

Office of the White House Press Secretary

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THE WHITE HOUSE

TRIP OF THE PRESIDENT  
TO  
THE FRENCH REPUBLIC

NOVEMBER 14-17, 1975

PRESS NOTES

The PRESS NOTES binder should prove to be a convenient reference including the President's schedule, biographical information of officials of the host country, biographical information of participating delegations, country facts on France, information on the United States party, color information of sites to be visited and foreign travel of United States Presidents. Detailed press schedules will be made available as far in advance as possible. The book has been designed so that schedule and background material to be issued during the trip can easily be inserted in the book.

USIA personnel from the American Embassy in Paris will be on hand at the Press Center to assist you in whatever way they can. Please do not hesitate to ask for assistance in meeting your personal as well as business needs.

SCHEDULES

All schedules must be strictly adhered to. Unless special arrangements have been made with the Press Office or the Transportation Office, pool assignments must be kept. As details of the President's schedules are updated and confirmed, they will be published so that you may incorporate them in your PRESS NOTES book.

LUGGAGE

All baggage will be specially tagged for the trip. All other tags should be removed. Please limit your luggage to one large suitcase. Carry-on items should be available for inspection. Inspect your luggage before personally turning it in at the designated baggage point at the press hotel. Baggage should not be given to bellmen or to unaccredited people unless it is accompanied by the owner.

There will be little space in the cabin of the aircraft to accommodate fragile objects and purchase of gifts should be limited. Gifts should not be wrapped as they may need to be opened for inspection.

### PRESS AIRCRAFT

All members of the press accompanying the President to France will travel aboard a specially configured Boeing 707. The aircraft was chartered from T W A. All seats are first class to provide maximum comfort during the trip. Plane manifests are provided in advance to authorities of the host country and passports for the members of the party traveling on the press plane are carried on board. The passports will be handled by a United States Customs official who will be aboard the press aircraft. He will be glad to assist you in immigration and customs formalities.

The press aircraft will be secured while on the ground and will be boarded only by authorized airline ground maintenance personnel; therefore, if you would like to leave personal belongings of no great monetary value aboard the aircraft while in Paris, you may do so. However it will not be possible to obtain gear left on board, so be sure you take everything with you that will be needed for the stop.

Every effort will be made to keep those traveling on board the press plane advised of events on board Air Force One. When needed, and when possible, pool reports will be dictated from the President's plane to the press aircraft. All written pool reports from Air Force One will be made available to the press traveling on board the press plane as soon as Air Force One lands.

### PHOTO AND ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT

As a precaution, it has been required that those transporting camera gear submit to the Transportation Office prior to departure a list giving the serial number and manufacturer's name of all equipment. This is done to avoid a customs dispute at home or abroad -- particularly if similar equipment is purchased while on the trip abroad. European two prong (round) plugs are used in France for 220 volts/50 cycles. A good supply of fresh batteries is recommended for cameras. It will not be possible to charge batteries unless you are carrying special conversion equipment. It is strongly recommended that photographers bring very long lenses and if they wish, ladders for coverage of some events where a camera platform is not provided.

### PASSPORTS, CUSTOMS AND IMMIGRATION

A valid passport is essential for the trip. Visas are not required. A U. S. Customs official will be aboard the press plane and will be responsible for getting the passports processed. He will also assist you in filling out documents necessary for the return trip to the United States. Those members of the press planning to leave the trip before returning to Washington should contact a member of the Transportation Office staff, explaining departure plans so that their passport will be available for return at the appropriate time. Should you need your passport while in France, it may be obtained from representative of the Transportation Office.

### HEALTH RECOMMENDATIONS

Rear Admiral William M. Lukash, USN, the President's personal physician, advises us that a smallpox vaccination within the past three years is the only inoculation required. Water is safe to drink.

### CLIMATE AND CLOTHING

It is very cool and rainy in Paris. It is recommended that you bring an overcoat or raincoat with lining.

### ACCREDITATION

Special accreditation will be issued to the press accompanying the President on board the press aircraft. In addition to the White House trip accreditation credential, a Rambouillet credential, issued by the French Government, will be handed out on board the press aircraft. While covering the President's activities in France, all credentials should be visible to the French authorities. For those press joining the White House Press Corps in Paris, the Rambouillet press credential can be obtained at the American Embassy in Paris.

### CURRENCY

The current Hotel rate of exchange in Paris is 4.35 francs to the dollar.

PRESS HOTEL AND PARIS PRESS CENTER

PARIS, FRANCE

The George V Hotel  
31 Avenue George V,  
Paris 8, France  
Telephone: 723-5400  
Cable Address:  
GEORGEOTEL PARIS

PRESS CENTER: George V Hotel  
Telephone: 225-3530  
Telex No: 65082  
USIA Desk: 265-7400 Ext. 7545/7457

The Transportation Office has made single accommodations for all those in the travelling party. You will be expected to pay all personal charges including hotel rooms. Hotel bills should be settled before departure from Paris. You will be billed for your transportation costs subsequent to your return to Washington. Room assignments and room keys will be available upon arrival in the Press Center.

The George V Hotel Press Center is located in the Salle de la Paix, Lobby Level. Press Center telephones are located in the Salon de L'Horloge, adjoining the Press Center. All briefings from the George V Press Center will be piped to the Drink Store Press Center.

PRESS CENTER - RAMBOUILLET - THE DRINK STORE

The Press Center in Rambouillet is located at the French restaurant, The Drink Store, which is located at: 1, Place du Chateau. The Drink Store is adjacent to Hotel de la Place D'Armes, which is on the left hand side of the main street, Place du Chateau, as you depart outside the main gate of Chateau de Rambouillet. Press facilities at The Drink Store will be 5 long distance telephones.

Drink Store Press Center  
1, Place du Chateau  
Rambouillet, France  
Telephone Number: 483-2382  
Proprietor: Monsieur André Bisson

KLEBER INTERNATIONAL PRESS CENTER

There will be an international press center, hosted by the French Government, which will be located at the Hotel Majestic, 19 Avenue Kleber, a five minute ride from the George V Hotel.

The Kleber International Press Center will be utilized by all press covering the meetings. It is expected that press secretaries of the participating countries may brief at this press center. Details and times of briefings will be furnished at the George V Press Center. Due to the large number of press working from the Kleber International Press Center, all briefings conducted from the Kleber will be piped to the George V Press Center for your convenience.

Press Facilities Available at the Kleber:

30 long distance telephones  
25 telex

TRAVEL STATISTICS

By the time the President returns to Andrews Air Force Base aboard Air Force One, he will have traveled more than 148,139 miles since taking office in August 1974. He will have travelled 64,283 miles on international flights, visiting 17 countries.

The following represents the estimated number of miles and hours the President will travel aboard aircraft for his trip to Paris:

	<u>Statute Miles</u>	<u>Flying Time</u>
Andrews Air Force Base to Paris, France	3,900	7:15
Paris, France to Andrews Air Force Base	<u>3,900</u>	<u>8:10</u>
TOTALS:	7,800	15:25