

THE WHITE HOUSE		THE DAILY DIARY OF PRESIDENT GERALD R. FORD		
PLACE DAY BEGAN THE WHITE HOUSE WASHINGTON, D.C.		DATE (Mo., Day, Yr.) FEBRUARY 23, 1976		
		TIME	DAY	
		7:05 a.m. MONDAY		
TIME		PHONE		
In	Out	P=Placed	R=Rec'd	
7:05				The President had breakfast.
7:36				The President went to the Oval Office.
8:35	9:00			The President met with his Assistant, Richard B. Cheney.
8:56	8:58	P		The President talked with Secretary of Agriculture Earl L. Butz.
9:15				The President went to the South Grounds of the White House.
9:16	9:19			The President motored from the South Grounds to the Statler Hilton Hotel, 16th and K Streets.
9:20	9:53			The President participated in the annual mid-winter meeting of the National Governors' Conference. Members of the press
9:20				The President was greeted by Governor William G. Milliken (R-Michigan).
9:22				The President, escorted by Governor Milliken went to an offstage announcement area.
9:23				The President, escorted by Governor Milliken went to the head table. For a list of head table guests, see <u>APPENDIX "A."</u>
9:23				The President was introduced by Chairman of the National Governors' Conference Governor Robert D. Ray (R-Iowa).
9:30	9:53			The President addressed approximately 600 persons attending the opening session of the National Governors' Conference.
9:53				The President, escorted by Governor Milliken returned to his motorcade.
9:56	9:58			The President motored from the Statler Hilton Hotel to the South Grounds of the White House.
10:00				The President returned to the Oval Office.

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10:35 a.m. MONDAY

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In	Out	P=Placed R=Rec'd	
10:35	11:25		The President met with: Robert T. Hartmann, Counsellor
10:35	11:25		John O. Marsh, Jr., Counsellor
10:35	11:25		Rogers C.B. Morton, Counsellor
10:35	11:25		Max L. Friedersdorf, Assistant for Legislative Affairs
10:35	11:30		Mr. Cheney
10:35	11:25		Ronald H. Nessen, Press Secretary
10:35	11:25		John G. Carlson, Deputy Press Secretary
10:35	11:25		Lt. Gen. Brent Scowcroft, Assistant for National Security Affairs
10:36	11:25		Howard H. Callaway, Chairman of the President Ford Committee (PFC)
10:36	11:25		Stuart Spencer, Deputy Chairman for Political Organization, PFC
10:13		P	The President telephoned Congressman Paul N. McCloskey, Jr. (R-California). The call was not completed.
10:21	10:25	P	The President talked with State Senator Tom Tobiassen (R-Florida).
10:27	10:32	P	The President talked with Paula F. Hawkins, Republican National Committeewoman for Florida.
10:33	10:35	P	The President talked with Congressman McCloskey.
11:45	12:00		The President met with: Lt. Gen. Scowcroft
11:55	12:00		Robert Anderson, Ambassador-designate from the U.S. to Morocco
2:00	2:30		The President met with Governor Daniel J. Evans (R-Washington).
2:31	2:45		The President met with: Peter B. Bensinger, Administrator of the Drug Enforcement Administration
2:31	2:45		James M. Cannon III, Executive Director of the Domestic Council and Assistant for Domestic Affairs
2:31	2:45		Richard D. Parsons, Associate Director and Counsel for the Domestic Council, Justice, Crime, Civil Rights and Communications
2:33	2:45		Mrs. Peter B. Bensinger

