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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

CEREMONY TO SWEAR IN CIRCUIT JUDGE
JOHN PAUL STEVENS AS ASSOCIATE JUSTICE
OF THE SUPREME COURT

Friday - December 19, 1975

The Supreme Court

Departure: 9:45 A.M.

From: Terry O'Donnell

ATTIRE: Formal Morning Clothes.

BACKGROUND:

You will participate in the ceremony to swear in Circuit Judge John Paul Stevens as Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States.

In addition to the Justices of the Supreme Court, the ceremony will be attended by approximately 150 special guests including Members of Congress and the Administration.

You nominated Judge Stevens on November 28, 1975. He was confirmed by the Senate December 17, 1975, by a vote of 98 to 0.

Your participation in the ceremony, which is described in detail in the sequence, is brief and pro forma. Following the ceremony, you will take part in a press photo session with Chief Justice Burger and Justice Stevens, and wives, then attend a reception for 150 guests.



SEQUENCE

- 9:45 a. m. You and Mrs. Ford board motorcade on South Grounds and depart en route Supreme Court Building.
- 9:55 a. m. Motorcade arrives Supreme Court Building (Basement entrance) where you will be met by Mr. Frank M. Hepler, Marshal of the Court.
- 9:57 a. m. You proceed to holding room. Mrs. Ford will be escorted to the courtroom where she will join Mrs. Burger and Mrs. Stevens.
- 9:59 a. m. You enter courtroom and take your seat at the Government Counsel's table, first seat to the right of the podium. Attorney General Levi and Solicitor General Bork will be to your right.
- NOTE: Justice-designate Stevens will be sitting in the well of the courtroom next to the Clerk of the Court.
- 10:00 a. m. Supreme Court Justices enter the Courtroom and are seated.
- 10:01 a. m. Chief Justice Burger opens the special sitting of the Court and recognizes you.
- 10:02 a. m. You rise and move to the podium immediately to your left to make your statement.

NOTE: Single speech card enclosed.

PRESS POOL COVERAGE



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10:04 a. m.

Statement concludes. Return to your seat.

Chief Justice Burger recognizes Attorney General Levi.

Attorney General Levi moves that the Clerk read the Commission and that it be made part of the Permanent Record of the Court.

Clerk of Court reads the Commission.

Justice Stevens is escorted to the center of the bench.

Chief Justice Burger administers the Oath of Office to Justice Stevens. All stand.

Justice Stevens puts on his robe and is escorted to his seat on the bench.

Chief Justice Burger welcomes Justice Stevens.

New Circuit Order is read.

Court is adjourned.

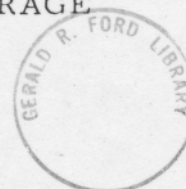
10:14 a. m.

Escorted by Frank Hepler, you join Mrs. Ford, Mrs. Burger, and Mrs. Stevens and, together, exit the courtroom to join the Chief Justice and Justice Stevens.

10:15 a. m.

Proceed to the West Conference Room for photo session, first with you, the Chief Justice, and Justice Stevens; then shortly thereafter to be joined by the wives.

OPEN PRESS COVERAGE



3.

10:25 a.m.

You and Mrs. Ford, escorted by the Chief Justice and Mrs. Burger and Justice and Mrs. Stevens, depart the West Conference Room to form a receiving line as follows:

Chief Justice Burger
Mrs. Burger
The President
Mrs. Ford
Justice Stevens
Mrs. Stevens

OFFICIAL PHOTO COVERAGE
ATTENDANCE: 150

NOTE: The Chief Justice has reserved the right to dissolve the reception line after a few minutes or eliminate the line altogether.

10:45 a.m.

Escorted by Mr. Hepler, you and Mrs. Ford depart East Conference Room en route motorcade for boarding.

10:47 a.m.

Depart Supreme Court Building en route South Grounds.

10:54 a.m.

Arrive South Grounds.

