

THE WHITE HOUSE
 PRESIDENT LYNDON B. JOHNSON
 DAILY DIARY

Date July 23, 1966

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<i>C</i>	<i>12:13a</i>			<i>+</i>	<i>Hale Meeks - LBJ Ranch</i> MW says the President is in "a good mood," and most of his conversation with him this morning has been limited to plans for today's trip. MW says the President is concerned about crowds--or lack of them--and "no crowd could be large enough for the President," says MW.	
<i>C</i>	<i>9:05a</i>			<i>t</i>	Secy Rusk	
<i>C</i>	<i>9:50a</i>			<i>f</i>	Sen Russell Long	
	<i>9:55a</i>			<i>t</i>	Joe Califano (pl)	
	<i>10:14a</i>			<i>f</i>	Bill Moyers	
<i>WJK</i>	<i>10:45</i>	<i>10:48</i>			<i>To AmVET (American Veterans of World War II)</i> for dedication and Open House -- invitation issued to the President by Ralph E Hall, National Commander. The President was accompanied by Mrs. Johnson, _____ Mr. Jacobsen, Mr. Watson. On Arrival at Headquarters, The President proceeded directly to the platform. Speaker McCormack made brief remarks and unveiled bust (done by Jimilu Mason) of the President. Speaker McCormack introduced the President for his REMARKS <i>Also there:</i> <i>Sen. Yarborough</i> <i>Cong. W. J. Bryan Down</i>	

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	11:17a	11:25a			Departed South Lawn via helicopter en route Andrews Air Force Base, accompanied by: Mrs. Johnson, Senator Ralph Yarborough of Texas, Luci, Jake Jacobsen, Dr. Young, Jake Jacobsen, Marvin Watson, Marie Fehmer. (Senator Yarborough had attended the AMVET ceremony, and the President visited with him and invited him on the trip "to see the folks again.")	
<i>Cliff</i>	11:25a				Aboard AF#1, the President visited briefly with Mrs. Johnson and Luci. Soon after 11:27a takeoff, the President directed that the sliding doors of his private compartment be opened, and he invited all members of Congress aboard and the several dignitaries into his compartment:	
<i>my asked SS</i>					Senator Vance Hartke	
<i>for reports to check</i>					Senator Birch Bayh -- and Mrs. Bayh (Marvella)	
<i>day's travel</i>					Cong. Ray J Madden	Senator Ralph Yarborough
					Cong. John Brademas	Cong. John B Anderson
<i>aides ofc asked for Id</i>					Cong. J. ██████ Edward Roush	Cong Ralph Harvey
<i>complete manifest</i>					Cong. Winfield Denton	Joseph Barr
					Cong. Lee Hamilton	Elmer Hoehn
					Cong. Andrew Jacobs	
					Cong. Ross Adair	Sgt Major Wooldridge
					Cong. William G Bray	<i>Governor James Bryant</i>
					Cong. Ralph Harvey	<i>Governor Skeeth Smith</i>
					Senator John Sherman Cooper	Members of the staff, and support
					Senator Thruston Morton	Personnel: Mim Jones
					Cong. Frank Stubblefield	Dr. Burkley George Christian
					Cong. Charles Farnsley	Sherwin Markman
					Cong. Frank Chelf	Mike Manatos
					Cong. Tim Lee Carter	Henry Wilson
					Cong. Carl D Perkins	Chuck Roche Major
					Senator Paul Douglas	Okamoto Major Haywood Smith
					Cong. George E Shipley	Jacobsen
					Cong. Kenneth J Gray	Watson,
					Senator Ross Bass	mf