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2:33	2:45		Peter B. Bensinger, Jr., son
2:33	2:45		B.E. Bensinger, father
2:33	2:45		Mrs. B.E. Bensinger, mother
2:33	2:45		Roger Bensinger, brother
2:33	2:45		Mrs. Roger Bensinger, sister-in-law
2:33	2:36		The President and Mrs. Bensinger exchanged remarks. Members of the press, in/out
2:47	3:15		The President met with: Governor James B. Longley (I-Maine) Mr. Cannon
3:30			The President returned to the South Grounds of the White House.
3:39			The President went to the swimming pool area.
4:00			The President returned to the Oval Office.
4:35	5:10		The President met with Mr. Cheney.
5:12	5:14	P	The President talked with William G. Whyte, Assistant Vice President of U.S. Steel.
5:48	6:01	P	The President talked with James F. Hastings, President of Associated Industries of New York State, Incorporated and former Congressman (R-New York).
6:55			The President returned to the second floor Residence.
8:23			The President and the First Lady went to the East Room.
8:23	12:17		The President and the First Lady hosted a dinner for State Governors' and their spouses attending the National Governors' Conference. For a list of attendees, see <u>APPENDIX "B."</u> Members of the press
8:23			The President and the First Lady received dinner guests.
8:45			The Presidential party went to the State Dining Room.

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In	Out		
8:45	10:12		The Presidential party had dinner.
10:30			The President and the First Lady went to the Blue Room.
10:37			The President and the First Lady went to the Grand Hall.
10:37	10:57		The President and the First Lady received after dinner guests. For a list of attendees, see <u>APPENDIX "C."</u>
10:57			The President and the First Lady returned to the second floor Residence.
11:01			The President and the First Lady returned to the East Room.
11:01	11:06		The Presidential party attended a performance by singer Tony Bennett.
11:26			The Presidential party returned to the Grand Hall for dancing.
			For a record of the President's activities after midnight, see the daily diary for February 24, 1976.
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APPENDIX "A"

Attendance not confirmed.

MID-WINTER MEETING OF THE NATIONAL GOVERNORS' CONFERENCE

Statler Hilton Hotel  
Washington, D.C.  
February 23, 1976

Head Table Guests

Governor George Busbee (D-Georgia)

Governor Milton J. Shapp (D-Pennsylvania)

Benjamin F. Bailar, Postmaster General, United States Postal Service

John W. Warner, Administrator of the American Revolution Bicentennial  
Administration (ARBA)

Governor Robert D. Ray (R-Iowa)

Governor Sherman W. Tribitt (D-Delaware)

Governor Brendan T. Byrne (D-New Jersey)

Attendance confirmed by EPS  
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DINNER IN HONOR OF STATE GOVERNORS

State Dining Room  
February 23, 1976

- ✓ The President and the ✓ First Lady
  
- ✓ The Governor of Delaware and ✓ Mrs. Tribbitt, Sherman W. (D)
- ✓ The Governor of New Jersey and ✓ Mrs. Byrne, Brendan T. (D)
- ✓ The Governor of Georgia and ✓ Mrs. Busbee, George (D)
- ✓ The Honorable Michael S. Dukakis, Governor of Massachusetts (D)
- ✓ The Governor of Maryland and ✓ Mrs. Mandel, Marvin (D)
- ✓ The Governor of South Carolina and ✓ Mrs. Edwards, James B. (R)
- ✓ The Governor of New Hampshire and ✓ Mrs. Thomson, Meldrim, Jr. (R)
- ✓ The Governor of Virginia and ✓ Mrs. Godwin Mills E., Jr. (R)
- ✓ The Honorable Hugh L. Carey, Governor of New York (D)
- ✓ The Governor of North Carolina and ✓ Mrs. Holshouser, James E. (R)
- ✓ The Governor of Rhode Island and ✓ Mrs. Noel, Philip (D)
- ✓ The Governor of Vermont and ✓ Mrs. Salmon, Thomas P. (D)
- ✓ The Governor of Kentucky and ✓ Mrs. Carroll, Julian (I)
- ✓ The Governor of Tennessee and ✓ Mrs. Blanton, Ray (D)
- ✓ The Governor of Mississippi and ✓ Mrs. Finch, Charles C. (D)
- ✓ The Governor of Maine and ✓ Mrs. Longley, James B. (I)
- ✓ The Governor of Missouri and ✓ Mrs. Bond, Christopher S. (R)
  
