**THE WHITE HOUSE**

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

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**TIME**

**THE WHITE HOUSE MARCH 9 1976 WASHINGTON, D.C.**

**TIME**

**7:20 a.m. TUESDAY**

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<td>The President had breakfast.</td>
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<td>7:45</td>
<td>The President went to the Oval Office.</td>
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<td>8:05</td>
<td>The President met with his Counsellor, Robert T. Hartmann.</td>
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<td>8:33</td>
<td>The President met with his Assistant, Richard B. Cheney.</td>
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<td>The President met with his Counsellor, John O. Marsh, Jr.</td>
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<td>9:25</td>
<td>The President met with:</td>
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<td>9:25</td>
<td>Henry A. Kissinger, Secretary of State</td>
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<td>9:40</td>
<td>Hermann F. Elits, Ambassador from the U.S. to the Arab Republic of Egypt</td>
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<td>9:37</td>
<td>The President was telephoned by the First Lady. The call was not completed.</td>
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<td>10:08</td>
<td>The President talked with the First Lady.</td>
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<td>The President met with:</td>
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<td>11:05</td>
<td>Mr. Hartmann</td>
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<td>11:35</td>
<td>The President met with approximately 90 ethnic leaders and editors who were attending a domestic and foreign policy briefing in the White House. For a list of attendees, see APPENDIX &quot;A.&quot;</td>
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<td>12:05</td>
<td>The President participated in a photo opportunity with:</td>
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<td>12:10</td>
<td>Marla Maraquin, 1976 Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) National and Buddy Poppy Girl and resident of the VFW National Home for orphans of deceased and totally disabled members of the VFW, located in Eaton Rapids, Michigan Thomas C. &quot;Pete&quot; Walker, National Commander of the VFW</td>
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<td>Cooper T. Holt, Executive Director of the VFW</td>
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<td>Mrs. Glenn Grossman, National President of the Ladies Auxiliary of the VFW</td>
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<td>Mrs. Kent (&quot;Sue&quot;) Bowden, Housemother to Miss Maraquin at the VFW National Home, Eaton Rapids, Michigan</td>
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<td>12:10</td>
<td>12:20</td>
<td>The President met for photo opportunity with: Victoria Laughlin, 1976 Maid of Cotton and senior at the University of Southern California</td>
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<td>John A. Knebel, Under Secretary of Agriculture</td>
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<td>W.D. Lawson III, President of the National Cotton Council</td>
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<td>Phillip Burnett, Assistant Washington, D.C. Representative for the National Cotton Council</td>
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<td>James H. Cavanaugh, Deputy Assistant for Domestic Affairs</td>
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<td>Paul C. Leach, Associate Director of the Domestic Council for Agriculture, Economic Development, and Commerce</td>
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<td>12:20</td>
<td>12:28</td>
<td>The President met for photo opportunity with: Robert A. Goldwin, Special Consultant</td>
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<td>Kirk R. Emmert, Staff Member, Council on International Economic Policy (CIEP) assigned to Mr. Goldwin</td>
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<td>John H. King, departing Staff Assistant</td>
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<td>Mary C. Bourke, Secretary to Mr. Goldwin</td>
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<td>12:33</td>
<td>12:55</td>
<td>The President met with his Personal Assistant, Mildred V. Leonard.</td>
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<td>1:40</td>
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<td>The President was telephoned by former Congressman H. Allen Smith (R-California). The call was not completed.</td>
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<td>2:03</td>
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<td>The President went to the South Grounds of the White House. He was accompanied by Secretary of Labor William J. Usery, Jr.</td>
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The President and Secretary Usery motored from the South Grounds to the Washington Hilton Hotel, 1919 Connecticut Avenue.

2:09

The President attended the 57th Annual Convention of The Associated General Contractors of America. Members of the press

2:10

The President was greeted by James M. Sprouse, Executive Vice President of The Associated General Contractors of America.