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					During the first leg of the trip, the President, Mrs. Johnson, and Luci visited with the members of congress mentioned above. He autographed -- for Senator Yarborough-- a copy of the day's schedule, showed every one aboard the pictures taken by Okamoto of Texas sights and areas. The President thdn went into the main cabin of the plane, and located Sgt Major Wooldridge and ushered him into his compartment and introduced him to all members of the Congress there. He then asked the Sgt Major to sit in his cabin for the rest of the flight.	
<i>enjt</i>	11:55a	EST			Arrive Weir ██████████ Cook Municipal Airport, INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA (While the notices of the advance men were that there would be no crowd at the airport, the President was surprised to find at least 500 people there awaiting his arrival) After greeting the Reception Committee, the President and Mrs. Johnson separated, and walked along the fence ██████████ greeting the crowd. RECEPTION COMMITTEE: Governor and Mrs. Roger Branigin of Indiana Mayor of Indianapolis and Mrs. John Barton	
	12:05p				██ Democratic State Chairman, Gordon St. Angelo	
	12:05p				Depart Indianapolis, Airport by helicopter ██████████, accompanied by: Mrs. Johnson, Senator and Mrs. Birch Bayh, Senator Vance Hartke, Governor and Mrs. Roger Branigin, Luci, Marvin Watson, Congressman Andrew Jacobs, and MF -- Bill Moyers was also aboard--a stowaway. The President asked for a damp cloth to clean his hands which had been reddened by some paint not yet dried on some of the welcoming signs. When the bathroom door of the helicopter was opened, Bill Moyers was discovered. Bill stowed away because his helicopter had	

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	12:15p				The helicopters arrived in a large parking lot area where a crowd of 500 had gathered. The President waved at the crowd and entered his car.	
	12:18p				Presidential motorcade departed the parking lot Area en route to Indianapolis Circle. In the President's car were Governor and Mrs. Branigin, Senator Bayh, Senator Hartke, Cong. Jacobs. The five block motorcade route was lined with people, and the welcome was warm.	
	12:22p	EST			Arrive Indianapolis Circle (The circle is in fact a true physical circle. Set in downtown Indianapolis, it has been recently sand blasted, and situated in its center is a monument to Indiana's war dead.) A platform was set up at the foot of the steps of the monument, and the President and party proceeded to the platform. "Hail to the Chief" was played, and while the National Anthem was played, a riot of balloons was released from the top of one of the buildings around the circle. Police estimated the crowd to be 30,000. At the front of the crowd was a group of Job Corps volunteers who applauded enthusiastically.	
					Four bands were playing, among them the Culver Drum and Bugle Corps -- Sen Bayh's 10 year old son, is a student at Culver this summer.	
	12:27	12:45p			After dignitaries were introduced, the President made his REMARKS	
					Following his remarks, the President was presented with an arm patch and a Culver Camp School emblem by Senator Birch Bayh's ten year old son, Evan, who is a summer student there.	
	12:50p	12:55p			Motorcade to Indianapolis Athletic Club -- five minute drive, six blocks -- accompanied by all in 12:18p entry except Senator Bayh (he remained behind to visit with his son) -- good crowd on the street -- met by Gene Pulliam The President went up to Mr. Pulliam's private suite and went directly to the bedroom where he took off his wet shirt (the day was hot and he had perspired during his Circle speech), freshened up, and departed	

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	2:00p				To the Athletic Club Dining Room w/ Governor Branigin and Mr. Pulliam	
					the President was introduced by Governor Branigin at the STAG LUNCHEON for 475 invited guests for his	
	2:05p	2:30p			REMARKS - live television coverage	
					following his remarks, the President departed the Dining Room (he did not eat lunch there) and went to another dining room in the same building where Mrs. Branigin was hostessing a luncheon for Luci and Mrs. Johnson. He stayed briefly, made brief comments, and then returned to the private suite occupied by Mr. Pulliam on the Athletic Club's sixth floor where he had lunch. On arrival in the suite, he again asked to change his shirt, for it was again sweat soaked. Paul Glynn had already departed with the luggage, so the President took off his coat, tie, and shirt; dried himself with a towel; and ate lunch with a towel wrapped around him while his shirt was being dried on an air conditioner in the room.	
	2:45p				LUNCH in Mr. Pulliam's private dining room w/ Mr. Pulliam, Senator Bayh, Governor Branigin, MF	
					--shrimp cocktail, steak, asparagus, brandy alexander cream for dessert --	
					Lunch table conversation concerned an Indiana man, Frank McKinney, whom the President announced for the appointment as Ambassador to Jamaica. The man in turn when talking to the State Department people turned down the job. The President told those Indiana men present that he had cleared the man for the job, that it was hard to get an outsider into a post like this instead of bringing someone up from the ranks, and then when he gives it to the man, the man slaps his face. Senator Bayh assured him that there was a misunderstanding, and that the man was given the impression by DOS officials that the job carried with it a lot of CIA intrigue, and was not something that he-- a big businessman-- could handle.	