- ✓ The Governor of Michigan and ✓ Mrs. Milliken, William G. (R)
- ✓ The Governor of Florida and ✓ Mrs. Askew, Reubin O'D' (D)
- ✓ The Governor of Texas and ✓ Mrs. Briscoe, Dolph (D)
- ✓ The Governor of Iowa and ✓ Mrs. Ray, Robert D. (R)
- ✓ The Governor of Wisconsin and ✓ Mrs. Lucey, Patrick J. (R)
- ✓ The Governor of Minnesota and ✓ Mrs. Anderson, Wendell R. (D)
- ✓ The Governor of Oregon and ✓ Mrs. Straub, Robert (D)
- ✓ The Governor of Kansas and ✓ Mrs. Bennett, Robert F. (R)
- ✓ The Governor of West Virginia and ✓ Mrs. Moore, Arch A., Jr. (D)
- ✓ The Governor of Nebraska and ✓ Mrs. Exon, J. James (R)
- ✓ The Governor of Colorado and ✓ Mrs. Lamm, Richard D. (D)
- ✓ The Governor of North Dakota and ✓ Mrs. Link, Arthur A. (D)

- ✓ The Governor of South Dakota and Mrs. Kneip, Richard F. (D)
- ✓ The Governor of Montana and Mrs. Judge, Thomas L. (D)
- ✓ The Governor of Washington and Mrs. Evans, Daniel J. (R)
- ✓ The Governor of Idaho and Mrs. Andrus, Cecil D. (D)
- ✓ The Governor of Wyoming and Mrs. Herschler, Ed (D)
- ✓ The Governor of Utah and Mrs. Rampton, Calvin L. (D)

- ✓ The Governor of Arizona and Mrs. Castro, Paul (D)
- ✓ The Honorable J. S. Hammond, Governor of Alaska, Jay S. (R)
- ✓ The Governor of Hawaii and Mrs. Ariyoshi, George R. (D)
- ✓ The Governor of the Virgin Islands and Mrs. King, Cyril C.
- ✓ The Governor of American Samoa and Mrs. Ruth, Earl

- ✓ The Honorable Carla A. Hills, Secretary of Housing and Urban Development  
and The Honorable Roderick M. Hills
- ✓ The Honorable Robert T. Hartmann  
Counsellor to the President
- ✓ The Honorable John O. Marsh, Jr. and Mrs. Marsh  
Counsellor to the President
- ✓ The Honorable Rogers C. B. Morton and Mrs. Morton  
Counsellor to the President
- ✓ The Honorable James T. Lynn and Mrs. Lynn  
Director, Office of Management and Budget
- ✓ The Honorable James M. Cannon and Mrs. Cannon  
Assistant to the President for Domestic Affairs
- ✓ The Honorable Frank Zarb and Mrs. Zarb  
Administrator, Federal Energy Administration
- ✓ The Honorable James H. Cavanaugh and Mrs. Cavanaugh  
Deputy Director, Domestic Council
- ✓ The Honorable John G. Carlson and Mrs. Carlson  
Deputy Press Secretary to the President

- ✓ The Honorable David Gergen and ✓ Mrs. Gergen  
Special Assistant to the President
- ✓ The Honorable Paul H. O'Neill and ✓ Mrs. O'Neill  
Deputy Director, Office of Management and Budget
- ✓ The Honorable Douglas P. Bennett and ✓ Mrs. Bennett  
Director, Presidential Personnel Office
- ✓ The Honorable Stephen G. McConahey and ✓ Mrs. McConahey  
Special Assistant to the President for Intergovernmental Affairs
- ✓ Mr. and ✓ Mrs. Terrence O'Donnell  
Aide to the President
- ✓ Mr. and ✓ Mrs. William Gorog  
Deputy Director, Economic Policy Board
- ✓ Mr. and ✓ Mrs. Byron M. Cavaney, Jr.  
Director of the Advance Office
- ✓ Mr. and ✓ Mrs. Patrick J. Delaney  
Associate Director, Domestic Council
- ✓ The Honorable Raymond P. Shafer and ✓ Mrs. Shafer  
Counsellor to the Vice President
- ✓ Mr. and ✓ Mrs. Tony Bennett  
Entertainer
- ✓ The Honorable Howard H. Callaway and ✓ Mrs. Callaway  
Chairman, The President Ford Committee
- ✓ Mr. John Dukakis  
Son and Guest of Governor Michael S. Dukakis of Massachusetts
- ✓ Mr. and ✓ Mrs. Stephen B. Farber  
Director, National Governors' Conference
- ✓ Miss Susan Ford
- ✓ Mr. Bert Meem  
Escort of Miss Susan Ford
- ✓ Mr. Bruce Johnson  
Director, Museum of American Folk Art, New York
- ✓ Mrs. Barbara Johnson  
President, Board of Trustees, Museum of American Folk Art.
- ✓ Mr. Jack Bangs, decorator, The Gazebo, New York, New York

