LBJ attends a reception at the home of J. Ed Connally, and a tea for CTJ accompanied by Connally and Rayburn, and speaks to area campaign workers at the home of Virgil Musick. That evening he and his party attend LBJ Appreciation Dinner at Rose Field House, where French Robertson, Rayburn, Price Daniel and Yarborough are speakers; Connally presided. After the dinner LBJ dropped by to see Negro leaders at the Negro Recreation Center, and later met with George McGhee, Will Wilson and Lloyd Hand.
- 9/18 LBJ and CTJ have breakfast at home of Mr. & Mrs. Bradberry, with Mr. & Mrs. Ed Connally, Liz, Bob Waldron, Dr. Evan A. Reiff, president of Hardin-Simmons, Dr. Gordon Bennett and other Methodist laymen for a discussion on college educational problems. The Johnsons, Tom Deegan, Liz, Waldron and Ashton Gonella fly to Carrizozo, New Mexico, where they are met by Clint Anderson and others. LBJ makes 30 minute address at home of Mrs. James Dunn for U.D. Sawyer party. They then fly to Roswell, New Mexico and on to the Ranch.
- 9/19 LBJ spends day at the Ranch, speaks by phone with Will Wilson in Austin, who calls him to tell him that LBJ won the lawsuit. (?)

- 9/20 Democratic State Convention in Dallas.
- LBJ goes to Austin to KTBC and then back to the Ranch that afternoon.
- 9/21 LBJ flies to Sioux Falls, South Dakota, accompanied by CTJ, Geraldine, MM, Ashton Gonella, Liz, Mary Rather, Moyers, Reedy, Joe Lastelic, Waldron, Bill Whitely, Sam Woods, Herb Salter, and other press. LBJ addresses the National Plowing Contest in Sioux Falls before he and some of his group fly to Worthington, S.D., where LBJ speaks to a rally at Worthington High School. There they are joined by Mr. & Mrs. Hubert Humphrey, Sen. McCarthy, Gov. and Mrs. Orville Freeman for the flight to Mankato, Minnesota. LBJ addresses rally at Mankato Auditorium before he, the staff and press, joined by Nancy Hanschman, fly to Sioux Falls and then to Omaha, Nebraska.
- 9/22 In Omaha, LBJ speaks to Omaha Chamber of Commerce luncheon and then flies to Lincoln with staff and press, where he speaks at the University of Nebraska student convocation and is guest at a public reception. LBJ and his group that afternoon fly to Kansas City where they are met by and have dinner with President and Mrs. Truman and others.
- 9/23 LBJ meets with Leonard Marks in his hotel suite and holds a press conference with Truman. He tours Truman's farm and Truman Corners before speaking at Kennedy-Johnson headquarters that morning. After lunch with Truman, LBJ flies to Garden City, Kansas, with staff and press, where he addresses rally. He and his group return to Austin and the Ranch that evening.
- Khrushchev makes U.N. General Assembly speech calling for replacement of Secretary-General Hammarskjold and removal of U.N. headquarters from U.S.
- 9/24 LBJ is at the Ranch with staff and few press people, Nancy Hanschman, Walter & Marie Ridder, Lorraine Hood.
- 9/25 No diary entry.
- 9/26 LBJ attends luncheon at Driskill Hotel in Austin with CTJ and other ladies planning Texas teas. That evening Tony Lewis of *New York Times* joins press people visiting at Ranch.
- First Kennedy-Nixon TV debate, on domestic policies, draws audience of estimated 73.5 million.
- Castro in 4-1/2-hour speech at U.N. says Cuba may seek withdrawal of U.S. Naval Base from Cuba.

- 9/27 LBJ, CTJ, staff and press fly from Austin to Quincy, Illinois, where LBJ speaks at the airport and addresses a rally at Washington Park. They then fly to Lawrenceville, where he spoke to crowd at airport. He travels by helicopter with Sen. Hartke and others to Palestine, Illinois, and speaks to rally at Leaverton Park, before flying to Carbondale, Illinois to address rally at DuQuoin, Illinois State Fair grounds.
- 9/28 LBJ, CTJ and staff fly from Carbondale to Evansville, Indiana, where LBJ speaks briefly to airport crowd and gives a talk at City Square. LBJ, Hartke, and Sen. Welch fly to Indianapolis and to Wabash, Indiana, where LBJ addresses airport crowds. Joined by Larry Still of *Jet* and *Ebony* magazines, they fly on to Fort Wayne, Indiana, where he drives by car with Hartke and Mr. & Mrs. Alex Campbell to Columbia City, Indiana, to speak to rally. He returns to Fort Wayne that evening.
- LBJ sends Rayburn copy of telegram he sent Amon Carter in which he tells him: "I need you as I have never needed you before. . . Please help any way you can as soon as you can even if just supporting the decision of all 21 Texas congressmen, both senators, and every other elected state official. . . ." LBJ asks Rayburn to call on Carter and lay it on the line, because "it could well mean the difference."
- 9/29 LBJ and his group fly to Columbus, Ohio for rally in front of statehouse building. LBJ and Governor DiSalle then drive to Chillicothe to address crowd in courthouse square, and then on to Ohio State University in Columbus, where LBJ speaks to students from steps of University Museum. LBJ, staff and press then fly to Memphis, Tennessee, where LBJ attends reception for precinct workers at Hotel Claridge with Gov. Ellington and Cong. Davis.
- 9/29 [?] Ted Kennedy makes speaking trip to Texas.
- 9/30 LBJ, some of his staff, Gov. Ellington, Cong & Mrs. Davis fly to Jackson, Tenn., for a rally, then fly to Memphis and pick up Sen. Gore before flying on to Chattanooga for a rally. CTJ, Carpenter and M. Rather join the group in Chattanooga, and they fly to Knoxville for a Democratic Dinner. In Knoxville, LBJ speaks to Bobby Kennedy in Hyannis Port. Later that evening LBJ and his group fly to Washington.

