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Office of the White House Press Secretary

NOTICE TO THE PRESS

On Saturday, October 16, 1976, the President will motorcade to Union Station in Joliet. The station is a two-story limestone structure with the driveway entrance on the first floor and the train platform on the second. Entering the station the President will climb the stairs to the second floor, and buy a ticket. Then he will exit the station, board "Honest Abe" and address the crowd.

The "Honest Abe" will then roll to Pontiac Station, a handsome, old, red-brick depot which will soon be sold or demolished by its owner, the Illinois Central Gulf Railroad Company.

The second stop will be at Bloomington Station, a red-brick, three story station. Bloomington was the home of Adlai Stevenson, and his sister, Mrs. Ives, still lives there. The city is adjacent to Normal, Illinois State University. Illinois Wesleyan University is in Bloomington.

The third stop, at Lincoln, will be the lunch stop. The President and press will eat at the "Hotel Lincoln". The hotel, built to resemble an English pub, was constructed in 1894. It was both a hotel and a gambling casino until 1912. Since then it has been hotel, cafeteria, and restaurant. William Jennings Bryan was reputedly a guest here in 1924 at a Rotary Club Meeting.

The fourth stop will be in Springfield, the Capital of Illinois. The Springfield Amtrak Station is only two blocks from the Old State Capitol where Lincoln served in the Legislature.

The fifth stop, will be at Carlinville, Illinois.

The final stop for the "Honest Abe" will be Alton, Illinois which was also the site of the final Lincoln-Douglas debate in 1858. The President will then motorcade to St. Louis.

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