2:11

The President, escorted by Mr. Sprouse, went to the holding room.

2:11

The President was greeted by John N. Matich, President of The Associated General Contractors of America.

2:11

2:25

The President met with members of the Executive Committee of The Associated General Contractors of America. For a list of attendees, see APPENDIX "B."

2:25

The President, escorted by Mr. Matich, went to the offstage announcement area.

2:26

The President, accompanied by Secretary Usery and Mr. Matich, went to the platform in the International Ballroom. For a list of platform guests, see APPENDIX "C."

2:30

The President was introduced by Mr. Matich.

2:30

2:48

The President addressed approximately 5,000 persons attending the convention.

2:54

The President was presented with the first Associated General Contractor’s Distinguished Service Award for exemplification of the Association’s qualities of Skill, Integrity, and Responsibility in matters affecting construction.

2:54

The President, accompanied by Mr. Matich and Mr. Sprouse, returned to his motorcade.

2:54

The President and Mr. Cheney motored from the Washington Hilton Hotel to the South Grounds of the White House.
The President returned to the Oval Office.

The President went to the East Room. He was accompanied by his daughter, Susan.

The President and Susan Ford attended a reception for participants in the International Biennial Convention of B'nai B'rith Women. The reception was hosted by the wife of the Vice President, Mrs. Nelson A. Rockefeller. For a list of attendees, see APPENDIX "D."

Members of the press

The President greeted Mrs. Milton T. Smith, President of B'nai B'rith Women.

The President addressed approximately 872 guests attending the reception.

The President returned to the Oval Office.

The President telephoned Mr. Smith.

The President telephoned Mr. Smith, senior partner with Shehan, Phinney, Bass, and Green law firm, Manchester, New Hampshire and Finance Chairman of the New Hampshire state President Ford Committee (PFC).

The President talked with Charlotte Dunn, volunteer PFC campaign worker in Pasco County, Florida.

The President telephoned former Senator Leonard B. Jordon (R-Idaho). The call was not completed.

The President talked with Congressman Robert L.F. Sikes (D-Florida).

The President telephoned Congressman John N. Erlenborn (R-Illinois). The call was not completed.

The President talked with Congressman William F. Goodling (R-Pennsylvania).

The President talked with Congressman Erlenborn.
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<td>5:19</td>
<td>5:20</td>
<td>The President hosted a reception for Republican Members of Congress from the Midwest. For a list of attendees, see APPENDIX &quot;E.&quot;</td>
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<td>5:45</td>
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<td>The President went to the White House staff Mess.</td>
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<td>6:45</td>
<td>7:03</td>
<td>The President attended a buffet dinner hosted by Mr. Marsh on the occasion of the Florida Presidential Preferential Primary election. For a list of attendees, see APPENDIX &quot;F.&quot;</td>
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<td>The President returned to the second floor Residence.</td>
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<td>7:10</td>
<td>The President talked with Mr. Hartmann.</td>
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<td>The President had dinner with his daughter, Susan.</td>
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<td>The President was telephoned by Mr. Cheney. The call was not completed.</td>
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<td>The President was telephoned by Vice President Rockefeller. The call was not completed.</td>
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<td>8:02</td>
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<td>The President was telephoned by Rev. Billy Zeoli, President of Gospel Films, Incorporated, Muskegon, Michigan. The call was not completed.</td>
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<td>8:10</td>
<td>8:12</td>
<td>The President talked with Mr. Cheney.</td>
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<td>8:17</td>
<td>8:18</td>
<td>The President talked with Howard H. Callaway, Chairman of the PFC.</td>
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The President returned to the South Grounds of the White House.
The President motored from the South Grounds to the Sheraton Park Hotel, 2660 Woodley Road.
The President attended the annual Congressional Dinner of the VFW Washington Conference.
Members of the press
The President was greeted by Mr. Walker.
The President went to the offstage announcement area.
The President went to the platform in the Park Ballroom. For a list of platform guests, see APPENDIX "G."
The President was introduced by Mr. Walker.
The President addressed approximately 2,500 guests attending the dinner.
The President and Mr. Walker presented the VFW 13th Annual Congressional Award for outstanding service to the nation to Congressman F. Edward Hebert (D-Louisiana).
The President, escorted by Mr. Walker, returned to his motorcade.
The President participated in a question and answer session with members of the press.
The President motored from the Sheraton Park Hotel to the South Grounds of the White House.
The President returned to the second floor Residence. He was accompanied by his Personal Photographer, David H. Kennerly.
The President met with Mr. Kennerly.
The President talked with Congressman Louis Frey, Jr. (R-Florida).
The President went to the swimming pool.
The President went to the ground floor Residence.
The President returned to the second floor Residence.
The President talked with Secretary of the Interior Thomas S. Kleppe.
The President talked with Alfred J. "Jack" Westland, Representative of the U.S. to the Western Interstate Nuclear Board and former Congressman (R-Washington).
The Oval Office March 9, 1976