October

- 10/1 LBJ is in bed all morning with a cold and about to lose his voice. He takes no calls and uses hand signals to communicate. He meets with Les Carpenter late in the afternoon.

- 10/2 CTJ, Rather and Carpenter go to Kentucky for teas. LBJ met with Stanley Grand, Jim Hays, Leonard Marks and Jim Rowe during the course of the day. That evening he appears on CBS's "Face The Nation" with reporters William White and Peter Lisagor. He has dinner at Bill White's house following the broadcast. John S. Hayes sends LBJ a critique of his performance, per LBJ's request.
- 10/3 LBJ, staff and press (see list) fly to Teaneck, N.J. LBJ speaks to Fairleigh Dickinson University and then goes with Gov. Meyner to Donohue's Restaurant for Democratic brunch for officeholders and others. He and the Governor drive to Newark, N.J. where LBJ speaks at luncheon given by Charles Engelhard for business and professional men at Hotel Essex House. LBJ and his group then fly to Dover, Delaware, where he is met by Sen. Frear and others. He addresses LBJ Dinner in Camden, Delaware, and speaks at rally in football stadium in Georgetown, Delaware, before flying to New York City late that evening.
- Jenkins reports to LBJ that Sen. Russell won't campaign in Texas unless someone convinces him that LBJ really needs it. Jenkins also reports that Abe Fortas expects to have an oral argument on LBJ's case [?] within the next few days.
- 10/4 LBJ rides in motorcade to rally at Borough Hall, Queens, N.Y., has lunch with Tom Deegan, Roy Howard and others. That afternoon he meets with Mary Lasker and later is in motorcade to New Rochelle, N.Y., where he gives speech at New Rochelle College. He then speaks at rally at Mount Vernon, N.Y., before returning to Sheraton-East Hotel for conference with Moyers and Watson.
- 10/5 LBJ meets with John Connally before morning press conference. Later that morning he meets with Cong. Rooney, Connally, Rowe, Reedy and Cong. Anfusio. He attends rally at Buroughs Hall (?), Brooklyn. That afternoon he gives speech to Trade Union Council of Liberal Party, Hotel Astor. Later he takes train to Greenwich, Conn., for party at Tom Deegan's house, returning to NYC that evening by car.
- 10/6 CTJ, Rather and Carpenter go to Georgia for campaign tea. LBJ attends Citizens for Kennedy-Johnson coffee at Sheraton; Mrs. Roosevelt was there. He later meets with Carmine DeSapio and Mike Pendergast at his hotel. LBJ, staff and press fly to Richmond, Virginia, where LBJ and Gov. Almond travel by car to Hopewell for speech on courthouse steps. Upon arrival in Richmond, Mrs. Roosevelt is one of speakers. Back in Richmond, LBJ attends private dinner at Commonwealth Club for about 12 Virginia politicians, and speaks at rally in Richmond Arena, returning to Washington late.
- 10/7 LBJ and staff fly to Maryland, where LBJ makes campaign speeches in Cumberland, Hagerstown and Salisbury. In Salisbury he is in television broadcast with Gov. Tawes, Cong. Tom Johnson and state senator Mary Knock, attends the

Del-Mar-Va Democratic dinner and watches the Kennedy-Nixon TV debate at the Civic Center and speaks to the rally there, returning to Washington that evening.

In second TV debate with Kennedy, Nixon tries to offset “me too” impression of first debate by taking more aggressive stance.

10/8 In afternoon LBJ tapes Huntley-Brinkley show to be aired that evening, and goes to Senate office, returning home that evening to watch the broadcast.

10/9 LBJ appears on NBC’s “Meet the Press,” to answer questions by William White, Robert Abernethy, Jack Steele and Lawrence Spivak.

10/10-10/14 LBJ is on Victory Special campaign train tour.

10/10 LBJ party leaves Union Station on LBJ Special Campaign train to tour the South. He speaks to crowds off the back of the train at: Culpeper, Orange, Charlottesville, Lynchburg and Danville, Virginia; Reidsville, Greensboro, Highpoint, Thomasville, Lexington, Salisbury, Kannapolis and Charlotte, North Carolina. That evening he addresses the North Carolina League of Municipalities in Charlotte and spends the night on the train.

Holmes Alexander column reports that during LBJ’s current mid-Atlantic tour: (1) he is handing out a press release with 8 examples of Nixon’s misjudgments, from Latin American relations to Benson’s farm program; (2) LBJ has been playing up Nixon’s proposal to send American troops to Indochina; (3) he has been ridiculing Lodge’s claims of success in Cold War and contrasting them with Eisenhower in Paris, Powers in Moscow, Hagarty in Tokyo, Khrushchev in Manhattan and Castro in Havana. Alexander says LBJ’s points are being buried under jokes.

10/11 Onboard special campaign train, LBJ speaks to crowds at Gastonia, North Carolina; Gaffney, Spartanburg, Greer, Greenville, Easley, Clemson and Seneca, South Carolina. He also addresses rally at Greenville, county fair at Anderson, and the South Carolina Goodwill Supper Club at Rocky Bottom.

