**The White House**
**The Daily Diary of President Gerald R. Ford**

**Place**: Joliet, Illinois

**Date**: October 16, 1976

**Time**: 8:45 a.m. Saturday

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<td>The President and the First Lady were overnight guests at the Sheraton Motor Inn, 214 North Ottowa, Joliet, Illinois.</td>
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<td>Note: the President was accompanied by members of the press throughout his visit to Illinois and Missouri.</td>
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<td>The President and the First Lady went to their motorcade.</td>
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<td>The President and the First Lady motored from the Sheraton Motor Inn to Joliet Amtrack Station. They were accompanied by: Congressman George M. O'Brien (R-Illinois) Mrs. George M. O'Brien</td>
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<td>The President and the First Lady boarded the observation car of the &quot;Honest Abe.&quot; They were accompanied by: Congressman O'Brien Senator Charles H. Percy (R-Illinois) James R. Thompson, Republican candidate for Governor of Illinois</td>
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<td>8:45</td>
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<td>The President addressed the crowd gathered for his visit.</td>
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<td>8:51</td>
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<td>The President and the First Lady went aboard the &quot;Honest Abe&quot; from Joliet Amtrack Station to Pontiac Amtrack Station, Pontiac, Illinois. For a list of passengers, see APPENDIX &quot;A.&quot;</td>
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<td>9:11</td>
<td>9:19</td>
<td>The President and the First Lady returned to the platform of the observation car. They were accompanied by: Senator Percy Mr. Thompson</td>
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<td>10:40</td>
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<td>The President addressed the crowd gathered for his visit.</td>
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<td>The President greeted members of a community welcoming committee.</td>
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<td>The President and the First Lady went aboard the &quot;Honest Abe&quot; from Pontiac Amtrack Station to Bloomington Amtrack Station, Bloomington, Illinois.</td>
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<td>The President addressed the crowd gathered for his visit.</td>
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<td>The President was telephoned by Ronald Reagan, former Governor (R-California). The call was not completed.</td>
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<td>12:41</td>
<td>1:28</td>
<td>The President and the First Lady went aboard the &quot;Honest Abe&quot; from Bloomington Amtrack Station to Lincoln Amtrack Station, Lincoln, Nebraska.</td>
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<td>Enroute, the President participated in an interview with:</td>
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<td>Robert Secter, correspondent with the St. Louis Globe Democrat, St. Louis, Missouri</td>
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<td>Bob Crawford, correspondent for WBBM Radio, Chicago, Illinois</td>
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<td>Barry Hanson, correspondent for the Associated Press (AP), Springfield, Illinois Bureau</td>
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<td>Dave Haake, correspondent for the Bloomington Pantograph, Bloomington, Illinois</td>
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<td>Alan Sender, correspondent for WJBC Radio, Bloomington, Illinois</td>
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<td>Barry Klif, correspondent with the Daily Illini, the University of Illinois student newspaper</td>
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<td>Marty Heltress, correspondent for the Belleville News Democrat, Belleville, Illinois</td>
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<td>1:28</td>
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<td>The &quot;Honest Abe&quot; arrived in Lincoln, Illinois.</td>
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<td>The President and the First Lady returned to the platform of the observation car. They were accompanied by:</td>
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<td>Mr. Thompson</td>
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<td>1:29</td>
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<td>The President greeted members of the community welcoming committee.</td>
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<td>The President went to his motorcade.</td>
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<td>2:08</td>
<td>2:12</td>
<td>The President and Congressman Madigan motored from the Lincoln Amtrak Station to the Hotel Lincoln, 308 Pulaski Street.</td>
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<td>2:12</td>
<td>3:10</td>
<td>The President and Congressman Madigan went to the dining room. The President attended a luncheon for Illinois newspaper publishers and editors and Illinois media executives. For a list of attendees, see APPENDIX &quot;B.&quot; The Presidential party had lunch.</td>
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<td>2:50</td>
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<td>The President addressed luncheon guests.</td>
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<td>The President participated in a question and answer session.</td>
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<td>The President motored from the Hotel Lincoln to the Lincoln Amtrak Station. The President reboarded the &quot;Honest Abe.&quot;</td>
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<td>3:23</td>
<td>4:03</td>
<td>The President and the First Lady went aboard the &quot;Honest Abe&quot; from Lincoln Amtrak Station to Springfield Amtrak Station, Springfield, Illinois. The President and the First Lady returned to the platform of the observation car. They were accompanied by: Senator Percy, Congressman Paul Findley (R-Illinois), Mr. Thompson.</td>
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<td>4:03</td>
<td>4:14</td>
<td>The President addressed the crowd gathered for his visit. The President and Congressman Findley greeted members of the community welcoming committee.</td>
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<td>4:30</td>
<td>5:30</td>
<td>The President and the First Lady went aboard the &quot;Honest Abe&quot; from Springfield Amtrak Station to Carlinville Amtrak Station, Carlinville, Illinois. Enroute, the President participated in an interview with Betsy Bruce, correspondent for KMOX-TV, St. Louis, Missouri.</td>
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<td>Enroute, the President participated in an interview with Nancy Becker, correspondent for WLS-TV, Chicago, Illinois.</td>
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The "Honest Abe" arrived in Carlinville, Illinois.

