The President had breakfast.
The President went to the Oval Office.
The President met with his Assistant, Richard B. Cheney.
The President talked with Secretary of Agriculture Earl L. Butz.
The President went to the South Grounds of the White House.
The President motored from the South Grounds to the Statler Hilton Hotel, 16th and K Streets.
The President participated in the annual mid-winter meeting of the National Governors' Conference.
Members of the press
The President was greeted by Governor William G. Milliken (R-Michigan).
The President, escorted by Governor Milliken went to an offstage announcement area.
The President, escorted by Governor Milliken went to the head table. For a list of head table guests, see APPENDIX "A."
The President was introduced by Chairman of the National Governors' Conference Governor Robert D. Ray (R-Iowa).
The President addressed approximately 600 persons attending the opening session of the National Governors' Conference.
The President, escorted by Governor Milliken returned to his motorcade.
The President motored from the Statler Hilton Hotel to the South Grounds of the White House.
The President returned to the Oval Office.
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|       |       |       | Robert T. Hartmann, Counsellor  
|       |       |       | John O. Marsh, Jr., Counsellor  
|       |       |       | Rogers C.B. Morton, Counsellor  
|       |       |       | Max L. Friedersdorf, Assistant for Legislative Affairs  
| 10:35 | 11:30 |       | Mr. Cheney  
| 10:35 | 11:25 |       | Ronald H. Nessen, Press Secretary  
|       |       |       | John G. Carlson, Deputy Press Secretary  
| 10:36 | 11:25 |       | Howard B. Callaway, Chairman of the President Ford Committee (PFC)  
| 10:36 | 11:25 |       | Stuart Spencer, Deputy Chairman for Political Organization, PFC  
| 10:13 |       | P     | The President telephoned Congressman Paul N. McCloskey, Jr. (R-California). The call was not completed.  
| 10:21 | 10:25 | P     | The President talked with State Senator Tom Tobiassen (R-Florida).  
| 10:33 | 10:35 | P     | The President talked with Congressman McCloskey.  
| 11:45 | 12:00 |       | The President met with:  
|       |       |       | Lt. Gen. Scowcroft  
| 11:55 | 12:00 |       | Robert Anderson, Ambassador-designate from the U.S. to Morocco  
| 2:00  | 2:30  |       | The President met with Governor Daniel J. Evans (R-Washington).  
| 2:31  | 2:45  |       | The President met with:  
|       |       |       | Peter B. Bensinger, Administrator of the Drug Enforcement Administration  
| 2:31  | 2:45  |       | James M. Cannon III, Executive Director of the Domestic Council and Assistant for Domestic Affairs  
| 2:31  | 2:45  |       | Richard D. Parsons, Associate Director and Counsel for the Domestic Council, Justice, Crime, Civil Rights and Communications  
| 2:33  | 2:45  |       | Mrs. Peter B. Bensinger  

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**THE WHITE HOUSE**

**THE DAILY DIARY OF PRESIDENT GERALD R. FORD**

**PLACE DAY BEGAN**

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON, D.C.

**DATE (Mo. Day, Yr.)**

FEBRUARY 23, 1976

**TIME**

2:31 p.m. MONDAY

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<td>The President and Mrs. Bensinger exchanged remarks.</td>
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<td>The President returned to the South Grounds of the White House.</td>
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<td>The President went to the swimming pool area.</td>
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<td>The President met with Mr. Cheney.</td>
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<td>President talked with William C. Whyte, Assistant Vice President of U.S. Steel.</td>
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<td>The President talked with James F. Hastings, President of Associated Industries of New York State, Incorporated and former Congressman (R-New York).</td>
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The Presidential party had dinner.

The President and the First Lady went to the Blue Room.

The President and the First Lady went to the Grand Hall.

The President and the First Lady received after dinner guests. For a list of attendees, see APPENDIX "C."

The President and the First Lady returned to the second floor Residence.

The President and the First Lady returned to the East Room.

The Presidential party attended a performance by singer Tony Bennett.

The Presidential party returned to the Grand Hall for dancing.

