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MEMORANDUM FOR: Russ BOURKE
FROM: MILT MITLER

Russ, the information concerning d'Estaing has been forwarded to Dave Gergen (copy attached).

As you know, the indications are that the President will join d'Estaing at the inauguration of the "Sound and Light" Show at Mount Vernon on May 19.

Attachment (MEM memo to Dave Gergen)
(tentative schedule for d'Estaing)
MEMORANDUM TO:    MILT MITLER
FROM:             RUSS ROURKE

Further reference our conversation concerning Jack's desire to secure and distribute to appropriate White House staff (including Dave Gergen) the itinerary for President d'Estaing's visit. Jack attaches great importance to this particular request.

If you have any problem obtaining the itinerary from NSC, please advise.

Many thanks.
MEMORANDUM

FOR: DAVE GERGAN
FROM: MILT MITLER

March 27, 1976

Dave, here is the latest itinerary for Giscard D'Estaing. As I told you previously, there are no plans for the President to join Giscard during his travels. There is a request in for the President and Mrs. Ford to attend the opening of the Sound and Light Show at Mt. Vernon on May 19th.

Attachment

MEM/gs
2cc: Sandy Drake
# The State Visit

**of**

HIS EXCELLENCY THE PRESIDENT OF FRANCE

AND MRS. GISCARD D’ESTAING

TO

THE UNITED STATES

MAY 17-22, 1976

## Monday

**May 17, 1976**

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<td>Depart airfield via U.S. Presidential helicopters enroute the Ellipse.</td>
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<td>10:25am</td>
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<td>Wreath laying ceremony at Arlington National Cemetery.</td>
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**Overnight:** Blair House

## Tuesday

**May 18, 1976**

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<td>Second meeting with President Ford.</td>
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<td>12:30pm</td>
<td>Address to Joint Meeting of Congress.</td>
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<td>1:30pm (tent.)</td>
<td>Luncheon hosted by Secretary of State and Mrs. Kissinger at the Department of State.</td>
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<td>Open for meetings with U.S. Congressmen and Cabinet.</td>
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<td>pm (tent.)</td>
<td>Possible meeting with Secretary Kissinger.</td>
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<td>4:00pm</td>
<td>&quot;Meet the Press&quot; telecast.</td>
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Tuesday, May 18, 1976
8:00 pm
Return dinner at the Embassy of France.

Dress: White Tie

Overnight: Blair House

Wednesday, May 19, 1976
8:30 am
Depart Blair House via motorcade enroute Andrews Air Force Base.

8:55 am
Arrive Andrews Air Force Base.

9:00 am

9:40 am
Arrive Patrick Henry International Airport.

9:45 am
Depart airfield enroute Yorktown, Virginia.

Bicentennial ceremony at Yorktown, Virginia.

11:15 am
Depart Yorktown enroute Newport News.

11:35 am
Depart Newport News enroute Philadelphia

12:30 pm
Arrive Philadelphia.

1:00 pm
Luncheon hosted by the U.S. Council, International Chamber of Commerce.

3:00 pm
Ceremony at Independence Hall.

3:30 pm
University of Pennsylvania for presentation of honorary degree.

5:00 pm (approx.)
Depart Philadelphia enroute Washington, D.C.

6:00 pm
Arrive Andrews Air Force Base.

6:30 pm
Arrive Blair House.

Private dinner.
WEDNESDAY
MAY 19, 1976

8:30pm  Depart Blair House enroute Mount Vernon.
9:00/10:00pm  Visit to Mount Vernon for reception and dedication of the "Sound and Light" display -- France's gift to the Bicentennial.

At the conclusion of program, return to Blair House.

THURSDAY
MAY 20, 1976

8:45am  National Press Club breakfast.
10:00am  Departure ceremony.
10:30am  Depart Andrews Air Force Base enroute Houston via Special Concorde flight.
11:45am  Arrive Houston.
1:00pm  Luncheon visit to Texas ranch (Hudson or McCullum). (Barbecue, hayride, Mariachi band)
4:30pm  Depart ranch enroute the Hyatt Regency Hotel.
6:00pm  Arrive Hyatt Regency Hotel.
8:30pm  Dinner hosted by Mayor of Houston.

FRIDAY
MAY 21, 1976

9:30am  Depart Houston enroute Lafayette, Louisiana.

11:30am  Reception in Lafayette, Louisiana.
12:15pm  Depart Lafayette enroute New Orleans.
1:00pm  Private lunch.
2:00pm  Dinner hosted by Mayor of New Orleans.
11:00pm  President Giscard d'Estaing returns to hotel.

11:00pm  Mrs. Giscard d'Estaing attends ball.

Overnight: Blair House
SATURDAY
MAY 22, 1976

9:30am President Giscard D'Estaing departs the United States enroute Paris.

10:35am Madame Giscard D'Estaing departs New Orleans enroute Pascagoula, Mississippi to commission naval frigate.