About 100 anti VietNam pickets were outside the Athletic Club, but were not in view of the President on his arrival or departure.

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	3:00p				The President saw Dr. Young (for treatment of a rash on his operation scar) put on his now-dry shirt and jacket and departed Mr. Pulliam's suite. On departure, Governor Branigin gave to mf a lifetime honorary membership in the Indianapolis Press Club, a 2" x 4" gold plate. The Governor said he was supposed to present this to the President at the luncheon, but there hadn't been time, so he just wanted to be sure the President got it.	
	3:05p 3:05p				Departed the Indianapolis Athletic Club via motorcade accompanied by Governor and Mrs. Branigin, Senator Hartke, Cong. Jacobs	
	3:10p				Arrive the parking lot area to board helicopters	
	3:15p				Departed parking lot area via helicopter with	
	3:30p				Departed Indianapolis, via Air Force One, 26000 (The President went to his stateroom bedroom and napped for the entire flight)	
	PRESS POOL ABOARD:					
	C. Merriman Smith				Just before landing, the President awakened, and asked that MW come into his bedroom. He went over final details of the next stop with MW and told MW that he wanted Sgt Major Wooldridge at his side every step of the way on the next stop.	
	Bill Lawrence					
	Jack Sutherland					
	Karl Baumann					
	2:15pm	CST			Arrive FORT CAMPBELL, KENTUCKY Army Air Field Field (in pouring rain) Met there by Governor and Mrs. <u>Edward</u> Breathitt of Kentucky Major General and Mrs. Ben Sternberg (the Commanding General) Lt. General General Louis Truman 3rd Army 3rd Army)	

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					The President received honorary membership in the 101st Airborne Division -- a framed citation and a pin, from General Sternberg.	
					The President received honors, 21 gun salute, ruffles and flourishes, "Hail to the Chief." He then proceeded with General Sternberg and Sgt Major Wooldridge to review 80 VietNam returnees who made up the honor guard at the dismount point of the airplane. The troops were in battle dress. He entered his car, and accompanied by General Sternberg, Sgt Major Wooldridge and Governor Breathitt, drove for about 1/4 mile to the demonstration site. He departed his car and went into the crowd of civilians behind the fence (the base had been opened to civilians for this event) and shook hands for about 3-4 minutes. He then went to the stand and took his place to watch the demonstration of a helicopter assault. The demonstration lasted 15 minutes. At the end of the demonstration, a helicopter pilot, Captain Robin Miller ran up to the President to report to him and then took him and showed him an armed Huey helicopter similar to the one that Captain Miller has been flying in VietNam. Captain Miller explained the weaponry of the helicopter to the President. They posed for photographers. Then escorted by General Sternberg,	
					the President went to a table where there were some captured Viet Cong weapons. There, a sergeant explained to the President the operations of some of the weapons. The President then again entered his car and drove about 150 yards where the entire 101st Airborne Division was in formation -- 8200 men. In an open jeep -- in pouring rain (For the first time in several years, Paul Glyn had forgotten to bring the President's raincoat, so a plastic raincoat was borrowed from a secret service man for the President's use.) and accompanied by General Sternberg and Sgt Major Wooldridge the President reviewed the 101st Airborne Division. Returning to the stand, he presented medals to about 20 VietNam returnees -- 1 Silver Star, 8 purple hearts, 10 bronze stars, 4 air medals, and three commendation ribbons. He then walked up a slight incline to the speakers platform. General Sternberg introduced the Governor and then the Governor introduced the President for his	
					REMARKS	
					Immediately after his remarks he moved off the platform to his left where he met and spoke individually to about 15 wounded VietNam returnees in wheel chairs (the rain had stopped).	
					General Sternberg pointed out that a cake had been made for the President, and the President cut a huge slice and took a big bite for himself, and then passed it to Luci and Mrs. Johnson.	
					Just before getting into his car, the President walked to a group of men (those who had given the helicopter assault demonstration) and shook hands with them saying, "I'm proud of you and you're doing a good job."	
					Motorcade from the platform area to the airport	

