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6/24/76
11:00 am

PROPOSED SCHEDULE

THE PRESIDENT'S VISIT TO
MONTICELLO, VIRGINIA

Monday, July 5, 1976

9:40 am The President boards Marine One on South Lawn.

MARINE ONE DEPARTS South Lawn en route Monticello,
Virginia.

[Flying time: 55 minutes]

10:35 am MARINE ONE ARRIVES Curator's area, Monticello.

PRESS POOL COVERAGE
CLOSED ARRIVAL

The President will be met by:
Mr. Nolting, Thomas Jefferson Memorial Foundation
Chairman
Governor Mills Godwin (R-Va)

The President, escorted by Gov. Godwin & Mr. Nolting,
proceeds to motorcade for boarding.

10:40 am MOTORCADE DEPARTS Curator's area en route
Monticello Proper.

[Driving time: 2 minutes]

10:42 am MOTORCADE ARRIVES Monticello Proper.

OPEN PRESS COVERAGE
CLOSED ARRIVAL

The President proceeds to Holding Room inside Monticello.

10:45 am The President arrives Holding Room.

PERSONAL/STAFF TIME: 10 minutes



10:55 am The President departs Holding Room and proceeds to announcement area.

10:58 am The President arrives announcement area and pauses for announcement.

11:00 am "Ruffles & Flourishes"
Announcement
"Hail to the Chief"

11:00 am The President proceeds onto platform for Naturalization Ceremony and is seated.

OPEN PRESS COVERAGE
ATTENDANCE: 2,500

11:03 am Welcoming remarks by Mr. Nolting.

11:05 am Invocation by Rev. Mitchell.

11:08 am Announcement and introduction of the U.S. Court by Mr. Nolting.

11:10 am Justice Lewis Powell, U.S. Supreme Court, convenes court.

11:12 am Presentation of Naturalization Applicants by the Naturalization Officer.

11:16 am Remarks to applicants by Justice Powell.

11:20 am Pledge of Allegiance, led by Boy & Girl Scout.

11:25 am The National Anthem by the Charlottesville Band.

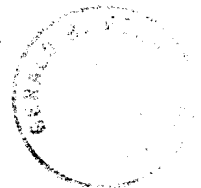
11:28 am Introduction of the President by Governor Godwin.

11:30 am Presidential remarks.

FULL PRESS COVERAGE

11:40 am Remarks conclude.

11:41 am Court is adjourned by Justice Powell.



11:42 am The President returns inside Monticello and informally greets dignitaries.

PRESS POOL COVERAGE
ATTENDANCE: 50

11:55 am The President thanks dignitaries and returns to naturalization site to mingle with the newly naturalized citizens and their families.

PRESS POOL COVERAGE
ATTENDANCE: 300

12:15 pm The President bids farewell and departs naturalization site and proceeds en route motorcade for boarding.

12:20 pm MOTORCADE DEPARTS Naturalization Site en route Curator's Area.

[Driving time: 2 minutes]

12:22 pm MOTORCADE ARRIVES Curator's Area.

The President boards Marine One.

12:25 pm MARINE ONE DEPARTS Monticello, Virginia en route South Lawn.

[Flying time: 55 minutes]

1:20 pm MARINE ONE ARRIVES South Lawn.



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WASHINGTON
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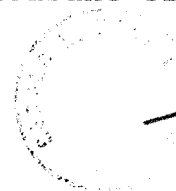
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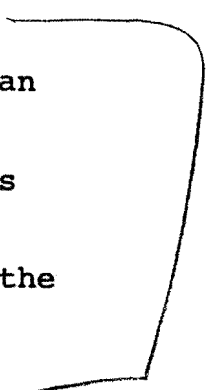
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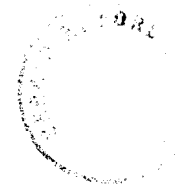
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Thank you for your cooperation.

Please check one box and sign below:

- () I approve the draft without changes.
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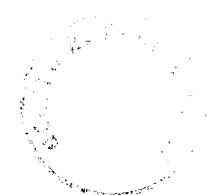
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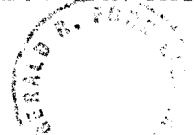


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become citizens. We have gained far more than we have given to the millions who made America their second homeland.

Remember that none of us are more than caretakers of this great country. Remember that the more freedom you give to others, the more you will have for yourself. Remember that without law, there can be no liberty.

And remember, as well, the rich treasures you brought with you from whence you came, and let us share your pride in them.

This is the way we keep our Independence as exciting as the day it was declared, and the United States of America even more beautiful than Joseph's coat.

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