

THE WHITE HOUSE  
 PRESIDENT LYNDON B. JOHNSON  
 DAILY DIARY

Date December 9, 1965

The President began his day at (Place)

White House -- LBJ Ranch, Texas

Day THURSDAY

Entry No.	Time		Telephone		Activity (include visited by)	Expenditure Code
	In	Out	Lo	LD		
	8:30 am				In the office w/ Secy. Freeman and Cong. Purcell (who had been houseguests the evening before)	
	8:45				Mrs. Johnson joined in the office for coffee	
	8:56 am		t		Bill Moyers - (talked on JJ's call) - Austin, Texas	
✓	9:11		t		Judge A. W. Moursund - Johnson City, Texas	
	9:26 am				The President w/ Secy. Freeman and Cong. Purcell toured the ranch area -- up the runway etc.	
	9:56				At Cousin Oriole's house -- looking at the new house	
	10:08				In the office -- then to the Living Room w/ guests.	
✓	10:21				To the runway to pick up Mr. and Mrs. John Mecom -- had just arrived from Houston, Texas in their private conveyer.	
	10:25				Returned to the main ranch house.	
	11:14		t		Bill Moyers - Austin, Texas	
	11:22				The President w/ Mrs. Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. John Mecom, Secy. Freeman, Mr. Jim Thornton (Freeman's aide), and Cong. Graham Purcell drove to the runway to take Freeman and Purcell to the plane waiting to take them to Dallas, Texas.	
	11:27				Departed the hangar -- w/ Mrs. Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. John Mecom -- and drove around --	
	11:36 am				At the Martin Ranch	

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	11:37				Departed the Martin Ranch and drove to the Danz Ranch	
	11:45				Departed Danz Ranch and drove out on RR 290...	
	12:07				Arrived at the Hartman Ranch and toured the area.	
	12:30				Departed the Hartman Ranch and headed for the Lewis Ranch	
	12:34				Arrived at the Lewis Ranch and drove on the area until 12:43 when the group went inside to the Lewis Ranch house...	
	12:56				Departed the Lewis Ranch and headed back to the LBJ Ranch	
	1:09				Returned to the LBJ Ranch	
✓	1:10				LUNCH w/ Mrs. Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. John Mecom, JJ, MF, VM cheese souffle, popovers, ham, beets, and melon for dessert., green beans salad w/ onions	
✓	1:13			f	Secy. Robert McNamara - Washington, D. C.	
	1:50				The President w/ Mrs. Johnson and the Mecoms went to the living room to finish their coffee. The President came into the office and autographed a large color pic for them -- "to Mary Elizabeth and John Mecom, w/ affectionate regards, Lyndon B. Johnson"	
	2:09				The President, Mrs. J., and the Mecoms left the house -- and went to the hangar to say goodbye to the Mecoms.	
	2:17 pm				Returned to the main house...	
	2:25	3:40			NAP	

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	3:50				To the Living Room and joined guests -- Congressman Jim Wright, Mrs. <del>James</del> <sup>James</sup> Bodaford, and Mr. <del>Bill</del> <sup>Bill</sup> McDavid <sup>(aided of the Congressman)</sup> <del>of Cong's Wright's</del> <sup>of Cong's Wright's</sup> <del>life in TX World</del> <i>pilots of aircraft - took Cong Wright to Ranch</i>	
	4:25				Said goodbye to the Congressman and group and went to the office.	
✓	4:25	4:47			REMARKS live over the telephone to San Francisco California -- to the <del>the</del> AFL-CIO National Convention. --- President of Convention - George Meany.	
	4:54				The President w/ party -- Harry Reasoner of CBS News, Bill Moyers (they had just arrived from Austin, Texas), MF and VM -- motored from the ranch house towards the new guest house next door to Mrs. Bailey.	
	4:56				At the Frame House -- joined there by Mrs. Johnson -- and the group went on an inspection tour of the house.	
	5:00				Departed the frame house -- w/ same group plus Mrs. Johnson Stopped at the cemetery briefly to show it to Mr. Reasoner. ✓	
	5:19				Arrived at the Heath Ranch -- for driving around -- no hunting -- just looking at the deer and visiting and admiring the sunset and scenery.	
	6:25				At the Hartman House -- the President and Mrs. Johnson and BM went inside to inspect the improvements that are being made there.	
✓	6:33				+ <i>Albert Weirich-Johnson City // 6:38 + Dale Marks</i>	
	6:42				Left the Hartman Ranch house -- w/ same group.	
	6:56				In Johnson City, Texas -- looking at the newly-painted warehouse -- and to the Boyhood home arriving at 7:02 pm... <del>the</del> President, Mrs. Johnson and Mrs. Jessie Hunter showed things of interest to Mr. Reasoner. ✓	
	7:22				At the Johnson City Bank -- upstairs looking at the newly-painted and built apartments...	

