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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

September 26, 1974

MEMORANDUM FOR: GENERAL ALEXANDER M. HAIG, JR.
VIA: WILLIAM HENKEL, JR. *W.H.*
FROM: ROBIN MARTIN
SUBJECT: Presidential Participation at the
Dedication of the Southwest Porch
of the Washington Cathedral.
Sunday, September 29, 1974

Attached at Tab A is the proposed schedule for the President's and Mrs. Ford's participation at the dedication of the Southwest Porch of the Washington Cathedral.

APPROVE _____ DISAPPROVE _____

Attached at Tab B is the text of the dedication ceremony.

BACKGROUND

The invitation to attend the regular service and dedication was extended to the President and Mrs. Ford by the Very Reverend Francis B. Sayre, Jr., Dean of the Washington Cathedral. The Porch is dedicated as a memorial to Winston Churchill. Ambassador and Lady Ramsbotham of Great Britain and Mrs. Mamie Eisenhower will also participate.

September 26, 1974
6:00 pm

PROPOSED SCHEDULE

PRESIDENTIAL PARTICIPATION AT THE
DEDICATION OF THE SOUTHWEST PORCH
OF THE WASHINGTON CATHEDRAL

Sunday, September 29, 1974

10:45 am The President and Mrs. Ford board motorcade
on the South Grounds.

MOTORCADE DEPARTS South Grounds en route
Washington Cathedral.

[Driving time: 10 minutes]

10:55 am ARRIVE Washington Cathedral (North Transept
Entrance).

The President and Mrs. Ford will be met by:

Dean Sayre (Francis B. , Jr.)
Canon Sharp (Kenneth J.)

OPEN PRESS COVERAGE

The President and Mrs. Ford, escorted by Dean Sayre
and Canon Sharp, proceed to front row pew seats.

NOTE: Mrs. Mamie Eisenhower will also be
seated next to the President.

WRITING PRESS COVERAGE

11:00 am Service begins.

11:30 am Sermon given by Dean Sayre.

11:48 am Service concludes.

11:50 am Procession to the Southwest Porch begins.

11:52 am The President and Mrs. Ford are ushered into the
Procession with Mrs. Eisenhower, Ambassador
and Lady Ramsbotham.

11:54 am Arrive Southwest Porch and remain standing.

POOL PRESS COVERAGE
ATTENDANCE: 50

11:55 am Dean Sayre begins dedication ceremony.

11:59 am Dean Sayre reads greetings from the Queen
of England and the Speaker of the House of
Commons.

12:02 pm Brief Presidential remarks.

FULL PRESS COVERAGE

NOTE: The Congregation will hear the remarks
through the Cathedral public address system.

12:04 pm Remarks conclude.

12:05 pm The President and Mrs. Ford, accompanied by Mrs.
Eisenhower and Ambassador and Lady Ramsbotham,
and escorted by Dean Sayre and Canon Sharp, proceed
to the Rare Book Library to view the Churchill Exhibit.

12:10 pm The President and Mrs. Ford, escorted by Dean Sayre
and Canon Sharp, depart Library en route motorcade
for boarding.

12:12 pm MOTORCADE DEPARTS en route South Grounds.

[Driving time: 10 minutes]

12:22 pm ARRIVE South Grounds.

DEDICATION

Dean. Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honor and power; for thou has created all things; and for thy pleasure they are and were created.

People. Glory be to thee, O God.

Dean. Glory to thee, O Christ, who has redeemed with thy love men of every kindred and tongue and people and nation.

People. Glory be to thee, O Christ.

Dean. Glory to thee, O Holy Spirit, for thy work in the Church, which will not cease until thou hast made of all mankind one family, to the praise and glory of God.

People. Glory be to thee, O Holy Spirit.

Dean. The Lord be with you.

People. And with thy spirit.

Dean. Let us pray.

O most mighty God, whom the heaven of heavens cannot contain; Graciously accept the dedication of this porch to thy Glory; may it serve to humble, yet uplift the spirits of those who shall draw near. We ask thy special blessing on those who have conceived this good work and by patience, continuous devotion and generous gifts have made possible this memorial. We remember gratefully before thee the artists, and the artisans who have offered their contributions of heart or hand or mind or time to its consummation. And to thee be praise and honor now and forever. Amen.

Almighty and everlasting God, we yield unto thee most high praise and hearty thanks for the wonderful Grace and Virtue declared in all thy saints who have been the vessels of thy grace, and the lights of the world in their several generations. Especially do we thank thee for the life and good examples of thy servant, Winston Churchill. And we most humbly beseech thee to give us grace so to follow the example of his steadfastness, perseverance and faith, that we may be found acceptable in thy sight, and at the last go from strength to strength in that perfect service in thy heavenly kingdom. Grant this, O Father, for the sake of the same, thy Son, Jesus Christ, our only mediator and advocate. Amen.

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, guide, we beseech thee, the Nations of the world into the way of justice and truth, and establish among them that peace which is the fruit of righteousness, that they may become the Kingdom of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.