10/12 LBJ gets off special campaign train at Jacksonville, Florida, to speak at breakfast for Florida press. LBJ apparently also addressed a rally in City Park in Jacksonville early in the morning. LBJ flies with CTJ, Sen. Smathers, staff and press to make campaign speeches in Gainesville, Orlando and Tampa. In Miami, LBJ speaks to Sigma Delta Chi dinner and then addresses rally at Columbus Monument in Columbus Park before returning to train at Jacksonville.

10/13 Back on the campaign train, LBJ makes stops to speak to crowd in Tallahassee (rally at courthouse), Chatahoocee, Marianna, DeFuniak Springs, Crestview and

Pensacola, Florida; Flomanton, Brewton, Evergreen, Greenville, Montgomery, Clanton and Birmingham, Alabama.

- 10/13 Third Kennedy-Nixon debate includes heated dispute over issue of Quemoy-Matsu islands.
- 10/14 LBJ leaves train, flies to Macon, Georgia, with Waldron, Moyers and Wiley, to speak at Mercer College (where he is introduced by Herman Talmadge), then flies to Meridian, Mississippi, to rejoin campaign train. En route to New Orleans, he addresses crowds from the back of the train at Meridian, Laurel, Hattiesburg, Picayune and New Orleans, Louisiana. Following supper at City Hall, LBJ, CTJ and Luci ride in parade through New Orleans, and LBJ, Smathers and Sen. Long speak at Simon Bolivar Monument. (CTJ and Luci say a few words also.) Johnson addresses New Orleans Press Club at Municipal Auditorium and dines at local restaurant in the Vieux Carre before flying to Washington at midnight with staff and press. (CTJ apparently returns to LBJ Ranch.)
- John Tower writes manager of KTBC requesting equal time on all stations in Texas which carried network interview type programs featuring LBJ because of his dual candidacy for VP and Senate.
- 10/15 LBJ rests at 30th Place all day, dines at home of Tom Pickett.
- 10/16 LBJ stays in bed all day, goes to Thornberrys for dinner.
- 10/17 After staff meeting at Texas office, LBJ rests at 30th Place. He speaks with Louis Harris twice that evening re both Harris' and Belden's polls on Texas. He also speaks with Bill Kittrell in Dallas and John Burns in Honolulu. Staff joins him for dinner at 30th Place.
- CTJ reportedly hosted buffet lunch for 46 Texas newspaperwomen to announce plans for second series of flying tea parties in Texas next week. She then flies to Austin and at 4 a.m. on 10/18 flies to Tennessee for campaign appearances at the governor's mansion. She goes to Wilmington, Delaware, the morning of 10/19 and goes to Virginia for a tea on 10/20. In a statement, LBJ says she was notified that her father may die at any moment, but he is unconscious and wouldn't recognize her anyway, so she hasn't cut her engagements, but when he dies she and LBJ will both have to take time out from the campaign.
- 10/18 LBJ, staff and press fly from Washington to Williamsport, Pennsylvania, where LBJ is in motorcade to Courthouse where he addresses crowd. He then goes to Little League Headquarters where he is installed as director of Little League. Accompanied by Gov. Lawrence, Mayor Dilworth, and John Rice, LBJ then makes campaign speeches at federal building in Lewisburg, Pa., county courthouse in

- Sunbury, Pa., at women's and men's club lunches in Sunbury, at Shamokin and Allentown, Pennsylvania. Diary says along route to Allentown, LBJ's car stopped at 2 or 3 little towns where crowds had gathered and would get out of car to speak to them. That evening he addresses rally at Frolics Ballroom at Americus Hotel in Allentown. He speaks with Cliff Carter and Warren Woodward in Austin and with Drew Pearson in Washington.
- 10/19 LBJ, staff and press fly to Huntington, West Virginia, where LBJ addresses rally at courthouse. They then fly to Winston-Salem, North Carolina, where LBJ addresses airport crowd and later speaks to Democratic rally.
- JFK receives ticker tape reception in New York City, the largest since Lindbergh's flight.
- 10/20 LBJ, accompanied by Helen Williams, Wiley, Bob Waldron, Marvin Watson, Bob Abernethy, Bill Emerson and Louise Evans, flies to London, Kentucky. From there LBJ flies to Middlesboro, Kentucky with Marvin Watson and Wayne Phillips, and addresses a rally there, and then they fly to Frankfort, Kentucky where LBJ addresses rally at Capitol steps. LBJ and his aides are joined in Frankfort by Sen. Clements, Mrs. Geneva Blue, and Keen Johnson, and they fly to Owensboro, Kentucky, where LBJ addresses rally at sports arena. There he is joined by the rest of his staff and the press group, and they fly to Kansas City, Mo.
- 10/21 LBJ, Bob Abernethy, Wiley and Waldron fly from Kansas City to Chillicothe, Mo., where LBJ addresses the National Corn Picking Contest. From there he travels with Louise Evans, Bob Abernethy and Bill Emerson (others went in other plane) back to Kansas City, where he rejoins the rest of the staff and press for a flight to Dallas. Jack Valenti meets him at the airport and they go see some film clips at Jamieson Studios for use later on in the campaign. From Dallas they fly to Austin, where LBJ has dinner at El Matamoras with Jesse Kellam, Woody and Mary Ellen, Wiley, Waldron, Reedy, Geraldine Williams, Wayne Phillips and Bill and Judith Moyers. At 9 p.m. he watches Kennedy-Nixon debate from 480 Driskill Hotel.
- During the debate, Nixon criticizes Kennedy's position that U.S. should support anti-Castro Cubans, saying it would violate non-interference doctrine.
- James Rowe sends LBJ a draft for his speech at Democratic dinner in Los Angeles. The original draft was done by Lane Kirkland, parts on Nixon foreign policy were done by Bill Costello, and Rowe rewrote it.
- 10/22 In Austin, LBJ has lunch with Pickle, Jacobsen and Woodward to discuss the campaign, and goes to the Ranch mid-afternoon.