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APPENDIX "B"

Attendance not confirmed.

57TH ANNUAL CONVENTION OF THE ASSOCIATED GENERAL CONTRACTORS OF AMERICA

Washington Hilton Hotel
March 9, 1976

Members of the Executive Committee who greeted the President in the Holding Room

John N. Matich, President of the Associated General Contractors of America
Benjamin M. Hogan
S. Peter Volpe
Carl W. Erickson
Marvin F. Borgelt
P.R. Burn, Jr.
Larry F.C. Ching
Ival R. Cianchette
Thomas E. Bailey
Kirk Fordice
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R.C. Heldenfels
James W. Lail
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Vernice C. Lindstrom, Jr.
Walter F. Maxwell
James D. McClary
W. Ray Rogers
Laurence F. Rooney, Jr.
R.T. Swilling, Jr.
Nello L. Teer, Jr.
C. Russell Ralph
James M. Sprouse, Executive Vice President of the Associated General Contractors of America

Photographers
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Attendance not confirmed.

57th ANNUAL CONVENTION OF THE ASSOCIATED GENERAL CONTRACTORS
OF AMERICA

Washington Hilton Hotel
March 9, 1976

Platform Guests

Rev. Thomas Lyons, Auxiliary Bishop of Washington, Catholic
Archdiocese of Washington, D.C.

Samuel Lionberger, Jr., President of the Virginia Branch of the
Associated General Contractors of America (AGCA)

George C. Martin, Jr., President of Master Builders Association
of the Greater Metropolitan Washington, D.C. area

Carl W. Erickson, Treasurer of the AGCA

Bill Monroe, Host of National Broadcasting Company's "Meet the
Press"

Bert Beatty, Assistant Executive Director of the AGCA

Ben M. Hogan, President-elect of AGCA

John N. Matich, President of AGCA

The President

James M. Sprouse, Executive Vice President of AGCA

J.G. Drabbe (from Amsterdam), Chairman of the International
Contractor's Division of the International European Federa-
tion of Contractors

William J. Usery, Secretary of Labor

S. Peter Volpe, Vice President of AGCA and brother of Secretary Volpe

Lewis S. Kimball, President of the Maryland Chapter of AGCA
RECEPTION FOR PARTICIPANTS IN THE INTERNATIONAL BIENNIAL CONVENTION
OF B'NAI B'RITH WOMEN

The East Room
March 9, 1976

According to the White House Usher's log 872 persons attended the reception. For an EPS gate list of names, see the file copy of the President's diary for March 9, 1976.
APPENDIX "E"

Attendance confirmed by office of Rogers C. B. Morton.

✓ indicates present.
✓ indicates not confirmed.