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	7:34				Departed the Johnson City Bank --	
	7:53				Returned to the LBJ Ranch, Texas -- w/ Mrs. Johnson, Mr. Harry Reasoner, Bill Moyers, MF, and VM	
	8:00				In the office	
✓	8:05				DINNER w/ the same guests -- broiled chicken, rice, gravy, peas, Huntland's gelatin for dessert.	
✓	8:45	9:20			Movie in the Living Room w/ the same guests -- "Why Vietnam"	
✓	9:05		+		<i>Dele Malcheck</i> Mr. Reasoner had requested to talk w/ the President about Vietnam -- because CBS is going to do a program on the U. S. and Vietnam and her commitment there. The afternoon, dinner, etc. were spent discussing the United States position in Vietnam, and why the President felt committed.	
	9:30				BM and Harry Reasoner ✓ left the Ranch to return to Austin.	
	9:34	9:55			Walking w/ Mrs. Johnson, MF and VM -- joined by Col. Cross at his trailer -- and walking up the runway w/ the group --	
	9:50				JJ returned to the ranch fr. Austin and joined for the remainder of the walk	
	9:56				Back in the Living Room -- watching the 10:00 news w/ MF and VM & JJ (Mrs. J. retired)	
	10:08		+		<i>Hal Pachino - Austin, Texas (to tell him by Gov. Harriman's trip)</i>	
	10:15				To the runway to meet the Jet Star carrying Gov. Averell Harriman -- (had been in Dallas speaking)...	
	10:20				To the office w/ Governor Averell Harriman. The President worked his desk w/ MF while Gov. Harriman read reports from the President's desk.	





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	8:45	am			BREAKFAST w/ Mrs. Johnson -- in his bedroom	
	9:15	am			The President went to the office to show off his new Stetson hat to staff	
	9:30				Joined Hon. Averell Harriman in the dining room -- Mrs. Johnson and the President had coffee while the Governor ate his breakfast	
	9:41				The President walking east w/ Mrs. Johnson and Governor Harriman	
	9:50				Got into one of the SS cars and drove to the south end of the runway -- to greet guests that had come in for meetings...	
					<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Secy. Cy Vance, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (USN) Admiral David L. McDonald <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Secy. Robert McNamara <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Joint Chiefs of Staff <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Gen. Earle Wheeler, Chmn. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Secy. Orville Freeman <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Gen. Harold K. Johnson, USA <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director Chas. Schultze <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Gen. J. P. McConnell, USAF <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dr. Glenn Seaborg <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Gen. Wallace M. Greene, USMC <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dr. Donald Hornig <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Secy. Connor <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Joe Califano <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Krim (personal weekend guests) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director James Webb	
	9:56				The President then in his Lincoln drove part of the guests from the runway back to the house -- but didn't go in to the house -- Mrs. Johnson was driving the other Lincoln.	
	10:02				Drove back up the runway -- looking at the scenery...	
	10:08				Returned to the Main House -- and the President went to the house w/ the guests...	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	10:10				MEETING in the Living Room w/ the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Bill Moyers, Joe Califano, Secy. McNamara, and Secy. Vance.	