- 10/23 No diary entry. CTJ attends funeral of her father, T.J. Taylor, in Karnack Methodist Church. Taylor died Saturday, 10/22, after a long illness. CTJ is scheduled to rejoin Kennedy ladies' flying tea tour on 10/25.
- 10/24 In Austin, LBJ spends morning on the phone talking with Kellam, Gene Chambers, George McGhee, Dr. Givens, Cliff Carter, Stormy Davis, Olga Bredt and Jerry Holleman. LBJ apparently called ladies at a coffee in Waco honoring CTJ (who could not be there due to death of her father), Mrs. Bob Kennedy and Mrs. Steve Smith. At 1:00 he flies to Los Angeles, accompanied by Reedy, Geraldine, Moyers, Ashton Gonella, Waldron, Wiley, Lastelic, Dr. & Mrs. Bailey, Sam Wood, Busby and Watson. In L.A., LBJ speaks to crowd at Lockheed plant in Burbank and rides to Beverly Hilton Hotel in motorcade. That evening he is main speaker at Democratic dinner in main ballroom of Beverly Hilton.
- While funeral of CTJ's father forced her to abandon flying tour activities, Ethel Kennedy and Jean Kennedy Smith begin their tour of Texas, starting in Waco, where they are met by Mrs. Ralph Yarborough, Mrs. Max Brooks, Mrs. Will Wilson, Mrs. Earl Deathe, and Mrs. Lorraine Barnes Hood. Kennedy ladies hold press conference before coffee in their honor at Roosevelt Hotel in Waco, and then they attended special reception at Baylor University.
- According to news reports, weather delayed the planned itinerary and Kennedy ladies stayed in Waco that evening. (Ladies had been scheduled to attend tea at Lake Dallas estate of Gordon McClendon, "Ciello," and later attend premiere of the new film "The Alamo" in San Antonio, but apparently CTJ's change in plans altered this schedule.)
- Kennedy ladies go to San Antonio on 10/25, hold press conference and attend reception at Granada Hotel, before going on to Corpus Christi. They visit Laredo and McAllen on 10/26.
- 10/25 In Los Angeles, LBJ meets with India Edwards and Elizabeth Snyder in his hotel suite. Later that morning he goes to San Fernando Valley State College by helicopter with Sen. Engle, Wiley and 3 press people, where he speaks. Later that afternoon he flies to San Diego with staff, press, George Killian and India Edwards (see list), and speaks at an airport rally. He then flies to Fresno (accompanied by his regular staff and press, plus Frank Straza, Ron Johnson, Bill Becker, Murray Fromson, Nancy Hanschman, Oscar Chapman, Pat Ferguson, Adolph Schulman and Tom Bendroe) for a rally at Fresno County Fair Grounds. At 10 p.m. this same group, plus Sen. and Mrs. Engle, Tom Bendorf, Jim Keene, and Roger Kent, fly to Sacramento where they spend the evening.
- 10/26 In Sacramento, LBJ meets with Miss Kate (Mrs. Loney), his first schoolteacher, before going to Studio KCRA where he taped a television show with Sen. Engle,

Gov. Brown, Cong. John Moss, and Miss Kate. LBJ then addressed a rally on Capitol steps at Sacramento, and took a plane to Spokane, Washington, where he is met by Sen. Magnuson and a large group. That evening LBJ makes television speech to Democratic Fundraising Dinner and later flies with staff and press to Great Falls, Montana.

10/27 LBJ speaks at rally at Civic Center in Great Falls, before flying to Salt Lake City, where he addresses rally at Courthouse and meets with President McKay of the Mormon Church at his office. He and his group fly to Oklahoma City, Oklahoma that afternoon, and that evening LBJ, Mr. & Mrs. Keith Kahle, Gene McGill, Gov. Gary, Wiley and Waldron fly on commercial airline to Shawnee, Oklahoma, where LBJ addresses rally at Municipal Auditorium. He rejoins his group in Oklahoma City, and they return to Austin late that evening.

CTJ gives campaign talk to ladies coffee at Green Pastures Restaurant in Austin. Tom Reavley also speaks.

10/28 LBJ goes to Ranch from Austin with Homer Thornberry, has dinner with his staff, Pat Ferguson, Murray Fromsom, and Billy Becker. He attends rally at Marble Falls that evening.

LBJ releases statement saying that nationwide survey he has made of key Democratic leaders discloses prospects of a Democratic landslide in presidential and congressional races. According to this statement, he spent the morning in telephone conferences with Dems. throughout country and working on a paper on outer space.

10/29 LBJ goes to Austin for a Democratic luncheon at Auditorium honoring Sen. Gene McCarthy, visits KTBC, and tours Austin flood area with Waldron, Becker and Ferguson. After making a live TV show from KTBC he goes to Wimberly with Thornberry to address rally, returning to Austin that evening.

10/30 LBJ attends church services at Central Christian Church with Moyers and Waldron and holds noon press conference with Senator Jackson at Caucus Room of Driskill Hotel. He goes to KTBC with Kellam, where he spends the afternoon, holding a meeting there with Jake Pickle, Cliff Carter, Moyers, Marvin Watson, Woodward and Kellam late in the afternoon.