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<i>clagh</i>	3:28p	CST			Departed Fort Campbell, Kentucky via Convair (slept during flight) --stretched out in chair Mrs. Johnson and Luci Cong Kenneth J Gray Senator and Mrs. Bayh Governor Roger Branigin Senator Vance Hartke Governor Farris Bryant Senator Paul Douglas Senator Ralph Yarborough Congressman Ray Madden Governor Hulett Smith Cong John Brademas Cong J Edward Roush Cong Lee Hamilton staff members Cong Andy Jacobs Cong E Ross Adair Cong Wm G Bray Cong Ralph Harvey Cong Geo Shipley	
<i>clagh</i>	5:45p				Arrive LAWRENCEVILLE, ILLINOIS airport Met there by Governor Otto Kerner	
	5:48p	5:58p			airport REMARKS at Lawrenceville, Illinois (in sprinkling rain)	
	6:00p				Departed Lawrenceville airport via motorcade accompanied by Governor Branigin, Governor Otto Kerner, Senator Paul Douglas, Senator Vance Hartke, Senator Birch Bayh, Cong Winfield Denton	
<i>clagh</i>	6:15p				Arrive Vincennes, Indiana.	

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					And the President walked up the steps of the George Rogers Clark Memorial. (later to sign bill making this a [redacted] national historic site) He went on the platform and waved to a crowd of over 50,000 people. The President was so impressed with the large number of people he asked Merriman Smith to come to the platform and stand on it to see the large, large crowd. After being introduced by Governor Branigin, the President made	
	6:35p	6:55p			REMARKS	
	6:56p				SIGNING CEREMONY for the George Rogers Clark Memorial Bill -- changing the Memorial from a state memorial to a national memorial - H.R. 9599	
					(an amusing anecdote: Cong. Denton was introducing the dignataries on the platform, and introduced Senator Ralph Yarborough from Texas. The Senator was not on the platform, and the Congressman said, "I don't know if it's possible to lose a Senator From Texas, but it appears we've done it." Senator Yarborough arrived while the President was speaking and told mf and JJ the following story. While hurrying to the cars, he bent under a rope, and [redacted] split his right front pants leg about 14 inches down the crease. He said that he knocked on the doors of several houses nearby trying to find some ^{one} at home, as he watched the motorcade proceed out of sight, and finally came to a house where two old ladies were standing on the porch. He asked them if they could help him--just give him a needle and thread -- anything, and they hesitatingly sewed up his pants for him. After they finished, he said he felt he had to tell them who he was, and they were flabbergasted to find that they had sewn up the pants of a U.S. Senator. This is the story as told by the Senator himself in contrast to reports in the press that the Senator was locked in the bathroom of the airplane.)	
					The desk used by the President in signing this bill was used by William Henry Harrison. It usually rests in Indiana Territorial Hall, but was moved to the signing site for this occasion. It was at this desk that Gov Harrison sat facing the Territorial Judges, and from this desk on Dec 5, [redacted] 1804, Harrison issued a proclamation which established the [redacted] second of the Democratic phases of the territorial government.	
					The audience was large--and colorful. Much of the audience was in colonial dress required for attendance at the Sesqui-centennial Celebration and Parade in Jasper, Indiana, just sixty miles. Many of the audience had attended festivities in Jasper and then driven to Vincennes.	