APPENDIX "C"

Attendance confirmed by EPS.

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ENTERTAINMENT FOLLOWING DINNER FOR STATE GOVERNORS

The White House  
February 23, 1976

- ✓Anderson, Mr. and ✓Mrs. Wayne  
Executive Director of the Advisory Committee on Intergovernmental  
Relations
- Austin, Miss Mary  
Assistant to the Chairman of the President Ford Committee
- ✓Bartlett, Mr. and ✓Mrs. Joe  
Minority Clerk of the House of Representatives
- ✓Becker, Mr. and ✓Mrs. Benton L.  
Potomac, Maryland
- ✓Bowersock, Mr. and ✓Mrs. Justin D.  
Middleburg, Virginia (pool donors)
- ✓Bowman, Mr. and ✓Mrs. A. Smith  
Sunset Hills, Virginia (pool donors)
- Bowman, Mr. and Mrs. E. DeLong  
Plains, Virginia (pool donors)
- ✓Bratti, Mr. and ✓Mrs. Ronald  
Administrator for National Affairs, American Subcontractors Association
- ✓Broome, Mr. and ✓Mrs. David  
American Banker's Association
- ✓Burrell, Dr. and ✓Mrs. Berkley G.  
President of the National Business League
- ✓Cary, Mr. and ✓Mrs. James  
Copley News Service
- Clusen, Mr. and Mrs. Donald  
Mrs.--President of the League of Women Voters of the U.S.
- ✓Cowan, The Honorable James R. and ✓Mrs.  
Assistant Secretary of Defense for Health and Environment

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- ✓ Crawford, The Honorable Curtis C. and Mrs. Crawford  
Vice Chairman, U.S. Board of Parole, Department of Justice
- Curley, Mr. and Mrs. John  
Gannett News Service
- Davis, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth  
Administrative Assistant to Senate Minority Floor Leader Hugh Scott
- ✓ Denson, Mr. and Mrs. James  
Executive Director, Chamber of Commerce of Washington, D.C.
- ✓ Fletcher, The Honorable Arthur A. and Mrs. Fletcher  
Deputy Assistant to the President for Urban Affairs
- ✓ Geimer, Mr. and Mrs. William  
Director, Intergovernmental, Regional and Special Programs,  
Federal Energy Administration
- ✓ Goltra, Miss Elizabeth A. and guest Congressman Robert W. Kasten, Jr.  
Spokesmen's Office, White House
- ✓ Griffith, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph E.  
Executive Director, Republican Governors' Association
- ✓ Gunnels, Mr. and Mrs. Aubrey A.  
Staff Assistant, Subcommittee on Treasury, Postal Service, Gen. Government
- ✓ Hanes, Mr. and Mrs. David G.  
Executive Assistant to the Administrator, FEA
- Hanzlik, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond  
Consultant, Domestic Council
- Harbaugh, Miss Judith L.  
Director of Scheduling, President Ford Committee
- ✓ Hendricks, Mr. Warren K. , Jr. and guest Miss Nancy Carrington  
Spokesmen's Office, White House
- Hildenbrand, Mr. William F.  
Minority Secretary of the Senate
- ✓ Holden, The Honorable Creighton and Mrs. Holden  
Assistant Secretary for Tourism, Department of Commerce
- ✓ Holmes, Mr. and Mrs. Peter  
Administrative Assistant to the Senate Minority Whip Robert P. Griffin
- ✓ Hooker, The Honorable Roger and Mrs. Hooker  
Assistant Secretary of Transportation for Congressional and Intergovern-  
mental Affairs

