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Office of the White House Press Secretary

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NOTICE TO THE PRESS

The President will visit Tennessee, Kentucky, and Michigan on May 14, 15, and 16.

On Friday, he will go to Johnson City, Tennessee, where he will speak at a downtown location at about 10 a.m. He will then go to Memphis to address the dedication of the Mid-American Mall at 12:30 p.m. He will travel to Louisville, Kentucky, to address an Armed Forces Dinner at 7 p.m. He will then go to Flint, Michigan where he will remain overnight. He will travel 165 miles by train.

On Saturday, the President will depart at 9 a.m. on "The Presidential Express" from the Flint Amtrak Railroad Passenger Station for stops at Durand, Lansing, Battle Creek, Kalamazoo, and Niles. He will then motorcade to South Bend, Indiana Airport to fly to Grand Rapids, Michigan.

On Sunday, he will attend his home church in Grand Rapids and fly to Saginaw before returning to Washington.

President Ford traveled by train in Romania on August 3, 1975, and in the USSR on November 24, 1974.

Other Presidents who have utilized train travel include President Kennedy, from Philadelphia to Washington on December 2, 1961, and from Philadelphia to Washington on December 1, 1962. On both occasions he had attended the Army-Navy game.

President Johnson rode a train in Korea on November 1, 1966.

President Nixon traveled by train on September 27, 1972 from San Leandro, California, to Lake Merritt Station and on July 13, 1974, from Cairo to Alexandria, Egypt.

The last President to campaign by train was President Truman's "Whistle Stop Tour" which began in Washington on September 17, 1948, and he made his first speech from the rear platform of the train in Pittsburgh on that date. He conducted most of his campaign by train until October 30, 1948, when he made his final campaign speech in St. Louis before going to Independence to cast his vote on November 3, 1948.

Mrs. Lyndon Johnson campaigned for her husband by train on October 6-19, 1964, from Alexandria, Virginia, to New Orleans, Louisiana.