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1976 White House Tour

TOUR



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Please form at **AREA A**
at **10:21 am**

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

April 12, 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR: MRS. FORD

FROM: RED CAVANEY 

SUBJECT: YOUR VISIT TO THE NEW WHITE HOUSE
VISITORS' WAITING AREA
The Ellipse
Wednesday, April 14, 1976

Attached you will find the Proposed Schedule for the subject event.

APPROVE _____

DISAPPROVE _____



BACKGROUND

In late 1974, you and the President, as well as several Members of Congress, expressed an interest in better accommodating the many visitors who would be coming to the White House during the Bicentennial. Since then, the National Park Service, working closely with Mike Farrell and appropriate Members of Congress, has designed, received approval for funding and constructed the new White House Waiting Area on the Ellipse. This improved system makes provision for chairs, bands and marching units of high school and college age from all over the country, as well as the Armed Services, to perform this spring and summer for visitors as they are waiting to tour the White House.

4/12/76
5:00 pm

PROPOSED SCHEDULE

MRS. FORD'S VISIT TO THE
NEW WHITE HOUSE VISITORS' WAITING AREA

The Ellipse
Wednesday, April 14, 1976

10:55 am Mrs. Ford, accompanied by Mike Farrell, boards
motorcade on South Grounds.

MOTORCADE DEPARTS South Grounds en route The Ellipse.

[Driving time: 3 minutes]

10:58 pm MOTORCADE ARRIVES The Ellipse.

Mrs. Ford will be met by:

Mr. Joe Lawler, Ranger in Charge of Visitors'
Waiting Area

Mr. Jack Fish, Director of National Capital Parks
Members of Congress (list to follow)

11:00 am Mrs. Ford, escorted by Joe Lawler, proceeds to podium.

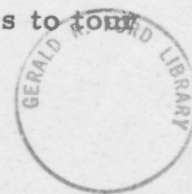
PRESS POOL COVERAGE
ATTENDANCE: 500

11:02 am Welcoming remarks by Joe Lawler, concluding in
the introduction of Mrs. Ford.

11:04 am Mrs. Ford's remarks, concluding with the presentation
of the certificate to Chorus Director Philips.

11:07 am Mrs. Ford, escorted by Joe Lawler, tours new Waiting Area
and meets National Park Service personnel who operate
the facility.

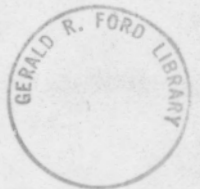
11:15 am Mrs. Ford, escorted by Joe Lawler, proceeds to tour
staging area.



11:17 am Mrs. Ford greets visitors preparing to take White House tour.

11:20 am Mrs. Ford, accompanied by Mike Farrell and Joe Lawler, proceeds to the White House East Gate, leading a group of visitors for the White House Tour.

11:25 am Mrs. Ford arrives East Gate, bids goodbye to the visitors, and returns to the Residence.



Rep. and Mrs. Thomas Steed (D-Oklahoma)

Rep. Edward P. Boland, (D-Mass.)