For a record of the President's activities after midnight, see the daily diary for February 24, 1976.
MID-WINTER MEETING OF THE NATIONAL GOVERNORS' CONFERENCE

Statler Hilton Hotel
Washington, D.C.
February 23, 1976

Head Table Guests

Governor George Busbee (D-Georgia)
Governor Milton J. Shapp (D-Pennsylvania)
Benjamin F. Bailar, Postmaster General, United States Postal Service
John W. Warner, Administrator of the American Revolution Bicentennial Administration (ARBA)
Governor Robert D. Ray (R-Iowa)
Governor Sherman W. Tribitt (D-Delaware)
Governor Brendan T. Byrne (D-New Jersey)
DINNER IN HONOR OF STATE GOVERNORS

State Dining Room
February 23, 1976

APPENDIX "B"

Attendance confirmed by EPS
✓ indicates present.

✓ The President and the First Lady

✓ The Governor of Delaware and Mrs. Tribbitt, Sherman W. (D)
✓ The Governor of New Jersey and Mrs. Byrne, Brendan T. (D)
✓ The Governor of Georgia and Mrs. Busbee, George (D)
✓ The Honorable Michael S. Dukakis, Governor of Massachusetts (D)
✓ The Governor of Maryland and Mrs. Mandel, Marvin (D)
✓ The Governor of South Carolina and Mrs. Edwards, James B. (R)
✓ The Governor of New Hampshire and Mrs. Thomson, Meldrim, Jr. (R)
✓ The Governor of Virginia and Mrs. Godwin Mills E., Jr. (R)
✓ The Honorable Hugh L. Carey, Governor of New York (D)
✓ The Governor of North Carolina and Mrs. Holshouser, James E. (R)
✓ The Governor of Rhode Island and Mrs. Noel, Philip (D)
✓ The Governor of Vermont and Mrs. Salmon, Thomas P. (D)
✓ The Governor of Kentucky and Mrs. Carroll, Julian (I)
✓ The Governor of Tennessee and Mrs. Blanton, Ray (D)
✓ The Governor of Mississippi and Mrs. Finch, Charles C. (D)
✓ The Governor of Maine and Mrs. Longley, James B. (I)
✓ The Governor of Missouri and Mrs. Bond, Christopher S. (R)
✓ The Governor of Michigan and Mrs. Milliken, William G. (R)
✓ The Governor of Florida and Mrs. Ashburn, Reubin O'B. (D)
✓ The Governor of Texas and Mrs. Briscoe, Dolph (D)
✓ The Governor of Iowa and Mrs. Ray, Robert B. (R)
✓ The Governor of Wisconsin and Mrs. Lucey, Patrick J. (R)
✓ The Governor of Minnesota and Mrs. Anderson, Wendell R. (D)
✓ The Governor of Oregon and Mrs. Straub, Robert (D)
✓ The Governor of Kansas and Mrs. Bennett, Robert F. (R)
✓ The Governor of West Virginia and Mrs. Moore, Arch A., Jr. (D)
✓ The Governor of Nebraska and Mrs. Exon, J. James (R)
✓ The Governor of Colorado and Mrs. Lamm, Richard L. (D)
✓ The Governor of North Dakota and Mrs. Link, Arthur A. (D)
The Governor of South Dakota and Mrs. Kneip, Richard F. (D)
The Governor of Montana and Mrs. Judge, Thomas L. (D)
The Governor of Washington and Mrs. Evans, Daniel J. (R)
The Governor of Idaho and Mrs. Andrus, Cecil D. (D)
The Governor of Wyoming and Mrs. Herschler, Ed (D)
The Governor of Utah and Mrs. Rampton, Calvin L. (D)
The Governor of Arizona and Mrs. Castro, Paul (D)
The Governor of Hawaii and Mrs. Ariyoshi, George R. (D)
The Governor of the Virgin Islands and Mrs. King, Cyril C.
The Governor of American Samoa and Mrs. Ruth, Earl

The Honorable Carla A. Hills, Secretary of Housing and Urban Development and The Honorable Roderick M. Hills

The Honorable Robert T. Hartmann
Counsellor to the President

The Honorable John C. Marsh, Jr. and Mrs. Marsh
Counsellor to the President

The Honorable Rogers C. B. Morton and Mrs. Morton
Counsellor to the President

The Honorable James T. Lynn and Mrs. Lynn
Director, Office of Management and Budget

