

TRIP SCHEDULE

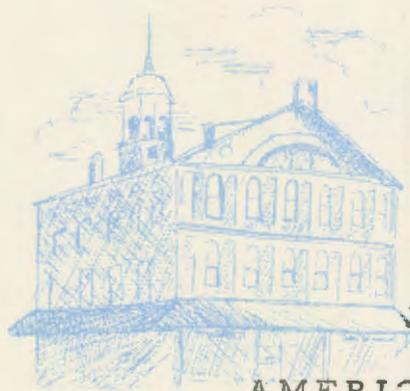
GERALD R. FORD
PRESIDENT
of the
UNITED STATES

to

Valley Forge
Philadelphia
New York
Washington

JULY 4, 1976

AMERICA'S BICENTENNIAL



Office of the White House Press Secretary

THE WHITE HOUSE

TRIP OF THE PRESIDENT TO
VALLEY FORGE, PENNSYLVANIA
PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA
NEW YORK, NEW YORK

SUNDAY, JULY 4, 1976

SPECIAL PRESS NOTE: All press have been manifested on specific helicopters. To facilitate prompt helo movements, all press must travel on the same helicopter throughout the day.



6:45 a. m.

Press check-in for those travelling on Helos #4 and #5 at Washington National Airport, Coast Guard Hangar area.

7:15 a. m.

Helos #4 and #5 depart Washington National Airport enroute Valley Forge State Park, Valley Forge, Pennsylvania.

Flying time: 1 hour, 5 minutes

7:15 a. m.

Press check-in for those travelling on Press Pool Helo #3 at Washington National Airport, Coast Guard Hangar area.

7:35 a. m.

Press Pool Helo #3 departs Washington National Airport enroute Valley Forge State Park, Valley Forge, Pennsylvania.

7:40 a. m.

THE PRESIDENT boards Marine One and departs the South Lawn en route Valley Forge Park, Valley Forge, Pennsylvania.

8:20 a. m.

Press Advanceman:
Jim Hunter

Press Helos #4 and #5 arrive Valley Forge State Park, Valley Forge, Pennsylvania.

PRESS NOTE: Press proceed to press area.
Press facilities:

- 20 long distance telephones
- 2 mults
- 75 foot camera throw

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8:40 a. m. Press Pool Helo #3 arrives Valley Forge State Park, Valley Forge, Pennsylvania.

8:45 a. m. THE PRESIDENT arrives Valley Forge State Park, Valley Forge, Pennsylvania.

LIVE NATIONWIDE TELEVISION
HELO #3 PRESS POOL COVERAGE

The President will be met by:

Governor Milton Shapp
Senator Hugh Scott
Senator Richard Schweiker

En route to the dais, THE PRESIDENT will pass in front of the First Troop Philadelphia City Cavalry. At the end of this Honor Guard, the President will offer a handshake to Cavalry Captain Stanley Bright III.

8:50 a. m. THE PRESIDENT arrives at the dais and is seated.

8:51 a. m. Welcoming remarks and introduction of Platform Guests by Governor Shapp, concluding in the introduction of the President.

8:55 a. m. PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS.

LIVE NATIONWIDE TELEVISION
FULL PRESS COVERAGE

9:10 a. m. PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS conclude.

9:11 a. m. Benediction by Bishop Dominic Ferrara.

9:13 a. m. Governor Shapp invites the President to visit the Wagon Train Encampment.

9:14 a. m. Musical Medley.

THE PRESIDENT proceeds to Wagon Train Encampment.

Helicopter #3 Press Pool follows.

9:17 a. m. THE PRESIDENT arrives Encampment area, views the Wagons and meets the Wagon Train pilgrims.

LIVE NATIONWIDE TELEVISION
HELO #3 PRESS POOL COVERAGE

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NOTE: On arriving at the Michigan Wagon, the Governor will present the President with a symbolic Rededication Scroll, which the President will sign, as have 22 million other American citizens.

9:27 a. m.

THE PRESIDENT departs Wagon Train area and proceeds to Bill Signing area.

Helo #3 Press Pool follows.

9:30 a. m.

Press travelling on Helos #4 and #5 proceed directly to Helos #4 and #5 for boarding.

9:30 a. m.

THE PRESIDENT arrives Bill Signing area and is seated at the Signing Table.

**LIVE NATIONWIDE TELEVISION
HELO #3 PRESS POOL COVERAGE**

THE PRESIDENT signs H. R. 5621 (S. 1776) making Valley Forge a National Historical Site.

9:35 a. m.