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					While the President met in the Living Room w/ the Chiefs, etc..., Mrs. Johnson drove in the car around the surrounding ranches w/ Secy. Connor, Dr. Hornig, <del>                    </del> , Director James Webb, and Director Chas. Schultze...	
					The President met in the Living Room re the military budget for 1966 and (Vietnam)	
					(Meanwhile, Governor Averell Harriman flew into Austin to meet w/ the press) and Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Krim were in the their bedroom in the main house napping) <i>Dr Seaborg also went into Austin</i>	
	12:51				Riding in the car w/ Gen. Johnson, Adm. McDonald, Gen. <del>Xxxxx</del> Greene, and Gen. McConnell.	
✓	1:05				LUNCH w/ Mrs. Johnson, the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Secy. McNamara, Secy. Freeman, Joe Califano, Secy. Vance, Bill Moyers, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Krim, Director Webb, Director Schultze, Dr. Hornig, Secy. Connor... (Steaks, tuna salad, green beans, biscuits, lettuce salad, egg custard for dessert.)	
✓	1:40				Joined Gov. Averell Harriman, and Dr. Glenn Seaborg (had just arrived fr. Austin)	
	1:30				The President went into the Living Room for further discussions w/ Secy. McNamara.	
	1:45				Joined by the JCS and by Secy. Vance, <del>xxxx</del>	
	2:00				The President went to the office... w/ Secy. McNamara -- and talked w/ Joe Califano, Bill Moyers, Dr. Hornig, Secy. Freeman -- who were in the office...	
	2:05				The JCS, McNamara, and Vance departed the ranch... and went to the press in Austin for a briefing w/ the press there.	
✓	2:15				While the President rested in his room, he visited w/ Dr. Donald Hornig and Director James Webb and Director Chas. Schultze	
✓	3:00				Meeting in the den w/ Dr. Seaborg, Director Schultze, Califano and Dr. Hornig	

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✓	3:35				Secy. Connor -- meeting w/ in the den -- and Director Schultze and Joe Califano -- Budget	
✓	4:00				Meeting w/ Secy. Freeman and Schultze and Califano -- re Budget again	
5:13	<del>5:13</del>				Riding w/ Mrs. Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Krim, MF and VM	
	5:21		+		Bill Moyers - car radio - Austin, Texas	
	5:33				Riding on the Heath Ranch -- looking at the deer -- no one hunted.	
	5:25		f		Bill Moyers - car radio - Austin, Texas	
	6:05				Then to the LBJ Ranch --	
✓	5:46		+		Wesley West - Round Mountain, Texas - West Ranch	
6:20	<del>6:20</del>				The President and party arrived at the LBJ Ranch -- and the President let the Krims and MF and VM off at the office entrance -- then went to the hangar strip.	
✓	6:22				Greeted Governor John Connally, Governor Phil Hoff, (Vt.), Governor of Pennsylvania - Wm. Scranton, Governor of Maine - John Reed, Governor of Hawaii - John Burns, Governor of Mississippi - Paul Johnson, Governor of Iowa - Harold Hughes -- they had just returned from a trip to Viet Nam w/ other Governors and had been the guests of Governor John Connally in Laredo, Texas hunting...	
	6:25				Returned to the Main House -- and went to the Living Room w/ guests -- visited	
✓	7:30	8:30			DINNER w/ Mrs. Johnson, the Governors, JJ, MF, VM, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Krim,	
✓	8:35				In the Living Room -- watching a movie -- "Why. Vietnam?"	
	8:55				Governor Bill Scranton had to leave to catch a plane in Houston, Texas -- the President had him go on the King-Aire plane	
					The President after the movie -- gave all the Governors signing ceremonies pens -- LBJ Hats, LBJ knives....	





