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Office of the White House Press Secretary

THE WHITE HOUSE

TRIP OF THE PRESIDENT TO
NORFOLK, VIRGINIA
USS NIMITZ COMMISSIONING CEREMONY

SATURDAY, MAY 3, 1975

- 9:00 a.m. Press check-in at Andrews Air Force Base.
- 9:30 a.m. Press plane departure from Andrews Air Force Base enroute Naval Air Station, Norfolk, Virginia.
- 10:05 a.m. THE PRESIDENT BOARDS ARMY ONE, THE SOUTH LAWN, THE WHITE HOUSE ENROUTE ANDREWS AIR FORCE BASE.
- 10:10 a.m. Press plane arrives Naval Air Station, Norfolk, Virginia. Press board press buses and proceed to the USS NIMITZ press area at Pier 12.
- 10:20 a.m. THE PRESIDENT ARRIVES ANDREWS AIR FORCE BASE, BOARDS AIR FORCE ONE, AND DEPARTS ENROUTE NAVAL AIR STATION, NORFOLK, VIRGINIA.

Flying Time: 35 minutes

- 10:30 a.m. Press buses arrive USS NIMITZ press area at Pier 12.

Press Facilities:

6 long distance telephones

- 11:00 a.m. THE PRESIDENT ARRIVES NAVAL AIR STATION, NORFOLK, VIRGINIA.

OPEN PRESS COVERAGE

THE PRESIDENT IS GREETED BY:

Captain William S. Thompson, USN, Naval Air Station
Commanding Officer

- 11:05 a.m. THE PRESIDENT BOARDS MARINE ONE AND DEPARTS NAVAL AIR STATION, NORFOLK, ENROUTE USS NIMITZ.

Press Pool follows aboard Helicopter #3.

- 11:10 a.m. THE PRESIDENT ARRIVES USS NIMITZ FLIGHT DECK.

PRESS POOL COVERAGE

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THE PRESIDENT IS GREETED BY:

**Captain Bryan Compton, USN, USS NIMITZ Commanding Officer
Admiral Ralph W. Cousins, USN, CINCLANTFLT
Representative Thomas N. Downing (Va.)
Representative G. William Whitehurst (Va.)**

11:12 a.m. THE PRESIDENT, ESCORTED BY CAPTAIN COMPTON AND ADMIRAL COUSINS, DEPARTS FLIGHT DECK ENROUTE COMMISSIONING AREA.

PRESS NOTE: Press Pool proceeds to Pier 12 press area.

11:20 a.m. THE PRESIDENT, ESCORTED BY CAPTAIN COMPTON AND ADMIRAL COUSINS, ARRIVES THE COMMISSIONING AREA.

OPEN PRESS COVERAGE

11:21 a.m. The Commissioning Ceremony commences.

11:34 a.m. Commissioning Ceremony concludes.

11:35 a.m. THE PRESIDENT, ESCORTED BY CAPTAIN COMPTON AND ADMIRAL COUSINS, DEPARTS ELEVATOR DOWN THE BROW ENROUTE PLATFORM.

11:39 a.m. THE PRESIDENT ARRIVES PLATFORM.

11:41 a.m. Welcoming remarks and acknowledgement of platform guests by Captain Compton. Captain Compton will exchange gifts with Mrs. Catherine Nimitz Lay, daughter of Admiral Nimitz.

11:46 a.m. Remarks by Admiral James Holloway, Chief of Naval Operations.

11:47 a.m. Remarks by J. William Middendorf II, Secretary of the Navy.

11:50 a.m. Remarks by James R. Schlesinger, Secretary of Defense, concluding with the introduction of the President.

11:55 a.m. PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS.

FULL PRESS COVERAGE

12:15 a.m. PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS CONCLUDE.

PRESS NOTE: At conclusion of Presidential remarks, pool departs Pier 12 enroute hangar deck.

12:18 p.m. THE PRESIDENT, ESCORTED BY CAPTAIN COMPTON AND ADMIRAL COUSINS, DEPARTS PLATFORM ENROUTE STARBOARD AIRCRAFT ELEVATOR.

12:25 p.m. THE PRESIDENT ARRIVES THE STARBOARD AIRCRAFT ELEVATOR AND RECEIVES HONORS.

12:27 p.m. THE PRESIDENT, ESCORTED BY CAPTAIN COMPTON AND ADMIRAL COUSINS, DEPARTS STARBOARD AIRCRAFT ELEVATOR ENROUTE HANGAR DECK.

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12:27 p. m. Press depart press area, board press buses and proceed to Press Center located in the base gymnasium on Gilbert Street.

Press Facilities:

20 long distance telephones
1 telex

One Press bus will remain to pick up members of the pool who will not board Helicopter #3.

12:30 p. m. THE PRESIDENT ARRIVES THE HANGAR DECK AND PAUSES TO CUT THE COMMISSIONING CAKE.

PRESS POOL COVERAGE

12:33 p. m. THE PRESIDENT DEPARTS HANGAR DECK ENROUTE MARINE ONE.

12:40 p. m. THE PRESIDENT BOARDS MARINE ONE AND DEPARTS ENROUTE NAVAL AIR STATION, NORFOLK.

PRESS NOTE: Pool follows aboard Helicopter #3.

12:40 p. m. Members of pool not boarding Helicopter #3 should proceed to press bus.

12:45 p. m. THE PRESIDENT ARRIVES NAVAL AIR STATION, NORFOLK, BOARDS AIR FORCE ONE AND DEPARTS ENROUTE ANDREWS AIR FORCE BASE.

1:25 p. m. THE PRESIDENT ARRIVES ANDREWS AIR FORCE BASE, BOARDS ARMY ONE, AND DEPARTS ENROUTE THE SOUTH LAWN, THE WHITE HOUSE.

1:30 p. m. Press buses depart the Press Center enroute Naval Air Station, (approximate) Norfolk, Virginia.

1:45 p. m. THE PRESIDENT ARRIVES THE SOUTH LAWN, THE WHITE HOUSE.

1:45 p. m. Press plane departs Naval Air Station, Norfolk, Virginia, (approximate) enroute Andrews Air Force Base.

2:10 p. m. Press plane arrives Andrews Air Force Base. (approximate)

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