## THE WHITE HOUSE WASHINGTON

## MRS. LYNDON B. JOHNSON, Daily Diary

Mrs. Joh	Mrs. Johnson began her day at (Place) The LBJ Ranch  Date Thursday, 14 December 1969		
Entry No.	Time	Activity Dictated 23-25 December 1967	
0	11:35	Left for Shreveport with Dorothy.  Arrived at Dorris Powell's home in Karnack.  Left with Dorothy and Dorris, and Mrs. Heyns for the Post Office visited with	
2	12:25	personnel and discussed landscaping around post office.  Returned to the Powell home fitted Left the Powells went to the Big Pine Lodge for Lunch.	
(B)	2:38 3:22	Left the lodge visited with Ruth in how home is the lower form. Returned to Dorris Powells' to say good-bye.	
5) (5) (9)	5 <b>:</b> 06	Stopped at Marshall National Bank picked up Vivian Hackney and visited the Old County Courthouse and Harrison County Historical Museum with him.  Went to Mertie and Phillip's home for a cocktail party.	
9		Left the Baldwins' and returned to the airport back to Austin.  Arrived at Luci and Pat's to spend the night.	
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Mrs. Johnson and Dorothy Territo departed the LBJ Ranch, on the King Air, for Shreveport, Louisiana en route to Karnack, Texas. This route necessary because of the weather. Upon arrival at the airport, Mrs. Johnson posed briefly for photographers and then departed for Karnack, via Marshall by car. She visited briefly the Hugh Powells' at their home and then continued to the Karnack Post Office.

There a group of people welcomed Mrs. Johnson and she inspected the Post Office, the front of which is faced with brick that came from the T.J. Taylor Store, now demolished. Among those present were Mr. Roberts and Mr. Heyn, the architect and landscape architect, Mr. Hart, Mr. Myer and Mr. Horn, associated with the Post Office Department (Mr. Myer is the regional director from Dallas). Mrs. Ed Odom was there (she is the Postmistress) and other friends. Fruitcake and coffee were served.

Mrs. Johnson, together with the above -named people returned to the home of Mrs. Powell and discussed landscaping for the Post Office. They were joined by Colonel Larned of the Army Ordinance Laboratory located at Karnack. The main problem is erosion and hiding the wash-ateria located next to the Post Office. The preliminary plans were opened and discussed. Mrs. Johnson announced she was prepared to make a gift of \$1,000 from the Johnson Foundation toward the landscaping; there would be \$250 available from the Government. She was hoping the community would be interested in making a joint effort to raise the additional funds required. The landscape plan as presented costs \$1,850.

It was announced that the Karnack Community Association will contribute \$500. Colonel Larned felt, although he could not contribute money, he could donate labor and there certainly were good trees on the 8,000 acres of land controlled by the Army that could be used in the project. The landscape architect, Mr. Heyn, was willing to visit that acreage and, with Mr. Clarence Fason, selecte dogwood and other trees that might be used. Mrs. Johnson hoped a magnolia would be included in the landscaping. All agreed the landscaping should be simple, not contrived. Also, there should be a plaque or something to mention that the brick came from the store.

Discussion concluded, the group drove to Big Pine Lodge, on the Caddo Canal leading to old Port Caddo and had a catfish luncheon -- which was delicious. Goodbyes were said to most of the group after luncheon.

Mrs. Johnson, Mrs. Powell and Dorothy Territo drove to the Brick House and visited with Mrs. Ruth Taylor, and met Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Jones. Mrs. Johnson and Dorothy Territo toured the home, Mrs. Johnson pointing out the ghost bedroom over the kitchen and told of her apprehension, as a

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child, in climbing the stairs as night to her large bedroom which was located over the living room.

As dropping Mrs. Powell back to her home, Mrs. Johnson continued to Marshall, Texas, to the Marshall National Bank to pick up Mr. Hackney. From there to the Harrison County Historical Association Museum located in the old County Courthouse.

The Museum has been the recipient of a variety of collections, from documents to clothing, and houses an excellent Indian artifact collection. Mrs. Johnson's red ball gown and the accompanying photographs and samples of White House invitations, menus, etc. form a very interesting exhibit on one wall of the downstairs room. The criteria for collecting seems to be that the donor is or has been a resident of Jefferson County or has a collection that is associated with the history of the county.

Mrs. Johnson met briefly while at the Museum with Messrs. McElroy,
, and \_\_\_\_\_\_ concerning urban renewal for

Marshall (?). Bill Moyers' mother greeted Mrs. Johnson as did others
employed at the Courthouse; one young man who was director of the Youth Corps
program.

Mrs. Johnson proceded to the Philip Baldwins' new home to greet old friends and relax. (approximately 100 people were gathered for cocktails.)

Drove to Shreveport Airport for trip to Austin, where Mrs. Johnson spent the night with Luci and Pat Nugent.