

THE WHITE HOUSE		THE DAILY DIARY OF PRESIDENT GERALD R. FORD	
PLACE DAY BEGAN THE WHITE HOUSE WASHINGTON, D.C.		DATE (Mo., Day, Yr.) MARCH 20, 1976	
		TIME	DAY
		6:50 a.m. SATURDAY	
TIME		PHONE	ACTIVITY
In	Out	P=Placed R=Rec'd	
6:50			The President had breakfast.
7:17			The President went to the Oval Office.
7:36			The President went to the South Grounds of the White House.
7:38	7:45		The President flew by helicopter from the South Grounds to Andrews AFB, Maryland. For a list of passengers, see <u>APPENDIX "A."</u>
7:52	8:50		The President flew by Air Force One Jetstar from Andrews AFB to Douglas Municipal Airport, Charlotte, North Carolina. For a list of passengers, see <u>APPENDIX "B."</u>
8:55			The President was greeted by: Governor James E. Holshouser (R-North Carolina) Congressman James G. Martin (R-North Carolina) Mrs. James G. Martin Mrs. Parks M. (Margaret) King, Jr., Co-Chairman of the North Carolina State President Ford Committee (PFC) J.M. "Jim" Peden, Jr., Co-Chairman of the North Carolina State PFC Phil Gerdes, Chairman of the 9th Congressional District of North Carolina PFC Brig. Gen. William J. Payne, Assistant Adjutant General of North Carolina
?	?		The President participated in a question and answer session with members of the press.
9:04			The President went to his motorcade.
9:04	9:13		The President motored from the Douglas Municipal Airport to the Woodlawn Holiday Inn, 212 Woodlawn. He was accompanied by: Governor Holshouser Congressman Martin Mrs. Martin
9:13			The President was greeted by: Robert Dawson, General Manager of the Woodlawn Holiday Inn Mrs. Robert Dawson

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9:14			The President went to the holding room.
9:27			The President went to the offstage announcement area.
			Enroute, the President greeted Richard W. Canupp, representative of the "Tarpex '76" (Tarheel Philatelic Exhibition) show which had relinquished reserved rooms at the Woodlawn Holiday Inn for the President's visit.
9:30			The President, accompanied by Governor Holshouser and Congressman Martin went to the Alexander Room.
9:30	10:40		The President attended a Mecklenburg County, North Carolina Republican "Salute to Congressman Martin" breakfast. For a list of guests seated at the President's table, see <u>APPENDIX "C."</u> Members of the press
10:14			The President was introduced by Congressman Martin.
10:16	10:38		The President addressed approximately 325 guests attending the breakfast.
10:40			The President returned to his motorcade.
10:45	10:54		The President motored from the Woodlawn Holiday Inn to the Charlotte Civic Center, College and 4th Streets. He was accompanied by: Governor Holshouser Congressman Martin
10:58			The President went to the holding room.
11:02			The President, accompanied by Governor Holshouser and Congressman Martin, went to the offstage announcement area.
11:03	11:25		The President attended the 30th Annual State Convention of the North Carolina Association of the Future Homemakers of America. Members of the press
11:03			The Presidential party went to the platform in the Plaza Room. For a list of platform guests, see <u>APPENDIX "D."</u>

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11:08 a.m. SATURDAY

TIME		PHONE	ACTIVITY
In	Out	P = Placed R = Rec'd	
11:08			The President was introduced by Governor Holshouser.
11:10	11:24		The President addressed approximately 4,000 persons attending the convention.
11:25			The President, accompanied by Governor Holshouser and Congressman Martin, returned to his motorcade.
11:32	11:43		The Presidential party motored from the Charlotte Civic Center to the Woodlawn Holiday Inn.
11:44			The President returned to his suite. The President had lunch.
11:51	11:53	P	The President talked with Mrs. W.F. (Morrow) Graham mother of Rev. William F. "Billy" Graham, President of the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association, Charlotte, North Carolina
11:54	11:55	P	The President talked with Mrs. Howard (Susan) Virkler, Jr., Co-Chairman of the Mecklenburg County, North Carolina PFC. Mrs. Virkler was hospitalized for pneumonia.
11:56	11:59	P	The President talked with the First Lady.
12:38			The President returned to his motorcade.
12:39	12:45		The President and Governor Holshouser motored from the Woodlawn Holiday Inn to the Mecklenburg County PFC Headquarters, Park Selwyn Building, 5200 Park Road.
12:45			The President was greeted by Laurence A. Cobb, State Representative (R-North Carolina) and Co-Chairman of the Mecklenburg County, North Carolina PFC.
12:55			The President went to the telephone bank center. Enroute, the President greeted PFC volunteers and members of the community gathered for his visit.
12:55	1:13		The President toured the Mecklenburg County, North Carolina PFC telephoned bank center.
12:57	1:05		The President addressed the crowd gathered for his visit.
1:13			The President returned to his motorcade.