In response to press reports that industrialist Howard Hughes might have won favorable treatment because of a loan to Nixon's family, Donald Nixon says he never asked Dick to do anything for him or anyone else in the government.

10/31 In Austin at the Driskill, LBJ speaks with Sen. Kerr in Poteau, Okla. re: coming to Longview for Nov. 2 rally. That morning he and a large group of staff and press

correspondents travel to St. Joseph, Missouri for rally at Electric Theatre. Early afternoon he flies to Bismarck, Mo., with John Dalton, Tom Eagleton, Charlie Boatner, Wiley and Watson, where he travels to Caledonia for the Buford Farm for Polled Hereford sale. This small group flies to Springfield, where LBJ is joined by CTJ and Liz Carpenter, and LBJ addresses rally at Shrine Mosque that evening. He and his original group then fly to Chicago, Illinois. LBJ releases documented record of history of outer space exploration by U.S. to show that Democratic administration is needed to accelerate the nation's space program.

November

- 11/1 In Chicago, LBJ speaks at a breakfast meeting of Democratic officials, business and labor leaders at O'Hare Inn. After riding to State Street and Wacker Drive in a motorcade, LBJ joins parade to Morrison Hotel, where he addresses luncheon for precinct captains and Democratic leaders. Mayor Daley and Sen. Paul Douglas also speak. Mid-afternoon LBJ makes film clip with Dave Garroway at NBC Studios, Merchandise Mart, and after resting flies to Erie, Pa., (with press, staff and CTJ) where he speaks to airport rally before flying on to Buffalo, New York, where he addresses crowd at the airport. He meets with Ben Coates late that evening in his (LBJ's) hotel suite.
- 11/2 LBJ speaks with John Connally in Fort Worth. LBJ addresses Democratic luncheon at Lafayette Hotel in Buffalo. CTJ speaks briefly. At 4 p.m. LBJ's group (with staff and press) flies to Rochester, New York, where LBJ addresses rally at Hotel Manger. That evening LBJ and his group fly to Syracuse for rally at Onandaga Hotel. They spend night at Syracuse Country House.
- 11/3 In Syracuse, in the morning LBJ visits Dr. Allan Isen, an eye doctor, to fit contact lenses. Later that morning he and his party fly to Amarillo, Texas, where LBJ appears at afternoon rally with JFK at the airport. (Clint Anderson, Frank Ikard, Gov. Edmondson and Sen. Clifton from California were among those present.) Following the rally, LBJ and his party, JFK, Mrs. Peter Lawford and Phil Potter fly to Wichita Falls for another airport rally. LBJ and his original party then fly to Fort Worth for a rally at Fort Worth Auditorium, spending the night in Fort Worth.
- 11/4 No diary entry. LBJ makes morning campaign speech in Arlington, introduced by Cong. Jim Wright, and appears with CTJ at rally at Wynewood Shopping Center, Dallas. He apparently addresses luncheon and answers questions on a TV panel show.
- Travel activity said: "There was a crowd of Nixon supporters--mostly ladies--outside the Adolphus Hotel and inside the lobby lead by Congressman Alger. LBJ was informed of them and determined that he would go through the

- crowd. He demonstrated wonderful courage and made an outstanding speech, which many people considered his best. It was a particularly dramatic experience and he and Mrs. Johnson handled themselves in the best possible way. What was a very distasteful occasion was turned into a plus for the Johnsons." At 11 p.m. LBJ and his party flew from Dallas to Houston.
- 11/5 In Houston, LBJ taped a television show before catching a 9 a.m. flight to New York City, accompanied by staff and press, plus Mr. & Mrs. Fagan Dickson and Vivian Franklin of Univ. of Texas Young Democrats. (According to clips, LBJ speaks at airport rally in Beaumont this morning, where he blames Republicans for incident in Dallas and claims Bruce Alger approved and encouraged the demonstration.) In New York, LBJ meets with Governor Lehman and Tony Akers and goes to Sen. Kennedy's suite at the Biltmore Hotel. That evening JFK and LBJ address televised Democratic rally at New York Coliseum.
- 11/6 LBJ, staff and press fly to Harlingen, Texas, where LBJ speaks to airport crowd, goes through Stanley Crockett Circus Grove orchards, and addresses rally at Harlingen Fair Grounds. Reynaldo Garza presents LBJ with citation. That evening he appears on television show from KGBT with CTJ, Gerry Mann, Joe Kilgore and John Young. They then fly to Corpus Christi, where he speaks at airport rally, and then they fly on to Houston to spend the evening.
- Hundreds of *Dallas Times Herald* readers protest use of their names in advertisement welcoming LBJ to Dallas.
- 11/7 LBJ speaks at coffee and rally at Rice Hotel, which is broadcast over radio. Richard Russell also speaks. LBJ, along with speakers Mr. Sam Low, Mrs. F.G. Baldwin, CTJ, Russell, and John B. Singleton, Jr., speak at a luncheon in honor of LBJ at Shamrock Hotel. LBJ's group (including Russell) then flies to San Antonio, where LBJ speaks at airport rally. Russell holds press conference on board Electra between Houston and San Antonio.
- In San Antonio, LBJ and CTJ speak in front of the United Services Insurance Company. LBJ, Paul Kilday, Cong. Joe Kilgore, Cong. John Young, Ralph Yarborough, and Dick Russell make television tape for evening broadcast.
- Apparently LBJ, CTJ, Russell and LBJ's staff return to Austin. Gov. Daniel, Attorney General Wilson, Homer Thornberry and LBJ speak on statewide broadcast. LBJ was to speak with Governor, maybe Lt. Gov. of Texas, and Homer Thornberry over radio also. John Connally and CTJ are also on platform that evening. Another clip has Russell and Daniel joining LBJ in statewide broadcast. At 10 p.m. LBJ holds nationally broadcast conversation with JFK in Boston, speaking to him from election-eve party at Driskill ballroom.