The President and the First Lady returned to the platform of the observation car. They were accompanied by:
- Senator Percy
- Congressman Findley
- Mr. Thompson

5:30  5:43

The President addressed the crowd gathered for his visit.

The President and the First Lady greeted members of the community welcoming committee.

6:05  6:49

The President and the First Lady went aboard the "Honest Abe" from Carlinville Amtrack Station to Alton Amtrack Station, Alton, Illinois.

The President and the First Lady returned to the platform of the observation car. They were accompanied by:
- Senator Percy
- Congressman Findley
- Mr. Thompson

6:50  7:03

The President addressed the crowd gathered for his visit.

The President greeted members of the community welcoming committee including:
- Governor Christopher S. Bond (R-Missouri)
- Gene McNary, Chairman of the Missouri state President Ford Committee (PFC)

7:18

The President and the First Lady went to their motorcade.

7:19  7:59

The President and the First Lady motored from the Alton Amtrack Station to Northeast Plaza, St. Louis, Missouri. They were accompanied by:
- Governor Bond
- Mr. McNary

7:59  8:33

The President and the First Lady participated in a campaign rally.

The President and the First Lady were greeted by:
- Congressman Gene Taylor (R-Missouri)
- John H. Poelker, Mayor (D-St. Louis, Missouri)
- John C. Danforth, Attorney General (R-Missouri),
  Republican candidate for Senate from Missouri

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

**PLACE DAY BEGAN**
SHERATON MOTOR INN
JOLIET, ILLINOIS

**DATE (Mo., Day, Yr.)**
OCTOBER 16, 1976

**TIME**
7 p.m. SATURDAY

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|      |       | Mrs. Eyvon Medenhall, Republican candidate for Senate from Missouri  
|      |       | Jewett Fulkerson, Republican National Committeeman for Missouri  
|      |       | Lowell McCuskey, Chairman of the Missouri Republican State Committee  
|      |       | Mrs. May Hallen, Chairman of the St. Louis County (Missouri) Republican Executive Committee  
| 8:06 |       | The President and the First Lady, escorted by Governor Bond and Mr. McNary, went to the platform. For a list of platform guests, see APPENDIX "C."  
| 8:06 | 8:23  | The President was introduced by Governor Bond.  
| 8:06 | 8:23  | The President addressed the crowd gathered for his visit.  
| 8:33 | 8:43  | The President and the First Lady returned to their motorcade.  
| 8:45 | 9:06  | The President and the First Lady motored from Northwest Plaza to the Rockwell International Services Building, Lambert International Airport. They were accompanied by:  
|      |       | Governor Bond  
|      |       | Mr. McNary  
| 8:45 | 9:06  | The President and the First Lady attended a reception hosted by the Missouri state PFC.  
| 8:45 | 9:06  | The President and the First Lady were greeted by William C. Phelps, Lt. Governor (R-Missouri).  
| 8:55 | 9:00  | The President addressed guests attending the reception.  
| 9:06 | 9:00  | The President and the First Lady went to the "Spirit of '76" They were accompanied by:  
|      |       | Governor Bond  
|      |       | Mr. McNary  
|      |       | Attorney General Danforth  
|      |       | Congressman Gene Taylor (R-Missouri)  