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	7:00p					
✓	7:10p	7:30p			Depart Vincennes Memorial Site via motorcade with en route to Lawrenceville	
					The President entered the airplane immediately on arrival and took off his jacket. He then remembered that he had forgotten to say goodbye to Governor Kerner, so the President stood in the door of the airplane--jacketless--and embraced Governor Kerner heartily and told him Goodbye. The Governor was standing on the steps of the Convair and the President was inside the plane.	
	7:35p				Depart ██████████ Lawrenceville, Illinois via Convair w/ Mrs. Johnson and Luci Senator and Mrs. Bayh Senator Hartke Joe Barr Senator Paul Douglas Sen Ralph Yarborough staff people Cong Ray J Madden Cong John Brademas Cong J Edward Roush Cong Winfield Denton Cong Lee Hamilton Cong Andrew Jacobs Cong E Ross Adair Cong William G Bray Cong Ralph Harvey Cong George Shipley Cong Kenneth J Gray Governor Branigin Governor Broun	

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8:05p	est				Arrive Louisville, Kentucky Greeted by Mayor <i>Kenneth</i> Schmeid (presented the Key to the City to the President) Barry Bingham, <i>Jr.</i> (newspaper publisher) Congressman <i>Charles</i> Farnsley Senator Thruston Morton Senator John Sherman Cooper	
8:10	8:17p				Airport REMARKS at Louisville, Kentucky in which the President announced the four million dollar EDA grant for the Alben Barkley State Park	
8:26					Departed airport via motorcade en route Jeffersonville, Kentucky w/ Mrs. Johnson, Governor Branigin, Senator Hartke, Senator Bayh, Cong Lee Hamilton.	
					About 8 blocks from the Jeffersonville, Indiana Post Office, the President changed cars with the Secret Service and got into their follow up car (a convertible) and sat on the back waving to the crowds. Crowds of people--six or seven heads deep lined the last 10 blocks to the post office.	

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C-67A	8:45p				Arrive the Jeffersonville, Indiana, Post Office STAN FORTH where the President and Mrs. Johnson were greeted by the Postmaster, James Stanforth (police estimated 55,000 people at the Post Office location) Also on the platform were: Governor Branigin of Indiana, Mayor Richard Vissing of Jeffersonville, Senator Vance Hartke, Senator Birch Bayh, Congressman Lee Hamilton. <i>and Mrs Bayh and Mrs Hamilton</i> Congressman Hamilton introduced the President	
	9:00p	9:30p			REMARKS by the President presenting the beautification award to the Jeffersonville, Indiana, Post Office	
	9:35p				Depart Post Office in Secret Service convertible w/ Mrs. Johnson, Luci, Congressman Lee Hamilton (the President rode in the convertible for about 10 blocks because of the large crowds, and then changed into his closed car for the duration of the ride to the airport)	
	10:00p				Arrive Louisville, Kentucky Airport, waved to the crowds, and went aboard Air Force One, 26000 for flight to Washington; Departing at 10:05p During the flight, the President--elated at his wonderful day--talked animatedly with Senator Bayh and Senator Hartke and various members of Congress in his stateroom stateroom. Dinner was served to the President and his party aboard	

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					this flight to Andrews. (see manifest at bottom of this page)	
	12:01				Arrive Andrews, AFB, and helicopter to White House w/ Mrs. Johnson, Luci Senator Yarborough Marvin, Jake MF, Dr. Young, Paul Glyhn Wes King	The President summed up the day by saying it was "good to get near the people again, good to feel the press of the palm, good to see the folks." And he complimented Senator Yarborough on being a "can do" Senator in that he said the Senator just thought he was going to an AMVET ceremony this morning and ended up on an airplane for lunch and dinner.
	12:29p				Arrived South Lawn and went to the second floor at 12:33p	
					Houseguests: Bill Moyers Betty Beal (Luci's friend)	
					<u>8x *Manifest for flight to Andrews:</u>	
					Senator and Mrs. Bayh	Cong E Ross Adair Governor Hulett Smith
					Senator Vance Hartke	Cong William G Bray Governor Farris Bryant
					Sen John Sherman Cooper	Cong Ralph Harvey Joe Bar r
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