The Honorable James M. Cannon and Mrs. Cannon
Assistant to the President for Domestic Affairs

The Honorable Frank Zarb and Mrs. Zarb
Administrator, Federal Energy Administration

The Honorable James H. Cavanaugh and Mrs. Cavanaugh
Deputy Director, Domestic Council

The Honorable John G. Carlson and Mrs. Carlson
Deputy Press Secretary to the President
The Honorable David Gergen and Mrs. Gergen
Special Assistant to the President

The Honorable Paul H. O'Neill and Mrs. O'Neill
Deputy Director, Office of Management and Budget

The Honorable Douglas P. Bennett and Mrs. Bennett
Director, Presidential Personnel Office

The Honorable Stephen G. McConahey and Mrs. McConahey
Special Assistant to the President for Intergovernmental Affairs

Mr. and Mrs. Terrence O'Donnell
Aide to the President

Mr. and Mrs. William Cegog
Deputy Director, Economic Policy Board

Mr. and Mrs. Byron M. Cavaney, Jr.
Director of the Advance Office

Mr. and Mrs. Patrick J. Delaney
Associate Director, Domestic Council

The Honorable Raymond P. Shafer and Mrs. Shafer
Counsellor to the Vice President

Mr. and Mrs. Tony Bennett
Entertainer

The Honorable Howard H. Callaway and Mrs. Callaway
Chairman, The President Ford Committee

Mr. John Dukakis
Son and Guest of Governor Michael S. Dukakis of Massachusetts

Mr. and Mrs. Stephen B. Farber
Director, National Governors' Conference

Miss Susan Ford

Mr. Bert Meem
Escort of Miss Susan Ford

Mr. Bruce Johnson
Director, Museum of American Folk Art, New York

Mrs. Barbara Johnson
President, Board of Trustees, Museum of American Folk Art

Mr. Jack Bangs, decorator, The Gazebo, New York, New York
Appendix "C"

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Entertainment Following Dinner for State Governors

The White House
February 23, 1976

✓ Anderson, Mr. and Mrs. Wayne
Executive Director of the Advisory Committee on Intergovernmental Relations

Austin, Miss Mary
Assistant to the Chairman of the President Ford Committee

✓ Bartlett, Mr. and Mrs. Joe
Minority Clerk of the House of Representatives

✓ Becker, Mr. and Mrs. Benton L.
Potomac, Maryland

✓ Bowersock, Mr. and Mrs. Justin D.
Middleburg, Virginia (pool donors)

✓ Bowman, Mr. and Mrs. A. Smith
Sunset Hills, Virginia (pool donors)

Bowman, Mr. and Mrs. E. DeLong
Plains, Virginia (pool donors)

✓ Bratti, Mr. and Mrs. Ronald
Administrator for National Affairs, American Subcontractors Association

✓ Broome, Mr. and Mrs. David
American Banker’s Association

✓ Burrell, Dr. and Mrs. Berkley G.
President of the National Business League

✓ Cary, Mr. and Mrs. James
Copley News Service

Clusen, Mr. and Mrs. Donald
Mrs. — President of the League of Women Voters of the U.S.

✓ Cowan, The Honorable James R. and Mrs.
Assistant Secretary of Defense for Health and Environment