- ✓ Hymel, Mr. and Mrs. Gary G.  
Executive Assistant to the House Majority Leader Thomas P. O'Neill, Jr.
- ✓ Kiley, Mr. Richard  
Actor, "The Heiress," John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts
- Kimmitt, Mr. and Mrs. J.S.  
Majority Secretary of the Senate
- ✓ Larrabee, Mr. and Mrs. Don  
Griffin-Larrabee News Service
- Leland, Commander Walter T., USN and Mrs. Leland  
Military Aide to the Secretary of Transportation
- Lukstat, Mr. and Mrs. Richard H.  
Special Assistant to the Director of Public Affairs, Office of the  
Secretary of Labor
- ✓ MacGarry, Mr. and Mrs. Mac  
WMAL-TV, Commentator
- Mead, Mr. and Mrs. Robert  
Television Adviser to the President
- ✓ Myer, Mr. and Mrs. Paul J.  
Reston, Virginia
- ✓ Norris, Miss Barbara  
Director of Correspondence, President Ford Committee
- ✓ Osolin, Mr. and Mrs. Charles  
Cox Newspapers
- Perry, Mr. and Mrs. Christopher  
Alexandria, Virginia
- ✓ Post, Mr. and Mrs. John  
Executive Director, The Business Roundtable
- Quern, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur F.  
Deputy Director of the Domestic Council for Policy and Planning
- Sahagian, Mr. and Mrs. Ara  
Mrs.--Administrative Assistant to Senate Majority Leader Mike Mansfield
- ✓ Schoumacher, Mr. and Mrs.  
WMAL-TV news anchorman
- Scott, Mr. and Mrs. Willard  
WRC-TV weatherman

Sellers, Mr. and Mrs. Wallace O.

Vice President and Director of Research Division, Merrill, Lynch,  
Pierce, Fenner and Smith, New York

✓ Smith, Mrs. Walkee R. and guest: ✓ Mrs. Earl J. Helmbreck  
President General, Daughters of the American Revolution

Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. Dennis J.

Legislative Counsel to the House Minority Leader John J. Rhodes

✓ Tutweiler, Mrs. Margaret and guest: ✓ Congressman Larry Pressler  
Regional Coordinator, Scheduling Office, President Ford Committee

✓ Visser, Mr. and ✓ Mrs. Robert P.  
General Counsel, President Ford Committee

✓ Walker, Mr. and ✓ Mrs. Ed  
WMAL-TV

✓ Ward, Mr. and ✓ Mrs. Charles L.  
Administrative Assistant to the Speaker of the House Carl Albert

✓ Wasilewski, Mr. and ✓ Mrs. Vincent T.  
President, National Association of Broadcasters

Weidert, Mr. and Mrs. John F.  
Administrative Assistant to the Secretary of Agriculture

Williams, Mr. John J.  
Staff Director for House Minority Leader John J. Rhodes

✓ Woodworth, Mr. and ✓ Mrs. Laurence N.  
Chief of Staff, Joint Committee on Internal Revenue Taxation

✓ Dudley, Mr. and ✓ Mrs. Robert Whittier  
Washington, D.C. (pool donors)

✓ Chambers, Dr. Marjorie and guest ✓ Mr. George Humphrey  
Mrs.--President of the American Association of University Women

Height, Miss Dorothy  
President of the National Council of Negro Women

✓ Johnson, Dr. and ✓ Mrs. Thomas F.  
Director, Research, American Enterprise Institute, Washington, D.C.

Bailar, Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin F.  
Postmaster General, U.S. Postal Service

✓ Ryan, Mr. and ✓ Mrs. Thomas T.  
Assistant Counsel, President Ford Committee

✓ Corbitt, Miss Patricia and guest: ✓ Col. Douglas Brazelton  
Assistant to the Director of the Governors' Conference

✓ Boyle, Mr. and ✓ Mrs. Perence