- 11/8 No diary entry. Election Day. CTJ and LBJ fly to Johnson City and vote at Blanco County Courthouse before 10 a.m., then return to Austin. Driskill ballroom is Johnson headquarters for watching returns come in. That evening Nancy Hanschman interviews CTJ on TV.
- In final returns, JFK is elected president by narrow popular vote margin. Democrats retain control of House, 262-175; Senate, 64-36. Sen. Frear of Delaware (D) is only Senate incumbent defeated.
- 11/9 At 5 a.m. Johnsons have breakfast at P-K Grill and sleep at Driskill Hotel. At 9 a.m. LBJ holds press conference at Driskill. Reportedly in a news conference LBJ “snappily” asserted that he had not made up his mind when he would resign and “emphatically denied” saying on 7/25 that he thinks Texas would want its senator to serve until just before the inauguration. There is speculation LBJ will decide to hold seat in order to influence Senate organization and selection of his successor as majority leader.
- No diary entries until that evening, when LBJ, CTJ, Wiley, Waldron, Kellams, Woodward and Liz Carpenter have dinner at El Mat. Johnsons spend night at Driskill.
- 11/10 At the Driskill, LBJ meets during the day with Cliff Carter, Arno Nowotny, Woodward, Mr. & Mrs. Sam Seymour, Sim Gideon, Bob Abernethy and Peter Braestrup. He makes long-distance calls to Mrs. Bartley in Bonham, Richard Russell, Wesley West, Gov. Lawrence of Pa., Sen. Talmadge, Walter Jenkins, Lynn Williams, Walter Lippmann, Roscoe Drummond and Drew Pearson. He receives long-distance calls from Dave Dubinsky, Wesley West, JFK, R.W. Woodruff, Skeeter Johnston, Sen. Bible, F.W. Woodward, Judge Bibb, Sen. Knowland, Adam Clayton Powell, Gov. Pat Brown, Mrs. Neuberger of Portland; John Lindsay, Sen. Dodd, Reedy, Fred Abbott of San Antonio, and Will Rogers of Bastrop.
- That evening Johnsons have dinner with Kellams, Negleys, Bob Armstrong, Wiley, Lloyd Hand, Woodward, Carters, and Waldron at El Mat, spending the night at Driskill.
- JFK announces appointment of Clark Clifford as liaison with Eisenhower Administration and retention of Allen Dulles at CIA, and J. Edgar Hoover at FBI.
- 11/11 CTJ flies to Washington, where JFK greets her at National Airport Friday night. She is slightly ill and plans to spend time with daughters and rest until 11/15 when she returns to the Ranch. JFK’s reception was unplanned and occurred because he had stopped off en route to Florida to drop off Mrs. Kennedy, who was pregnant, and his daughter in Washington before going to Florida.

- 11/12 LBJ spends day at Ranch, receiving calls from Fulbright, John Lyle, Bobby Baker, Paul Kayser, JFK, Eastland, Dave Cheavens, Mike Pendergast, Mahon, Harry Provence, Dr. Givens, Aubrey Gasque, Walter Ridder, Sen. Jordan and Buck Hood. He calls Gov. Daniel, Cong. Frank Boykin, Connally, Moyers, and Gov. Daniel. Paul Kayser arrives.
- 11/13 At the Ranch, LBJ receives long-distance calls from Sen. Vance Hartke, Bill Becker, Christine Stugard, Mayor Robert Wagner, Ed Linkenhoger, Sam Houston Johnson, Bill Kittrell and Phil Kazen.
- 11/14 At the Ranch, LBJ meets for half hour with Clarence Knetsch, Floyd Boring, Jerry Bruno, John Trainor and Joe Gargan (JFK's men). After speaking with Mary Lasker in NYC, LBJ goes to cattle sale at Boerne and to San Antonio with A.W. Moursund. He then flies to Austin and goes to KTBC, where he is later joined for drinks by Bess and Herman Jones, Waldron, Woodward, Bob Armstrong, Sterling Steves, the Busbys, Sneeds, Erwins, Wiley and the Lloyd Hands. He spends night at Driskill.
- Kennedy meets with Nixon in Miami.
- 11/15 In Austin, LBJ meets with Oscar and Clarence Wyatt, and with Lloyd Hand. He receives calls from Simon Burg of Stonewall, Commissioner John C. White of Austin, Mrs. John Gingrich of NYC, Joe Gargan of Austin, Ralph Yarborough, Gene Nauman, Wright Patman, Bob Casey, Woodward, Walter Mansell, Liz Carpenter, Leonard Marks and Eugene Locke. He calls Walter Jenkins, Col. Marek of Bergstrom, Rayburn, Sen. Kefauver. He goes to the Ranch that evening, and has dinner with Wesley West, A.W. Moursund, and overnight guests Gov. Ellington and Bobby Baker. CTJ arrives at the Ranch late that evening from Washington.
- 11/16 During the day LBJ speaks with Gov. Almond in Virginia, Sparkman in Alabama, Abe Fortas, Reedy, Jenkins, Phil Graham, Elmo Burke, Mr. Baird in Washington, Tom Deegan in New Orleans, Sen. Mansfield, Sen. Russell in Atlanta and Cong. McCormack in Boston. At 6 p.m. JFK and his party arrive at Ranch--Kennedy's first visit to the Ranch and first meeting with LBJ since election--and are met by Stonewall people who present JFK with hat. That evening Johnsons are joined at dinner by JFK, Ken O'Donnell, Joe Gargan, Cong. Tolbert MacDonald, Beth Fein, Bobby Baker, Dorothy Nichols, Wiley, Moyers and Waldron.
- 11/17 LBJ goes deer hunting with JFK early in the morning, returning for late lunch at Ranch with Wests, Mr. & Mrs. Gene Chambers, the Moursunds and JFK. Other Texas Democrats who helped deliver vote in Texas arrive for early dinner before JFK's departure. JFK leaves for Palm Beach, Fla. at 7:30 pm. Rayburn had been scheduled to join LBJ and JFK at Ranch today but when poor flying weather