continued . . .
Crawford, The Honorable Curtis C. and Mrs. Crawford  
Vice Chairman, U.S. Board of Parole, Department of Justice
Curney, Mr. and Mrs. John  
Gannett News Service
Davis, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth  
Administrative Assistant to Senate Minority Floor Leader Hugh Scott
Denson, Mr. and Mrs. James  
Executive Director, Chamber of Commerce of Washington, D.C.
Fletcher, The Honorable Arthur A. and Mrs. Fletcher  
Deputy Assistant to the President for Urban Affairs
Geimer, Mr. and Mrs. William  
Director, Intergovernmental, Regional and Special Programs, Federal Energy Administration
Goltra, Miss Elizabeth A. and guest Congressman Robert W. Kasten, Jr.  
Spokesmen's Office, White House
Griffith, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph E.  
Executive Director, Republican Governors' Association
Gunells, Mr. and Mrs. Aubrey A.  
Staff Assistant, Subcommittee on Treasury, Postla Service, Gen. Government
Haines, Mr. and Mrs. David G.  
Executive Assistant to the Administrator, FEA
Hanalik, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond  
Consultant, Domestic Council
Harbaugh, Miss Judith L.  
Director of Scheduling, President Ford Committee
Hendricks, Mr. Warren K., Jr. and guest Miss Nancy Carrington  
Spokesmen's Office, White House
Hildenbrand, Mr. William F.  
Minority Secretary of the Senate
Holden, The Honorable Creighton and Mrs. Holden  
Assistant Secretary for Tourism, Department of Commerce
Holmes, Mr. and Mrs. Peter  
Administrative Assistant to the Senate Minority Whip Robert P. Griffin
Hooker, The Honorable Roger and Mrs. Hooker  
Assistant Secretary, Transportation for Congressional and Intergovernmental Affairs  
continued
Ojmel, Mr. and Mrs. Gary G.  
Executive Assistant to the House Majority Leader Thomas P. O'Neill, Jr.

Tiley, Mr. Richard  
Actor, "The Heiress," John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts

Kimmitt, Mr. and Mrs. J.S.  
Majority Secretary of the Senate

Larrabee, Mr. and Mrs. Don  
Griffin-Larrabee News Service

Leland, Commander Walter T., USN and Mrs. Leland  
Military Aide to the Secretary of Transportation

Lukatat, Mr. and Mrs. Richard H.  
Special Assistant to the Director of Public Affairs, Office of the Secretary of Labor

McCready, Mr. and Mrs. Mac  
WMAL-TV, Commentator

Mead, Mr. and Mrs. Robert  
Television Adviser to the President

Nyer, Mr. and Mrs. Paul J.  
Reston, Virginia

Osolin, Mr. and Mrs. Charles  
Cox Newspapers

Perry, Mr. and Mrs. Christopher  
Alexandria, Virginia

Post, Mr. and Mrs. John  
Executive Director, The Business Roundtable

Quern, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur F.  
Deputy Director of the Domestic Council for Policy and Planning

Sahagian, Mr. and Mrs. Ara  
Mrs.--Administrative Assistant to Senate Majority Leader Mike Mansfield

Schoumacher, Mr. and Mrs.  
WMAL-TV news anchorman

Scott, Mr. and Mrs. Willard  
WRC-TV weatherman

continued
Sellers, Mr. and Mrs. Wallace O.
Vice President and Director of Research Division, Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner and Smith, New York

Smith, Mrs. Wallace R. and guest Mrs. Earl J. Helmbreck
President General, Daughters of the American Revolution

Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. Dennis J.
Legislative Counsel to the House Minority Leader John J. Rhodes

Tueller, Mrs. Margaret and guests
Congressman Larry Pressler
Regional Coordinator, Scheduling Office, President Ford Committee

Visser, Mr. and Mrs. Robert P.
General Counsel, President Ford Committee

Walker, Mr. and Mrs. Ed
WMAL-TV

Ward, Mr. and Mrs. Charles L.
Administrative Assistant to the Speaker of the House Carl Albert

Wasilewski, Mr. and Mrs. Vincent T.
President, National Association of Broadcasters

Weidert, Mr. and Mrs. John F.
Administrative Assistant to the Secretary of Agriculture

Williams, Mr. John J.
Staff Director for House Minority Leader John J. Rhodes

Woodworth, Mr. and Mrs. Laurence N.
Chief of Staff, Joint Committee on Internal Revenue Taxation

Dudley, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Whittier
Washington, D.C. (pool donors)

Chambers, Dr. Marjorie and guest Mr. George Humphrey
Mrs.—President of the American Association of University Women

Height, Miss Dorothy
President of the National Council of Negro Women

Johnson, Dr. and Mrs. Thomas F.
Director, Research, American Enterprise Institute, Washington, D.C.

Bailar, Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin F.
Postmaster General, U.S. Postal Service

Ryan, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas T.
Assistant Counsel, President Ford Committee

Stobitt, Miss Patricia and guests Col. Douglas Brazelton
Assistant to the Director of the Governors' Conference

Boyle, Mr. and Mrs. Perence