THE PRESIDENT thanks guests and proceeds to Marine One for boarding.

Helo #3 Press Pool follows.

9:40 a. m.

THE PRESIDENT departs Valley Forge via Marine One en route Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Press Helos #3, #4 and #5 depart immediately for Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

9:55 a. m.
Press Advanceman:
Jack LaCovey

Press Helos #3, #4 and #5 arrive Philadelphia Helo Landing Zone (Second and Walnut Streets), Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Press from Helos #4 and #5 proceed immediately to press buses for boarding.

Press Helo #3 Motorcade Assignments:

Camera 1

LaCovey
Delamore
C. Bennett
R. Bennett
ABC Crew (2)

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Wire 1 Benedict
P. Shabecoff
T. DeFrank

Wire 2 D. Growald
A. Compton
E. Jennings

Camera 2 C. Quarles
D. Halstead
W. McNamee
CBS Crew (2)

Camera 2 D. Blaser
J. Kelly
R. Shealy
NBC Crew (2)



PRESS NOTE: All other press arriving on Helo #3 should proceed directly to buses.

The pool members indicated in the above motorcade will serve as the press pool for the duration of the President's stay in Philadelphia.

10:00 a. m. THE PRESIDENT arrives Philadelphia Helo Landing Zone, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

HELO #3 PRESS POOL COVERAGE

The President will be met by Mayor and Mrs. Frank Rizzo.

10:05 a. m. THE PRESIDENT departs Helo Landing Zone via auto en route Independence Hall.

Press Pool and press buses follow in motorcade.

PRESS NOTE: Press buses will proceed down Fifth Street and enter into press area via Old City Hall Building. All press will observe the President's participation at Independence Hall and then proceed to the Bellevue Stratford Hotel filing center.

10:08 a. m. THE PRESIDENT arrives Independence Hall (Sixth Street entrance).

HELO #3 EXPANDED PRESS POOL COVERAGE

The President will be met by Mr. and Mrs. Albert V. Gaudiosi, Philadelphia Special Events Chairman.

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10:15 a. m.

THE PRESIDENT proceeds to dais for seating.

LIVE NATIONWIDE TELEVISION

PRESS NOTE: Press facilities in Independence Hall are adjacent to press platform:

20 long distance telephones

10 local phones

3 mults

80 foot camera throw

10:17 a. m.

Welcome by Charlton Heston, Master of Ceremonies.

10:18 a. m.

Invocation by John Cardinal Krol, Archbishop of Philadelphia.

10:21 a. m.

National Anthem by U. S. Armed Forces Band.

10:24 a. m.

Pageant of Flags, narrated by Larry Kane, local television anchorman.

10:32 a. m.

Pledge of Allegiance by Lt. Col. John Drameai, U. S. M. C., Former Vietnam POW

10:34 a. m.

Remarks by Mayor Rizzo.

10:40 a. m.

Remarks by Governor Shapp.

10:46 a. m.

Excerpts from the Declaration of Independence by Marian Anderson.

10:49 a. m.

Thanksgiving by Rabbi Bzekiel H. Musleah, Congregation Mikvch Israel.

10:51 a. m.

Remarks by City Council President George Schwartz.

10:52 a. m.

Introduction of Guest Speakers by Charlton Heston.

10:53 a. m.

"What America Means to Me"

J. Willard Marriott, Marriott Corporation
Board Chairman

General Daniel James, USA, NORAD
Commander-in-Chief

Miss Lenny J. Hallgren, America's Junior
Miss of 1976

10:59 a. m.

Prayer of World Peace by Archbishop Iakovos, Primate, Greek Orthodox Church.

11:01 a. m.

Introduction of the President by Mayor Rizzo.

11:02 a. m.

PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS.

LIVE NATIONWIDE TELEVISION

FULL PRESS COVERAGE

PRESS NOTE: Remarks will be piped to the Bellevue Stratford Hotel filing center for local press using facilities.

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11:1 a. m.

PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS conclude.

11:19 a. m.

Benediction by Rev. Leon Sullivan, Zion Baptist Church Pastor.

PRESS NOTE: After the Benediction, all press, except the pool, should proceed immediately to press buses which will link up with the motorcade.

Writing members of the Helo #3 Expanded Press Pool should assemble at camera platform.

11:21 a. m.

"The Liberty Bell" by the All-Philadelphia Boys Cho

11:23 a. m.

Closing remarks by Charlton Heston.

11:25 a. m.

Musical Medley

11:25 a. m.

THE PRESIDENT departs dais and proceeds to motorcade.