stranded him in Austin, Rayburn met JFK for 30-minute private talk at Bergstrom AFB, where JFK boarded chartered plane for flight to Palm Beach.

During the day LBJ speaks with Sen. Kerr in Oklahoma, Sen. Humphrey, and John Connally in Fort Worth.

White House discloses that Eisenhower ordered U.S. Navy to prevent any communist invasion of Guatemala or Nicaragua. These Republics have just fought off revolts, allegedly aided by pro-communist Castro regime, and were reportedly alarmed at possibility of more direct communist efforts. Secretary Dulles briefs JFK on troubled conditions in Central America at Kennedy's vacation headquarters in Florida.

- 11/18 LBJ goes to Austin, spends day at KTBC and getting haircut, taking 5 p.m. plane to Washington, accompanied by CTJ, Busbys, Ken BeLieu, Wiley, Dr. & Mrs. C. W. Bailey and Waldron.
- 11/19 No diary entry. Apparently Johnsons leave for Paris from D.C. (Statements File has address LBJ supposedly made to annual meeting of editors in Williamsburg, Virginia, but not certain speech was delivered. It's possible he did speak and then left that evening for Paris.)
- 11/20 Johnson party arrives in Paris, France, and is met by Ambassador Amory Houghton and Ambassador Burgess. While in Paris Johnsons stay at Continental Hotel. LBJ goes to 5:15 meeting of NATO delegation and shortly afterwards a joint meeting of Senate and House delegation to NATO. That evening Johnsons dine with Jenkins, Busbys, Baileys, Wiley, Waldron, Col. Burris, Col. Vandervort, and Mr. & Mrs. David Schoenbrun (CBS).
- 11/21 LBJ addresses NATO conference at noon. Later he (and CTJ?) goes to lunch at American Embassy restaurant with Waldron, Wiley and Mary Love Bailey, goes shopping at Embassy commissary and stops by Christian Dior boutique. That afternoon he listens to General Norstad's speech to NATO and later attends the Norstad's reception at SHAPE. Dinner that evening at Lassere Restaurant with Thornberrys, Busbys, Wiley, Waldron, Col. Vandervort, Col. Burris, Baileys.
- [11/22-11/23 No diary entries.]
- 11/22 Following up on 11/15 telephone conversation with LBJ, Yarborough writes to state his official request that he be placed on Senate Appropriations Committee as Texas member of that committee.
- 11/24 Johnsons have Thanksgiving dinner with soldiers at the [NATO?] base in Paris. That afternoon they go shopping at Jacque Rober (furrier) and Morabito. Dinner

that evening at Maxims with the Baileys, Waldron, Wiley, Cols. Burris and Vandervort.

- 11/25 In the morning, LBJ meets with Sulzberger of the *New York Times* and goes to NATO where he meets with Mr. Spaak and makes a television recording. That afternoon he goes to Elizabeth Arden for dresses for Mary Love Bailey, and mid-afternoon he and his party fly to London. That evening Johnsons (assume CTJ there) have dinner at Admiralty House with Prime Minister McMillan, and later join staff and others at Helene Cordet's Maison de France Club. Johnsons spend night at residence of American ambassador.
- 11/26 In London, LBJ goes shopping at Silver Vaults with Waldron, Gordon Wynne and Wiley, and joined by Mrs. Johnson and Mrs. Jackling, they then tour the House of Commons and House of Lords. In the late afternoon he holds a press conference at the Ambassador's Residence. The Johnson party, joined by Gordon Wynne, has dinner at Helene Cordet's Maison de France Club.
- 11/27 No daily diary. Johnson party apparently returns to Washington.
- 11/28 LBJ has a breakfast meeting with Mike Mansfield. During the morning he talks by phone with Sen. Stennis, Leo D'Orsay, Clark Clifford, Sen. Smathers in Florida, and Sen. Kennedy. Mid-afternoon LBJ, accompanied by the Baileys, Busbys, Ashton Gonella, Wiley and Col. Vandervort, fly to Austin, where LBJ spends night at KTBC 5th floor.
- 11/29 During the day, LBJ speaks by phone with Waddy Bullion in Shreveport, La., Adrian Spears in San Antonio, Sen. Anderson in Albuquerque, Judge J.C. Looney in San Antonio, Pres. Truman in Missouri, W.O. Reid in Dallas, Walter Jenkins and CTJ in Washington. He meets with Woodward, Kellam and Don Thomas to discuss KTBC business, in particular the sale of KTBC. That evening he hosts dinner party at KTBC 5th floor for the Ed Clarks, Kellams, Woodwards, Negleys, Bob Armstrong, Wiley, Ashton Gonella, the Tom Millers, and the Don Thomases.
- LBJ talks by phone with Jake Pickle, Sen. Russell, Bobby Baker, Frank Oltoft, John Ben Shepperd, and Bill Kittrell before flying to Ranch and then to Moursund's for hunting.

