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Sincerely,

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Dear Archivist,

I have written related to the enclosure. This message was put out by a lawyer in the Washington D.C. area. The dates that are involved are Dec.9 and 10th, 1965. I would like your assistance to help check out his claims.

I would like if possible the following:

a) the schedule of appointments and phone calls for the President for the dates of Dec.9 and 10th, 65.

b) any record of the hotline being used on the 9th, and possibly a record of whether the hotline was even in use at the time in question.

If you can think of any other item that might be at the Johnson library that might resolve Mr Lauren A. Colby's claim I would appreciate that as well.

I hope you can help.

Hotline activated
8/31/63

US Terminal at NMCC in Pentagon

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air, room file

USSR counters file

intel file - found rpt on Soviet Icon activity w/ no relevant info 12/65

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Purely by chance, I happened to see some postings in this newsgroup about the UFO that landed near Kecksburg, Pa., in 1965.

The UFO was not a Soviet Cosmos space vehicle. Rather, it was a Soviet ICBM that went astray during a training exercise. The nose cone was filled with Plutonium but was not armed; if it had been armed, it would have destroyed the city of Pittsburgh.

The Military arrived on the scene almost immediately, because President Johnson had been alerted to the danger and probable landing area via the Moscow- Washington hotline.

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cc: Mr. John Clearwater

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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 In or Out		Activity (include visited by)	Expendi- ture 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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Entry No.	Time		Telephone for		Activity (include visited by)	Expendi- ture Code
	In	Out	Lo	LD		
	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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Day THURSDAY

Entry No.	Time		Telephone for t		Activity (include visited by)	Expenditure Code
	In	Out	Lo	LD		
	3:50				To the Living Room and joined guests -- Congressman Jim Wright, Mrs. James B. Dole ^{James B. Dole} and Mr. Bill C. McDavid ^{Bill C. McDavid} (side of the Congressman) ^{of Cong. Wright's} plane ^{plane} of aircraft - took Cong. Wright to Ranch ^{life in it}	
	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 AFL-CIO ^{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				+ Albert Weirich-Johnson City 11/6:38 + Dale Marks ✓	
	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... 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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White House -- LBJ Ranch, Texas

Day THURSDAY

Entry No.	Time		Telephone In or Out		Activity (include visited by)	Expenditure Code
	In	Out	In	Out		
	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		+		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			+		To the runway to meet the Jet Star carrying Gov. Averell Harriman -- (had been in Dallas speaking)...	
10:15						
	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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The President began his day at (Place).

White House - LBJ Ranch, Texas

Day THURSDAY[illegible]

Date December 10, 1965

The President began his day at (Place) White House -- LBJ Ranch, Texas Day FRIDAY

Entry No.	Time		Telephone In or Out		Activity (include visited by)	Expenditure Code
	In	Out	In	Out		
	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...	
					Secy. Cy Vance, Secy. Robert McNamara Secy. Orville Freeman Director Chas. Schultze Dr. Glenn Seaborg Dr. Donald Hornig Secy. Connor Joe Califano Director James Webb Joint Chiefs of Staff Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Krim (personal weekend guests)	
	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...	
	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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Entry No.	Time		Telephone f or t		Activity (include visited by)	Expendi- ture Code
	In	Out	Lo	LD		
					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, Director James Webb , 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. Xxxxx 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, xxxx	
	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 Dd. Hornig	

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White House -- L^DJ Ranch, Texas

Day FRIDAY

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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	
13	5:00 5:21 5:33 5:25 6:05 5:46				Riding w/ Mrs. Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Krim, MF and VM + Bill Moyers - car radio - Austin, Texas Riding on the Heath Ranch -- looking at the deer -- no one hunted. f Bill Moyers - car radio - Austin, Texas Then to the LBJ Ranch -- + Wesley West - Round Mountain, Texas - West Ranch	
20	6:00				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.	
22	6:00				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, Teaxas -- 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....	

PRESIDENT LYNDON B. JOHNSON
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The 12/9/1965 Diary entry is not sanitized. I went back to the original copy and the same marking is there. It looks like the typist goofed and was not content with overstriking the mistake with X's, but used a pen to block it out more thoroughly. There are a few closures in the Diary, but not many. For any of our collections the closures fall into two broad categories- Donor's Deed of Gift (personal privacy) or National Security Classified.

The Diary primarily documents phone calls and meetings between LBJ and non-White House persons. It was not meant to be a record of his interactions with the White House staff, even though some of those are also entered. LBJ received a small daily intelligence brief in written form. I do not think there was a daily oral component to it. The written briefs are in the National Security File, Intelligence Briefings File. It is an unprocessed file.

Material relating to Walt Rostow is found throughout the National Security File. Memos to the President and Files of Walt Rostow probably have the closest association to him. We also have Papers of Walt Rostow, but they are unprocessed.

The Diary Cards provide an alphabetical index to the Daily Diary. Neither collection is 100% reliable in listing all of LBJ's contacts, but they are pretty good. I found two entries for Eric A. Walker, one for a Lieutenant Colonel J. G. Cashman (none for Lt. James F.), and none for Michael E. Chervenka.

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