1:00pm Madame Giscard D'Estaing departs Mississippi for Houston, Texas to connect with Air France flight that continues on to Paris.
March 30, 1976

MEMORANDUM TO: MILT MITLER
FROM: RUSS ROURKE

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Many thanks.

RAR:cb
MEMORANDUM TO: JACK MARSH  
FROM: RUSS ROURKE

Jack, we are obtaining the itinerary re President d’Estaing’s visit and will distribute it to appropriate people, including Dave Gergen.

FYI, d’Estaing will use the Concorde in travelling to both New Orleans and Texas. The President will not travel with d’Estaing on the Concorde.
MEMORANDUM FOR: RUSS ROURKE
FROM: JACK MAR

Would you please follow-up on the request we had in the White House Bicentennial Task Force meeting yesterday concerning President d'Estaing's visit, and obtain the itinerary for the visit from the NSC and get it distributed. I think it should be distributed to several people, including Dave Gergen.

I think this should be a point-by-point breakdown. Also establish whether or not he is going to use the Concorde to go to New Orleans and Texas. I think that's the case.
MEMORANDUM TO: JERRY JONES

FROM: JACK MARSH

May 10, 1976

Jerry, I concur with the suggestions contained in the attached memos from Milt Miler and Ted Marrs to the Mount Vernon Sound and Light Show.

cb
Jack, in reference to your memo concerning Jerry Jones' request for names of people associated with the French Community for the Mount Vernon Sound and Light Show, I can suggest the following, but it's quite probable the Mount Vernon Ladies Association have already thought of them:

Dr. and Mrs. James LaFollette
2142 Wyoming Avenue, NW
Washington, D.C.

Dr. LaFollette is the Director of the Alliance Francaise.

Congressman and Mrs. F. Edward Hebert
2340 Rayburn, House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515
THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON
April 30, 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR JACK MARSH
FROM TED MARRS

Attached is a suggested list of invitees to the French Bicentennial Program on May 19, 1976. Lindy Boggs has a list which will be ready on Monday, May 3rd. I will send it to you as soon as I receive it.

Thank you.

Attachment
List of Possible Invitees to the French Bicentennial Program

Dr. James LaSollette  (Married)  
President  
Alliance Francaise  
2142 Wyoming Avenue, N.W.  
Washington, D.C.  20008

The Honorable F. Edward Hebert  (Married)  
House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C.  20501

Max H. Parrott, M.D.  (Married)  
President  
American Medical Association  
535 North Dearborn Street  
Chicago, Illinois  60610

Mr. V. J. Skutt  (Married)  
President  
National Alliance of Businessmen  
3301 Dodge Street  
Omaha, Nebraska  68131

Mr. Robert E. Martin  (Married)  
Sales Manager  
Conley-Lott-Nichols Machinery Company  
P.O. Box 25344  
Albuquerque, New Mexico  87125

Mr. Wendell Chino  (Married)  
President  
National Tribal Chairmen's Association  
1701 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.  
Washington, D.C.  20006
Lt. General Gene Engler  (Married)
Commander-in-Chief
Military Order of World Wars
1100 17th Street, N. W., Suite 1000
Washington, D. C. 20036

The Reverend William P. Thompson  (Married)
President
National Council of Churches
475 Riverside Drive, Room 1201
New York, New York 10027

The Most Reverend Joseph L. Bernardin
President
United States Catholic Conference
Archbishop of Cincinnati
29 East Eighth Street
Cincinnati, Ohio 45202

Mrs. Wakelee R. Smith
President General
National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution
1776 D Street, N. W.
Washington, D. C. 20006

Mr. Frank Stanton
Chairman
The American National Red Cross
Washington, D. C. 20006

Mr. William Ryan  (Married)
President
National Association of Blue Shield Plans
211 East Chicago Avenue
Chicago, Illinois 60611

Brigadier General Robert M. Gayner  (Married)
National Commander
Legion of Valor
621 South Taylor Street
Arlington, Virginia 22204
MEMORANDUM FOR: TED MARRS  
MILT MITLER  
FROM: JACK MARSH  

April 28, 1976  

In reference to the attached memo from Jerry Jones, I would appreciate your providing me with the names of some national figures who you feel should be invited to this event, perhaps some people associated with the French community.

Many thanks.
French President Giscard d’Estaing will present France’s Bicentennial gift of a sound and light program to the Mount Vernon Ladies Association on Wednesday, May 19, 1976. The Regent of the Ladies Association has requested the names of suggested guests from the American side for invitations to the presentation. The President and Mrs. Ford will be participating in the event.

Would you please submit the names of three couples in priority order you would suggest be invited also. The following information should be included:

1. Correct marital status.
2. Correct title.
3. Current address.

It would be appreciated if these names could be submitted by Thursday, April 29, 1976.

Thank you.