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✓	8:55	am		t	Mrs. Oveta Culp Hobby - Houston, Texas	
✓	9:25			t	Secy. Orville Freeman - Washington, D. C.	
	9:31			t	Jack Valenti - Washington, D. C.	
	10:26	am		t	Bill Moyers - Washington, D. C. (re morning briefing)	
✓	11:05				Mr. Irving Frank (tailor from San Antonio -- and his aide - Mr. Diegas) to the President's bedroom -- for fittings for clothes	
	11:45	am			To the office -- working the great mounds of mail on his desk...	
✓	12:05	pm		f	Senator Ralph Yarborough - Austin, Texas	
	12:18			f	McGeorge Bundy - Washington, D. C. (B.1)	
	12:47			f	Bill Moyers - Austin, Texas (returning his call)..	
✓	12:58			t	Secy. Dean Rusk - Washington, D. C. (B.2)	
	1:37				Greeted in the office -- luncheon guests -- Mr. and Mrs. Wesley West, Mrs. Gene Chambers (Mr. Chambers was supposed to come, but could not because he had just gotten sick earlier in the day)... and went to the Living Room w/ them...	
	1:45			t	Dale Meeks	
✓	<del>1:50</del> 1:50	pm			LUNCH w/ Mrs. Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Krim, Mr. Roy White, Mr. and Mrs. Wesley West, Mrs. Gene Chambers, MF, Jake Jacobsen, VM and Mr. J. C. Kellam <i>- Mexican food lunch</i>	
	2:30				Back to the office -- to complete the working of his desk.	

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	3:03	pm			The President departed the ranch w/ Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Krim and went to the new guest house near Mrs. Bailey's house... (Mrs. Johnson had gone w/ the Wests and w/ the Mrs. Chambers and Mr. Kellam to the Danz Ranch) The President driving the Bronco jeep.	
	3:07	3:23			Looking at the new guest house w/ the Krims...	
	3:23				Departed the guest house and drove to the Danz Ranch arriving at 3:30 pm	
	3:30	pm			Joined up w/ Mrs. Johnson and her group at the Danz Ranch	
	3:32				Departed Danz Ranch	
	3:37				On the Martin Ranch property touring w/ guests...	
	3:40	pm			At the Malachek ranch house	
	4:09				Out the main gate -- and driving to the Hightower ranch arriving at 4:39 pm (some detours were made -- up the road a piece to Stonewall and then back down to the Hightower.	
	4:50				Returned to the LBJ Ranch	
	4:55	pm			In the office -- working some new items on his desk that had come in while he was gone.	
✓	5:05			t	Secy. Joe Fowler - Wahington, D. C. (ret. the Secy.'s call)	
	5:20				Left the office and went to his bedroom	
	5:38			t	Bill Moyers - Austin, Texas	
	5:40				Back in the office -- to continue phone conversation w/ Moyers - re budget costs	





*file personal*

*PSF* *March 24*  
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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF STAFF  
WASHINGTON

February 26, 1942.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT:

The following is the information we have from GHQ at this moment regarding the air alarm over Los Angeles of yesterday morning:

"From details available at this hour:

"1. Unidentified airplanes, other than American Army or Navy planes, were probably over Los Angeles, and were fired on by elements of the 37th CA Brigade (AA) between 3:12 and 4:15 AM. These units expended 1430 rounds of ammunition.

"2. As many as fifteen airplanes may have been involved, flying at various speeds from what is officially reported as being 'very slow' to as much as 200 MPH and at elevations from 9000 to 18000 feet.

"3. No bombs were dropped.

"4. No casualties among our troops.

"5. No planes were shot down.

"6. No American Army or Navy planes were in action.

"Investigation continuing. It seems reasonable to conclude that if unidentified airplanes were involved they may have been from commercial sources, operated by enemy agents for purposes of spreading alarm, disclosing location of anti-aircraft positions, and slowing production through blackout. Such conclusion is supported by varying speed of operation and the fact that no bombs were dropped."

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*W. H. Hall*  
Chief of Staff.

Date- 3-10-59

Signature- *Carl L. Spicer*

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