SPS: 1976-CA-328-003
**The President and the First Lady flew by the "Spirit of '76" from Lambert International Airport to Andrews AFB, Maryland. For a list of passengers, see APPENDIX "D." (Actual flying time: 1 hour, 16 minutes)**

**The President and the First Lady flew by helicopter from Andrews AFB to the South Grounds of the White House. For a list of passengers, see APPENDIX "E."**

**The President and the First Lady went to the second floor Residence.**
"HONEST ABE"

PASSENGER MANIFEST
October 16, 1976

A passenger manifest of the President's trip through Illinois and Missouri on October 16, 1976, was not available for inclusion in the President's diary.
APPENDIX "B"

LUNCHEON FOR ILLINOIS NEWSPAPER PUBLISHERS AND EDITORS AND MEDIA EXECUTIVES

Hotel Lincoln
Lincoln, Illinois
October 16, 1976

A list of guests attending the luncheon was requested from the White House Communications Office. This list was not received as of January 9, 1976.
CAMPAIGN RALLY

Northeast Plaza
St. Louis, Missouri
October 16, 1976

A list of platform guests participating in the campaign rally was not available for inclusion in the President's diary.
APPENDIX "D"

PASSenger MANIFEST

AIR FORCE ONE  2700
MISSION 1158
Saint Louis, Missouri to Andrews AFB, Maryland
16 October 1976  Dep: 9:15pm  Arr: 11:36pm  1+21 7485SM

The President
The First Lady
Senator Charles H. Percy (R-Illinois)
Congressman Paul Findley (R-Illinois)
Thomas S. Kleppe, Secretary of the Interior
Leslie C. Arends, former Congressman (R-Illinois)
Max L. Friedersdorf, Assistant for Legislative Affairs
James A. Baker III, Chairman of the President Ford Committee (PFC)
John A. Knebel, Acting Secretary of Agriculture
Frank G. Zarb, Administrator of the Federal Energy Administration (FEA)
Richard B. Cheney, Assistant
Terrence O'Donnell, Aide
Byron M. Cavaney, Jr., Special Assistant
Ronald H. Nessen, Press Secretary
Near Adm. William M. Lukash, Physician
Capt. Walter L. Domina, Marine Corps Aide
David H. Kennerly, Personal Photographer
Sheila K. Weidenfeld, Press Secretary for the First Lady
Nancy Chirdon, Secretary to the First Lady
Frank Ursomarso, Staff Assistant, Advance Office
Jean Saar, Secretary, Editorial Office
Barbara Ripple, Secretary to Mr. Cheney
MSG Herbert Oldenburg, baggage handler
MSCS Arturo Bautista, valet
Roger Guillermo,
SGT Patricia Jones, stenographer
R. Keiser
L. Sheafer
R. Twynham
R. Johnston
L. DalPorto
J. Johns
R. Melvin
F. Schwarm
C. Smith
F. Domenico

Larry Knutson, AP
Richard Growald, UPI
Charles Tasnadi, AP Photo
Phil Jones, CBS Correspondent

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Larry Knutson, AP
Charles Tasnadi, AP Photo
Phil Jones, CBS Correspondent

Richard Growald, UPI
Charles Warner, ABC Film Crew
David Bull, ABC Film Crew

Paul Healy, New York Daily News
Dean Fischer, TIME
Terry DeWitt, ABC Film Crew
HELICOPTER PASSENGER MANIFEST

October 16, 1976

FROM: ANDREWS AFB, MARYLAND

TO: SOUTH GROUNDS, THE WHITE HOUSE

The President
The First Lady
Richard B. Cheney, Assistant
Ronald H. Nessen, Press Secretary
Byron M. Cavaney, Jr., Special Assistant
David H. Kennerly, Personal Photographer
Rear Adm. William M. Lukash, Physician
Capt. Walter L. Domino, Marine Corps Aide
Terrence O’Donnell, Aide
James A. Baker III, Chairman of the President Ford Committee (PFC)