11:30 a. m.

THE PRESIDENT departs Independence Hall via auto en route Bellevue Stratford Hotel.

Press Pool and press buses follow in motorcade.

11:35 a. m.

THE PRESIDENT arrives Bellevue Stratford Hotel.

HELO #3 EXPANDED PRESS POOL COVERAGE

PRESS NOTE: Press filing center is located in the Burgundy Room (lobby level). Press facilities:

20 long distance telephones

2 telex

1 mult

Buffet lunch will be available.

The President will be met by Mr. Michael Chadwick, Hotel Vice President.

THE PRESIDENT proceeds to Suite.

PRESS NOTE: Press pool proceeds to Crystal Room to pre-position.

12:20 p. m.

THE PRESIDENT arrives Crystal Room and informally greets Head Table Reception guests.

HELO #3 EXPANDED PRESS POOL COVERAGE

12:35 p. m.

THE PRESIDENT arrives Grand Ballroom and proceeds to dais for Mayor's Luncheon.

HELO #3 EXPANDED PRESS POOL COVERAGE

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12:40 PRESS NOTE: All press, except the pool, proceed immediately to press buses for boarding.

12:42 p. m. Introduction of the President by Mayor Rizzo.

NOTE: The Mayor will present the President with a large silver bowl, a gift to the people of the U. S. from the people of Philadelphia.

12:44 p. m. PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS.

HELO #3 EXPANDED PRESS POOL COVERAGE

PRESS NOTE: Remarks will be piped to the Press filing center for local press using facilities.

12:47 p. m. PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS conclude.

THE PRESIDENT departs Grand Ballroom to board motorcade.

12:50 p. m. THE PRESIDENT departs Bellevue Stratford Hotel en route Helo Landing Zone.

Press Pool and press buses follow.

12:55 p. m. THE PRESIDENT arrives Helo Landing Zone, boards Marine One and departs Philadelphia, Pennsylvania en route USSS Forrestal in New York Harbor, New York.

SPECIAL PRESS NOTE: Due to limited landing space, press helos will land, load, and depart one at a time. Therefore, the press are advised to stay on press buses until their respective helos land, and then immediately board helos for prompt departure.

1:40 p. m.
Press Advanceman:
Dorrance Smith

Press Helos #3, #4 and #5 arrive USSS Forrestal Flight Deck, New York Harbor, New York.

PRESS NOTE: All press proceed directly to press area. Press facilities:
2 mults

1:45 p. m. THE PRESIDENT arrives USSS Forrestal Flight Deck.

LIVE NATIONWIDE TELEVISION

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The President will be met by:

Admiral Isaac C. Kidd, Jr., USN, CINCLANTFLT
Captain Joseph J. Barth, USN, USS FORRESTAL
Commanding Officer

THE PRESIDENT proceeds through the Sideboys to "Honors" position.

1:47 p. m.

THE PRESIDENT arrives "Honors" position and is met by: Honorable William Middendorf, II, Secretary of the Navy
Ambassador Emil Mosbacher, Jr., OPSAIL Chairman

"Ruffles and Flourishes"
"Hail to the Chief"
21-gun salute

1:50 p. m.

THE PRESIDENT arrives dais area and is seated.



1:51 p. m.
1:54 p. m.
1:57 p. m.

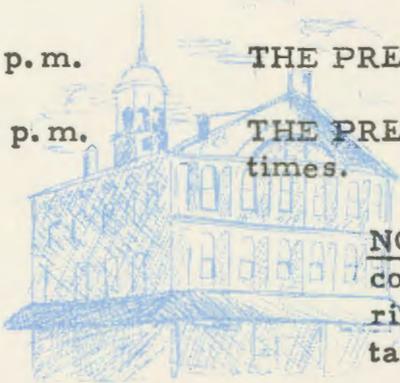
Welcoming remarks by Ambassador Mosbacher.
National Anthem
Remarks identifying the significance of the ringing of the Bicentennial Bell by John Warner, Bicentennial Commission Chairman.

1:58 p. m.

THE PRESIDENT proceeds to the Bicentennial Bell.

2:00 p. m.

THE PRESIDENT rings the Bicentennial Bell thirteen (13) times.



NOTE: The Bicentennial Bell, signifying the commemoration of the 2:00 p. m., July 4th, 1976 ringing of the Liberty Bell, begins the simultaneous ringing of bells across America.

2:02 p. m.

THE PRESIDENT returns to dais.

2:05 p. m.

Introduction of the President by Secretary Middendorf.

2:08 p. m.

PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS.

LIVE NATIONWIDE TELEVISION
FULL PRESS COVERAGE

2:15 p. m.

PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS conclude.

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THE PRESIDENT proceeds to the Diplomatic Receiving Line and is introduced to the members of the Diplomatic Corps by Ambassador Henry Catto, en route Marine One.

LIVE NATIONWIDE TELEVISION

2:35 p. m.

THE PRESIDENT departs USS Forrestal via Marine One en route USS Nashville, New York Harbor.

~~PRESS NOTE:~~ En route USS Nashville, Marine One will circle Liberty Island and Ellis Island, followed by an over-flight of the ships in Operation Sail '76.



2:45 p. m.

~~Press Pool Helo #3~~ departs immediately from the USS Forrestal en route USS Nashville.

Press Helos #4 and #5 depart USS Forrestal en route Newark Airport for filing.

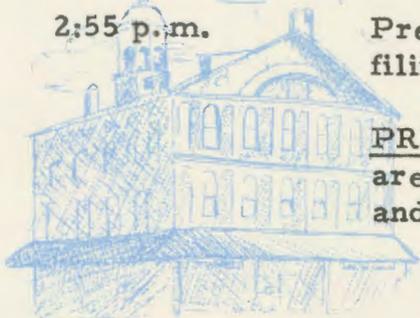
PRESS NOTE: Press Helos #4 and #5 will take an aerial tour of the Tall Ships en route Newark Airport.

2:50 p. m.

Press Pool Helo #3 arrives USS Nashville. Pool proceeds directly to press staging area.

2:55 p. m.

Press Helos #4 and #5 arrive Newark Airport filing area.



PRESS NOTE: Press will be escorted to filing area. A bus will be available to shuttle press to and from the press plane. Press facilities:
20 long distance telephones
1 telex

3:00 p. m.

THE PRESIDENT arrives USS Nashville Flight Deck.

HELO #3 PRESS POOL COVERAGE

The President will be met by:

Captain William Guthrie, Amphibious Squadron Six
Commander

Captain Herbert Dowse, USN, USS Nashville Commanding
Officer

3:02 p. m.

THE PRESIDENT, escorted by Captains Guthrie and Dowse, proceeds through the Sideboys.

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3:00 p. m.

THE PRESIDENT is introduced to a contingent of Operation Sail Cadets for an informal briefing on Tall Ships.

HELO #3 PRESS POOL COVERAGE

3:10 p. m.

THE PRESIDENT proceeds to the edge of the Flight Deck to view the passing of Tall Ships from Operation Sail.

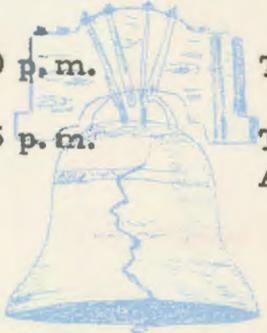
PRESS NOTE: The President will be joined by Cadets from each country participating in Operation Sail. Additionally, the President will be asked to cut a traditional cake commemorating the Bicentennial.

3:20 p. m.

THE PRESIDENT proceeds to Marine One for boarding.

3:25 p. m.

THE PRESIDENT departs USS Nashville en route Newark Airport, Newark, New Jersey.



Press Pool Helo #3 departs immediately en route Newark Airport.

3:30 p. m.

Press Pool Helo #3 arrives Newark Airport.

3:35 p. m.

THE PRESIDENT arrives Newark Airport, Newark, New Jersey.

OPEN PRESS COVERAGE

PRESS NOTE: Press facilities on ramp:
5 long distance telephones

3:40 p. m.

THE PRESIDENT boards Air Force One and departs Newark Airport, Newark, New Jersey en route Washington National Airport, Washington, D. C.

Air Force One Pool Members are:

- AP - Frank Cormier
- UPI - Helen Thomas
- AP - Charles Bennett
- UPI - Ron Bennett
- Time - Strobe Talbott
- Cox Newspapers - Andy Glass
- Mutual - Forrest Boyd
- ABC Crew - Vince Gaita
- James Harvey
- ABC Radio Eng. - Ed Jennings

4:10 p. m.

Press plane departs Newark Airport, Newark, New Jersey en route Washington National Airport, Washington, D. C.

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4:25 p. m.

THE PRESIDENT arrives Washington National Airport, boards Marine One and departs en route South Lawn, the White House.

4:35 p. m.

THE PRESIDENT arrives The South Lawn, The White House.

4:55 p. m.

Press plane arrives Washington National Airport.