December

- 12/1 LBJ goes to Llano with Moursund to look at ranch property and goes deer hunting with A.W. at the West Ranch. During the day he talks by phone with Poage, Bobby Baker, and Cong. McCormack in Boston.

JFK announces first cabinet choice.

- 12/2 LBJ goes to Essair Ranch cattle sale in San Antonio with Moursund and Mr. West, and late afternoon goes deer hunting at West Ranch. During the day he talks by phone with Walter Stone, Sen. Russell and Walter Jenkins in Washington, and with John Connally at Fort Worth.
- 12/3 At the Ranch, LBJ meets with Henry Blackburn and talks by phone with Tony Buford in Dallas and George McGovern in Washington. He goes to a cattle sale and lunch in Johnson City with Ernest Stubbs and Ashton Gonella, and then they all go hunting with the Kellams, Woodward, and Nita Louise. That evening he goes to Moursunds for dinner, along with Wesley West, Stubbs, Woodward, the Kellams, Nita Louise and Ashton Gonella.
- 12/4 LBJ goes to Christian Church in Johnson City with the Kellams, Nita Louise and Ashton Gonella, and then visits Lucia and Aunt Frank. That afternoon LBJ, Moursund and Kellam go to West Ranch, and later LBJ goes hunting with the Kellams, Bob Armstrong, Wiley and Ashton Gonella. He has dinner that evening with the Wests.
- 12/5 LBJ flies to Austin and attends funeral of Judge Ben Powell with Kellam, Woodward, Wiley and Ashton Gonella. During the morning he meets with Dr. Givens, Fred Korth and Raymond Buck, and Bill Deason. That afternoon he meets with Kenneth Lampkin, M.J. Anderson, O.G. Lawless, and O.H. Elliott regarding a possible job for Dr. Givens in the new administration. Later he flies to Moursund's ranch and goes to Llano with the Moursunds, Ashton Gonella and Wiley to look at ranch for sale.
- 12/6 LBJ remains at the Ranch most of the day, receiving calls from Bobby Baker, Don Thomas, John Lyle, Raymond Buck, Estes Kefauver, Cliff Carter, Houston Harte, Vann Kennedy, Brooks Hays and Dean Sayre, Scott Lucas, Stormy Davis, George Brown, Everett Dirksen, and John Young. He spends early evening at the Moursunds before returning to Ranch for the night.
- 12/7 LBJ spends morning at the Ranch, talking by phone with Kennedy, R.D. Cain, Moursund, John White, French Robertson, Buford Ellington, Bob Clark and Sen. Smathers. That afternoon he goes to Austin and dines with the Thomases, Kellams and Woodwards at KTBC 5th floor, where he spends the night.
- 12/8 LBJ takes early flight to Montgomery, Alabama, with Moursund and Henry Blackburn, where he meets CTJ and looks over her property. They all fly back to Austin at nine that evening, and Johnsons spend night at KTBC.
- 12/9 LBJ flies to San Antonio with Kellam and Wiley, where he goes to Lucchessee's for boots for Harold Teague and Mr. Kellam, to Lentz-Linden to be measured for

- suits, and to Earl Williams for shirts. Returning to Austin, Johnsons host dinner at KTBC for the Kellams, Gov. and Mrs. Price Daniel, Woodward, Lloyd Hands, Bob Armstrong, the Don Thomases and Wiley.
- 12/10 After talking with Fred Korth in Fort Worth and visiting with Mayor Tom Miller, LBJ flies to West Ranch with CTJ, Kellams and Wiley for deer hunting. Then go to the Moursunds for dinner and then return to LBJ Ranch.
- 12/11 After receiving calls from Tony Buford and Walter Jenkins, LBJ goes to Christian Church in Johnson City with CTJ and the Kellams. The Wests visit during the afternoon, and they spend day at Ranch. That evening they are also joined for dinner by Barbara Wilkinson.
- 12/12 LBJ talks with John Connally, John Kennedy, Bill Blakley and Don Thomas by phone in the morning. He also meets with Dudley Mann from Soil Conservation. That afternoon he and CTJ, Barbara Wilkinson, and the Wests fly to Austin, where the Johnsons go to KTBC. That evening they host KTBC cocktail party for clients at Texas Room of the Commodore Perry Hotel. Later that evening Johnsons are joined for dinner at KTBC 5th floor by Charles Howell, Cactus Pryor, the Kellams, the Tom Williamses, Woodward and Wiley.
- 12/13 LBJ meets Mr. & Mrs. August Busch and Mr. and Mrs. Tony Buford at their train, and they drive to the LBJ Ranch by car with CTJ. During the day LBJ talks by phone with Dr. Flowers in San Marcos regarding SWSTC band attending the inaugural, with Sen. Russell, Bobby Baker, Horace Busby, Cong. Cooley and Bill Moyers. That afternoon the Johnsons, Bufords, Busches, and Moursund go hunting at West Ranch.
- [No more daily diary for rest of 1960.]
- 12/17 JFK completes selection of cabinet.
- 12/19 Electoral College meets, officially electing Kennedy president with 300 electoral votes; Nixon receives 219 votes; Sen. Harry Byrd 15. Hawaii's 3 votes still are in doubt.