RECEPTION FOR REPUBLICAN MEMBERS OF CONGRESS FROM THE MIDWEST

Diplomatic Reception Room
March 9, 1976

To The President

Illinois Delegation

✓ Senator Charles H. Percy (R-Illinois)
✓ Congressman John B. Anderson (R-Illinois)
✓ Congressman Edward J. Derwinski (R-Illinois)
✓ Congressman John N. Erlenborn (R-Illinois)
✓ Congressman Paul Findley (R-Illinois)
✓ Congressman Henry J. Hyde (R-Illinois)
✓ Congressman Edward Madigan (R-Illinois)
✓ Congressman Robert McClory (R-Illinois)
✓ Congressman Robert H. Michel (R-Illinois)
✓ Congressman George M. O'Brien (R-Illinois)

Wisconsin Delegation

✓ Congressman William A. Steiger (R-Wisconsin)
✓ Congressman Robert W. Kasten, Jr. (R-Wisconsin)

Minnesota Delegation

✓ Congressman Bill Frenzel (R-Minnesota)
✓ Congressman Tom Hagerdorn (R-Minnesota)
✓ Congressman Albert H. Quie (R-Minnesota)

Iowa Delegation

✓ Congressman Charles E. Grassley (R-Iowa)

Indiana Delegation

✓ Congressman Elwood T. "Bud" Hillis (R-Illinois)
✓ Congressman John T. Myers (R-Indiana)

Maryland Delegation

✓ Congresswoman Marjorie S. Holt (R-Maryland) continued . . .
Michigan Delegation

- Senator Robert P. Griffin (R-Michigan)
- Congressman William S. Broomfield (R-Michigan)
- Congressman Carry Brown (R-Michigan)
- Congressman Guy Vander Jagt (R-Michigan)
- Congressman Elford A. Cederberg (R-Michigan)
- Congressman Edward B. Hutchinson

North Carolina

- Congressman James G. Martin (R-North Carolina)

Virginia

- Congressman William C. Wampler (R-Virginia)

Staff.

- Rogers C. B. Morton, Counsellor
- Royston C. Hughes, Deputy to Counsellor Morton
- John O. Marsh, Jr., Counsellor
- Max L. Friedersdorf, Assistant for Legislative Affairs
- Robert T. Hartmann, Counsellor
APPENDIX "F"

Attendance confirmed by
Donna Larsen, office of John O. Marsh, Jr. All present.
List may not be complete.

BUFFET HOSTED BY COUNSELLOR JOHN O. MARSH, JR.

White House Staff Mess
March 9, 1976

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Douglas P. Bennett, Director of the Presidential Personnel Office
Philip W. Buchen, Counsel
Howard H. Callaway, Chairman of the President Ford Committee (PFC)
John G. Carlson, Deputy Press Secretary
James M. Cannon III, Executive Director of the Domestic Council and Assistant for Domestic Affairs
James H. Cavanaugh, Deputy Assistant for Domestic Affairs
Foster O. Chanock, Staff Assistant
Richard B. Cheney, Assistant
James E. Connor, Staff Secretary and Cabinet Secretary
Michael Raoul-Duval, Assistant to Counsellor Marsh
Max L. Friedersdorf, Assistant for Legislative Affairs
Max M. Fisher, Chairman of the Jewish Agency for Israel and Chairman of the Fisher New Center Company, Detroit, Michigan; Vice Chairman of the PFC Finance Committee
David R. Gergen, Consultant
Robert A. Goldwin, Special Consultant
William F. Gorog, Deputy Director for Domestic Economic Policy, Economic Policy Board
Robert T. Hartmann, Counsellor
Warren K. Hendricks, Jr., Director of the Office of Presidential Spokesmen

continued...
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Royston C. Hughes, Deputy to Counsellor Morton
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Joseph E. Johnson, Consultant
William T. Kendall, Deputy Assistant for Legislative Affairs
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Capt. Leland S. Kollmorgan, Military Assistant
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Theodore C. Marrs, Special Assistant for Human Resources
Milton E. Mitler, Deputy Special Assistant for Bicentennial Affairs
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Peter J. Wallison, Counsel to the Vice President
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APPENDIX "G"

Attendance not confirmed.

VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS ANNUAL DINNER HONORING MEMBERS OF CONGRESS

Sheraton Park Hotel
March 9, 1976

Head Table Guests

The President
Congressman F. Edward Hebert (D-Louisiana)
Congressman George H. Mahon (D-Texas)
Congressman Elford A. Cederberg (R-Michigan)
Congressman Melvin Price (D-Illinois)
Congressman Bob Wilson (R-California)
Congressman Delbert L. Latta (R-Ohio)
Congressman Carl D. Perkins (D-Kentucky)
Congressman Albert H. Quie (R-Minnesota)
Congressman Frank Horton (R-New York)
Congressman William L. Dickenson (R-Alabama)
Congressman Harley O. Staggers (D-West Virginia)
Congressman Samuel L. Devine (R-Ohio)
Congressman David N. Henderson (D-North Carolina)
Congressman Edward J. Derwinski (R-Illinois)
Congressman Ray J. Madden (D-Indiana)
Congressman Olin E. Teague (D-Texas)
Congressman Ray Roberts (D-Texas)
Congressman John P. Hammerschmidt (R-Arkansas)

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Congressman John J. Rhodes (R-Arizona)  
Congressman Robert H. Michel (R-Illinois)  
Senator Milton R. Young (R-North Dakota)  
Senator John C. Stennis (D-Mississippi)  
Senator Strom Thurmond (R-South Carolina)  
Senator Henry Bellmon (R-Oklahoma)  
Senator Warren G. Magnuson (D-Washington)  
Senator Russell B. Long (D-Louisiana)  
Senator Carl T. Curtis (R-Nebraska)  
Senator Paul J. Fannin (R-Arizona)  
Senator Howard W. Cannon (D-Nevada)  
Senator Vance Hartke (D-Indiana)  
Senator Robert C. Byrd (D-West Virginia)  
Senator Lowell P. Weicker, Jr. (R-Connecticut)  
Senator Robert P. Griffin (R-Michigan)  
Senator Howard H. Baker, Jr. (R-Tennessee)  
Congressman Christopher J. Dodd (D-Connecticut)  
Congressman Al Ullman (D-Oregon)  
Congressman Peter W. Rodino, Jr. (D-New Jersey)  
Congressman Wayne L. Hayes (D-Ohio)  
Congressman James H. Quillen (R-Tennessee)  
Benjamin F. Bailar, Postmaster General, United States Postal Service  
Lt. Gen. W.Y. Smith, USAF, Assistant to the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff  
Gen. Fred C. Weyand, Chief of Staff, U.S. Army
Admiral James L. Holloway III, Chief of Naval Operations

Gen. William V. McBride, Vice Chief of Staff, USAF

Gen. Henry Mohr, Chief of Army Reserves

Richard L. Roudebush, Administrator of Veterans Affairs

David P. Taylor, Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Manpower and Reserve Affairs

Lt. Gen. Samuel Jaskilka, Assistant Commandant of the Marine Corps

Thomas C. "Pete" Walker, Commander in Chief, Veterans of Foreign Wars (V.F.W.)

R.D. "Bulldog" Smith, Senior Vice Commander in Chief, V.F.W.

John Wasylik, Junior Vice Commander in Chief, V.F.W.

Julian Dickenson, Adjutant General, V.F.W.

J.A. "Al" Cheatham, Quartermaster General, V.F.W.

Cooper T. Holt, Executive Director, Washington Office, V.F.W.

Rev. Harold G. Elsan, National Chaplain, V.F.W.

Mrs. Glena Grossman, National President, Ladies Auxiliary, V.F.W.

John J. Stang, Past Commander in Chief and Chairman, National Security Committee, V.F.W. (Master of Ceremony)

Ted C. Connell, Chairman of the National Legislative Committee and Past Commander in Chief, V.F.W.