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1:13 p.m. SATURDAY

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In	Out	P = Placed R = Rec'd	
1:13	1:29		The President motored from the Mecklenburg County PFC Headquarters to the Douglas Municipal Airport.
1:38	2:20		The President flew by Air Force One Jetstar from Douglas Municipal Airport to Asheville Municipal Airport, Buncombe County, North Carolina. For a list of passengers, see <u>APPENDIX "E."</u>
2:20			The President was greeted by: Fred Dorsey, Co-Chairman of the Henderson County, North Carolina PFC Mrs. Fred Dorsey Albert Jackson, Sheriff of Hendersonville, North Carolina Mrs. Albert Jackson Boyce A. Whitmeyer, Mayor of Hendersonville, North Carolina William Ives, Chairman of the Transylvania County, North Carolina Board of Commissioners Mrs. William Ives Gary Taylor, Manager of Asheville Municipal Airport John R. Folger, County Commissioner for Asheville County, North Carolina
2:38	2:48		The President flew by helicopter from Asheville Municipal Airport to the Asheville Mall helicopter landing zone. For a list of passengers, see <u>APPENDIX "A."</u>
2:48			The President was greeted by: Orville D. Coward, Chairman of the 11th Congressional District of North Carolina PFC Mrs. Orville D. Coward Wayne Montgomery, Co-Chairman of the Buncombe County, North Carolina PFC Mrs. Wayne Montgomery Robert Ling, Vice Chairman of the Buncombe County, North Carolina PFC David L. Jones, Secretary of the Department of Corrections for North Carolina Wilma Sherrill, Secretary of the North Carolina Republican Executive Committee Otis B. Michael, City Councilman for Asheville, North Carolina  The President greeted members of the local press.

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3:05 p.m. SATURDAY

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In	Out		
3:05			The President and Governor Holshouser returned to their motorcade.
3:05	3:07		The President and Governor Holshouser motored from the Asheville Mall helicopter landing zone to the main entrance of the Asheville Mall, 3 South Tunnel Road.
3:15			The President went to the platform.
3:18			The President was introduced by Governor Holshouser.
3:18	3:30		The President addressed the crowd gathered for his visit. Members of the press
3:30			The President and Governor Holshouser returned to their motorcade.
3:39	3:40		The President and Governor Holshouser motored from Asheville Mall to the Asheville Mall Movie Theatre.
3:41			The President went to the lobby of the Asheville Mall Movie Theatre.
3:41	3:53		The President attended a reception for North Carolina State PFC volunteers. For a list of attendees, see <u>APPENDIX "F."</u> Members of the press
3:54			The President and Governor Holshouser returned to their motorcade.
3:54	3:55		The President and Governor Holshouser motored from the Asheville Mall Movie Theatre to the Asheville Mall helicopter landing zone.
3:55	4:33		The President flew by helicopter from the Asheville Mall helicopter landing zone to Asheville Municipal Airport. For a list of passengers, see <u>APPENDIX "A."</u>
4:41			The President and Governor Holshouser returned to their motorcade.
4:44	6:27		The President and Governor Holshouser motored from Asheville Municipal Airport to Morrison Field, Avery County, North Carolina.

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6:30			The President was greeted by: Charles L. Buchanan, Mayor (R-Spruce Pines, Mitchell County, North Carolina) Mrs. Charles L. Buchanan Charles B. Von Cannon, Mayor (R-Banner Elk, Avery County, North Carolina)
6:34			The President and Governor Holshouser went to the platform. For a list of platform guests, see <u>APPENDIX "G."</u>
			The President was introduced by Governor Holshouser.
6:47	7:00		The President addressed the crowd gathered for his visit.
7:00			The President and Governor Holshouser returned to their motorcade.
			Enroute, the President greeted members of the Avery High Mountain Cloggers, a local mountain dancing group.
7:10	9:06		The President and Governor Holshouser motored from Morrison Field to Lenoir Rhyne College, Hickory, North Carolina.
9:06			The President was greeted by: Congressman James T. Broyhill (R-North Carolina) Gene Sigmon, Chairman of the Catawba County, North Carolina PFC Julian Whitnar, Mayor of Hickory, North Carolina James M. Unglaube, Dean of Lenoir Rhyne College Kara Wegoner, 3rd grade student who wrote to the President concerning protection of the atmosphere Carolyn Neale, 3rd grade student who wrote to the President concerning protection of the atmosphere
9:15			The President went to the holding room in the Lenoir Rhyne College Gymnasium.
9:21			The President went to the offstage announcement area.
9:21			The President greeted Governor Holshouser.
9:22	10:21		The President participated in a Citizens Forum.
9:22			The President and Governor Holshouser went to the platform in the gymnasium. For a list of platform guests, see <u>APPENDIX "H."</u>

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9:28			The President was introduced by Governor Holshouser.
9:30	9:41		The President addressed approximately 3,700 persons attending the Citizens Forum. Members of the press
9:41	10:15		The President participated in a question and answer session.
10:21			The President returned to his motorcade.
10:21	10:34		The President motored from Lenoir Rhyne College Gymnasium to Hickory Municipal Airport.
10:46	11:40		The President flew by Air Force One Jetstar from Hickory Municipal Airport to Andrews AFB, Maryland. For a list of passengers, see <u>APPENDIX "I."</u>
11:42	11:53		The President flew by helicopter from Andrews AFB to the South Grounds of the White House. For a list of passengers, see <u>APPENDIX "A."</u>
11:55			The President returned to the second floor Residence.
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March 20, 1976

