

The original documents are located in Box 11, folder “State of the Union Address, 1976” of the Richard B. Cheney Files at the Gerald R. Ford Presidential Library.

Copyright Notice

The copyright law of the United States (Title 17, United States Code) governs the making of photocopies or other reproductions of copyrighted material. Gerald Ford donated to the United States of America his copyrights in all of his unpublished writings in National Archives collections. Works prepared by U.S. Government employees as part of their official duties are in the public domain. The copyrights to materials written by other individuals or organizations are presumed to remain with them. If you think any of the information displayed in the PDF is subject to a valid copyright claim, please contact the Gerald R. Ford Presidential Library.

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON
January 11, 1976

Bryce Harlow's
Mel Tarr's
John Gorman's
Nancy Harlow

MEMORANDUM FOR: DICK CHENEY
VIA: JERRY JONES
FROM: RED CAVANEY
SUBJECT: PRESIDENTIAL STATE OF
THE UNION ADDRESS
U.S. Capitol
Wednesday, January 12, 1976

Attached at TAB A is the proposed schedule for the State of the Union Address.

APPROVE *RCJ* DISAPPROVE _____

BACKGROUND

The format for the State of the Union Address will be identical to that of last year.

EXECUTIVE GALLERY SEATING

The House Doorkeeper provides seating in the Executive Gallery for Mrs. Ford plus her guests, each Cabinet Officer's wife, and each Supreme Court Justice's wife, as well as for the wife of the Vice President. It should be noted that the wife of each White House staff member of Cabinet rank does not receive Gallery tickets.

1) Mrs Bryce Harlow -



In addition to Mrs. Ford, are there other members of the First Family to be seated in the Executive Gallery for the State of the Union Address?

YES YES NO YES

If YES, who?

There are a total of seven seats in the first row of the Executive Gallery, including one for Mrs. Ford. Does the President and Mrs. Ford desire to invite guests to fill those seats not occupied by Mrs. Ford and members of the staff?

YES _____ NO _____

If YES, please indicate the guests.

Traditionally, the aisle seats are assigned to senior White House staff in "protocol" order. Shall this practice be continued?

YES _____ NO _____

Attached at TAB B is a sample seating plan for the Executive Gallery, with seats available for consideration left blank.



TAB
A

PROPOSED SCHEDULE

1/10/77
2:00 p.m.

PRESIDENTIAL VISIT TO THE CAPITOL FOR THE
STATE OF THE UNION ADDRESS

U. S. Capitol
Wednesday, January 12, 1977

- 8:25 pm The Vice President arrives at the Capitol.

 The Vice President proceeds to the Senate
 Chamber to convene the Senate.
- 8:40 pm The Vice President and the Senate depart the
 Senate Chamber and proceed to the House
 Chamber.
- 8:40 pm The President and Mrs. Ford board motorcade on the
 South Grounds.
- MOTORCADE DEPARTS South Grounds en route
 U. S. Capitol.
- [Driving time: 10 minutes]
- 8:42 pm The Vice President and the Senate enter the
 House Chamber.
- 8:47 pm Diplomatic Corps proceeds to House Chamber
 Floor.
- 8:50 pm MOTORCADE ARRIVES South Door of the Capitol
 (House Wing).

The President and Mrs. Ford will be met by:

Ken R. Harding, House Sergeant-at-Arms
Mr. George White, Architect of the Capitol

OFFICIAL PHOTO COVERAGE

The President, escorted by Mr. Harding, proceeds
inside the South Door entrance en route the Holding
Room (H-210).

- 8:50 pm Mrs. Ford will be escorted to her seat in the Executive Gallery by Mr. Jim Rohan.
- 8:53 pm Supreme Court Justices proceed to House Chamber.
- 8:55 pm The Cabinet proceeds from H-210 to the House Chamber Floor.
- 8:55 pm The President arrives Holding Room (H-210).
- 8:56 pm Mrs. Ford arrives her seat in the Executive Gallery.
- 8:56 pm The Escort Committee arrives outside the Holding Room. Escort Committee is as follows:
- 8:58 pm The President departs Holding Room en route House Chamber, escorted by Mr. Ken Harding and Mr. Nurdy Hoffman, Senate Sergeant-at-Arms, and the Escort Committee.
- 9:00 pm The President arrives center door of the House Chamber.
- 9:01 pm Announcement by Jim Molloy, the Doorkeeper.
- 9:01 pm The President proceeds down center aisle, escorted by Jim Molloy and the Escort Committee, to the Clerk's Desk (middle level).

LIVE NATIONWIDE TELEVISION

9:02 pm The President arrives Clerk's Desk and remains standing.

NOTE: On arrival, the President will present a copy of the State of the Union Address to the Speaker of the House and the President of the Senate.

9:02 pm The Speaker calls the Joint Session to order and formally presents the President.

9:03 pm Presidential State of the Union Address.

LIVE NATIONWIDE TELEVISION

9:45 pm Address concludes.

The President departs House Chamber via the entrance route, escorted by the two Sergeants-at-Arms at the Escort Committee, and proceeds to motorcade for boarding.

9:46 pm Mrs. Ford departs her seat in the Executive Gallery en route motorcade.

9:47 pm The Vice President leads the Senate back to the Senate Chamber.

9:49 pm The President is joined by Mrs. Ford in the hallway and proceeds outside South Entrance to board motorcade.

9:50 pm MOTORCADE DEPARTS The Capitol en route South Grounds.

[Driving time: 10 minutes]

10:00 pm MOTORCADE ARRIVES South Grounds.



TAB
B

file

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

January 12, 1976

RBC HAS

MEMORANDUM FOR:

JERRY JONES

FROM:

DICK CHENEY

Jerry, attached is Ron Nessen's suggested list of invitees for the briefing on Thursday, the 15th.

I still don't have any answer on why we're having a briefing on the 15th.

It seems to me that interferes with other work we're trying to do, and there's really nothing the man can give them on the budget and the State of the Union at that time.

Isn't there a better way for him to use his time?

Attachment

To Dick

As you know, we have dropped this idea -

[Signature]


THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

January 9, 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR: THE PRESIDENT
THROUGH: DICK CHENEY
FROM: RON NESSEN *RAU*

Here is my proposed list of reporters to attend the conversation in the Oval Office Thursday, January 15, 1976 for a preview of the Budget and the State of the Union:

ASSOCIATED PRESS
Frank Cormier

UNITED PRESS INTERNATIONAL
Helen Thomas

WALL STREET JOURNAL
Dennis Farney

WASHINGTON STAR
Fred Barnes

BOSTON GLOBE
David Nyan

DETROIT NEWS
Dick Ryan

DES MOINES REGISTER
Clark Mollenhoff

JACKSONVILLE FLORIDA TIMES UNION
Jayne Brumbley

DALLAS TIMES HERALD
Margaret Mayer

MIAMI HERALD
John McDermott (Political Editor)



Page 2

COPLEY NEWSPAPERS

Jim Cary

COX NEWSPAPERS

Dave Kraslow

COLUMNIST

Marquis Childs

COLUMNIST

James J. Kilpatrick

COLUMNIST

Bill Anderson

ALTERNATES IN CASE ANY OF THE ABOVE CANNOT ATTEND:

SCRIPPS HOWARD

Ted Knapp

CHICAGO DAILY NEWS

Peter Lisagor

BUFFALO NEWS

Lu Warren

COLUMNIST

Jerry terHorst

Please indicate additions, deletions, or approval as is.