FROM: SOUTH GROUNDS, THE WHITE HOUSE

TO: ANDREWS AFB, MARYLAND

The President  
Richard B. Cheney, Assistant  
Stuart Spencer, Acting Chairman of the President Ford Committee  
Ronald H. Nessen, Press Secretary  
Robert A. Mead, Television Adviser  
Rear Adm. William M. Lukash, Physician

7 APR 1976  
TO: ASHEVILLE MUNICIPAL AIRPORT, ASHEVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA

TO: ASHEVILLE MALL

The President  
Governor James Holshouser (R-North Carolina)  
Terrence O'Donnell, Aide  
Mr. Cheney  
Mr. Spencer  
Mr. Nessen  
Mr. Mead  
Rear Adm. Lukash

FROM: ASHEVILLE MALL

TO: ASHEVILLE MUNICIPAL AIRPORT

The President  
Governor Holshouser  
Mr. O'Donnell  
Mr. Cheney  
Mr. Spencer  
Mr. Nessen  
Mr. Mead  
Rear Adm. Lukash

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TO: SOUTH GROUNDS, THE WHITE HOUSE

The President  
Mr. Cheney  
Mr. Spencer  
Mr. Nessen  
Mr. Mead  
Rear Adm. Lukash

PASSENGER MANIFEST

AIR FORCE ONE 12492  
MISSION 154

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Andrews AFB, Washington DC to Charlotte, NC

20 Mar 1976      Dep: 7:52am      Arr: 8:51am      +59      347SM

1.      THE PRESIDENT
2.      Mr. Richard Cheney, Assistant
3.      Admiral William Lukash, Physician
4.      Mr. Stu Spencer, Acting Chairman of the President Ford Committee
5.      Captain Charles Mead, Air Force Aide
6.      Mr. Richard Keiser, Special Agent in Charge, Presidential Protective
7.      Mr. Ronald Nessen, Press Secretary      /Division, USSS

APPENDIX "C"

Attendance not confirmed.

MECKLENBURG COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA "SALUTE TO CONGRESSMAN JAMES  
MARTIN" BREAKFAST

Woodlawn Holiday Inn  
Charlotte, North Carolina  
March 20, 1976

Guests seated at the President's Table

The President

Congressman James G. Martin (R-North Carolina)

Zack Smith, former Republican Chairman for Mecklenburg County,  
North Carolina

Phil Gerdes, Chairman of the 9th Congressional District of  
North Carolina President Ford Committee (PFC)

Charles R. Jonas, former Congressman (R-North Carolina)

J.M. "Jim" Peden, Jr., Co-Chairman of the North Carolina State  
PFC

Mrs. Parks M. (Margaret) King, Jr., Co-Chairman of the North  
Carolina State PFC

APPENDIX "D"

Attendance not confirmed.

30TH ANNUAL STATE CONVENTION OF THE NORTH CAROLINA  
ASSOCIATION OF THE FUTURE HOMEMAKERS OF AMERICA

Charlotte Civic Center  
Charlotte, North Carolina  
March 20, 1976

Platform Guests:

The President

Ann Cooper, Vice President, Central Division High School, District V,  
North Carolina Association of the Future Homemakers of America

Hazel G. Tripp, North Carolina State Future Homemakers of America Adviser

Governor James E. Holshouser (R-North Carolina)

Congressman James G. Martin (R-North Carolina)

FHA Officers

FHA Chapter Presidents

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7.    Mr. Richard Keiser, Special Agent in Charge, Presidential Protective  
      Division, United States Secret Service

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NORTH CAROLINA PRESIDENT FORD COMMITTEE (PFC) VOLUNTEERS RECEPTION

Asheville Mall Movie Theatre  
Asheville, North Carolina  
March 20, 1976

A list of guests attending the reception was not available for inclusion in the President's diary.

APPENDIX "G"

Attendance not confirmed.

PLATFORM GUESTS FOR CAMPAIGN RALLY

Morrison Field  
Avery County, North Carolina  
March 20, 1976

Hubert Haynes, Sheriff of Marion, North Carolina

Howard Daniels, Sheriff of Avery County, North Carolina

Governor James E. Holshouser (R-North Carolina)

Lloyd Hise, Jr., Chairman of the Mitchell County, North Carolina  
President Ford Committee and Chairman of the Mitchell County  
Republican Party

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Phyllis Long, Chairman of the Avery County, North Carolina PFC

Brownlow Moffit, Sheriff of Mitchell County, North Carolina

Kermit Banks, Sheriff of Yancy County, North Carolina

APPENDIX "H"

LENOIR RHYNE COLLEGE CITIZENS FORUM

Lenoir Rhyne College Gymnasium  
Hickory, North Carolina  
March 20, 1976

A list of platform guests for the citizens forum was not available for inclusion in the President's diary.

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