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6/23/75

2:30 pm

*Carolyn/Nancy*

PROPOSED SCHEDULE

THE PRESIDENT AND MRS. FORD'S ATTENDANCE  
AT THE "OUR COUNTRY" BICENTENNIAL PROGRAM  
Fort McHenry, Baltimore, Maryland  
Friday, July 4, 1975

8:05 pm           The President and Mrs. Ford board Army One.

ARMY ONE DEPARTS South Grounds en route  
Fort McHenry (Baltimore, Maryland).

[Flying time: 20 mins]

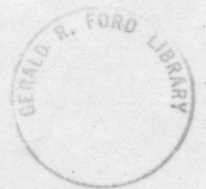
8:25 pm           ARMY ONE ARRIVES Fort McHenry helo landing  
zone.

CLOSED ARRIVAL  
PRESS POOL COVERAGE

The President and Mrs. Ford proceed to the base  
of ramparts (offstage) and pause for announcement.

8:30 pm           "Ruffles and Flourishes"  
Announcement  
"Hail to the Chief"

OPEN PRESS COVERAGE  
CROWD SITUATION



8:30 pm           The President and Mrs. Ford proceed along rampart  
walkway, thence via stairway, to platform for seating.

8:35 pm           Musical selections, while the "Stars and  
Stripes" are lowered at sunset from the  
Fort McHenry Flagpole.

8:40 pm           Remarks by William Donald Schoeffler,  
Mayor of Baltimore.

8:43 pm           Remarks by Governor Marvin Mandel (D-Md.)

- 8:48 pm "Give Me Your Tired and Your Poor"
- 8:52 pm Convening of U. S. District Court, District of Maryland, by Chief Judge Edward S. Northrop.
- 8:55 pm U. S. Citizen Naturalization Ceremony.
- 9:10 pm Introduction of the President by Judge Northrop.
- 9:11 pm Presidential remarks.

FULL PRESS COVERAGE

- 9:20 pm Remarks conclude.

NOTE: The President will remain at the podium for the Drum Roll and raising of Old Glory over Fort McHenry, returning to his seat upon completion.

- 9:23 pm Pledge of Allegiance.
- 9:25 pm National Anthem.
- 9:27 pm Fireworks and musical salute commences.
- 9:45 pm Fireworks and music concludes.
- Thank you to all by MC.
- 9:46 pm The President and Mrs. Ford depart platform en route Army One.
- 9:55 pm The President and Mrs. Ford board Army One.  
ARMY ONE DEPARTS Fort McHenry en route Camp David, Md.
- [Flying time: 25 mins]
- 10:20 pm ARMY ONE ARRIVES Camp David.



THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

THE "OUR COUNTRY" BICENTENNIAL PROGRAM

FORT McHENRY

BALTIMORE, MARYLAND

FRIDAY - JULY 4, 1975

Departure: 8:05 P.M.

From: Terry O'Donnell **TOD**



BACKGROUND

The "Our Country Program" at Fort McHenry, in its 5th year, was conceived by Paul Lawrence, Regional Commissioner of Customs, to instill patriotism, to enhance respect for the government's commitment to serve the community, and to honor our free institutions. The program is sponsored jointly by the National Park Service and the Federal Executive Board.

This evening's ceremony which you and Mrs. Ford will attend is the second Fort McHenry event of the day; a "By Dawn's Early Light" ceremony sponsored by the Baltimore Bicentennial Committee was held this morning to simulate the attack by the British fleet on September 13-14, 1814, that inspired young Baltimore attorney Francis Scott Key to write the poem that became our Nation's national anthem.

In addition to your remarks, highlights of the evening's program include the naturalization ceremony for 42 new citizens, the unfurling of a giant replica of the original "Star Spangled Banner" and a traditional Fourth of July fireworks display. The platform on which you will sit overlooks the Baltimore Harbor where the battle of 1814 took place. The Fort with its famous flagpole is located behind the platform.

The entire Maryland Congressional delegation was invited to accompany you and Mrs. Ford to Fort McHenry and several were able to accept.

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Fort McHenry is located on Whitstone Point in Baltimore on what is now the shipping district. It is a national historical site and shrine and is maintained by the National Park Service. Additional information on the history of Fort McHenry is attached at TAB A.



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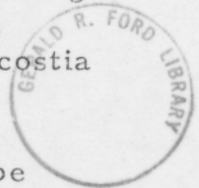
8:05 p. m.

You and Mrs. Ford board helicopter on the South Lawn and depart en route Fort McHenry (Baltimore, Maryland).

PRESIDENTIAL GUESTS

Senator J. Glenn Beall, Jr. (R-Md)  
Rep. Clarence D. Long (D-Md)  
Rep. Gilbert Gude (R-Md)  
Rep. Marjorie S. Holt (R-Md)  
Rep. Robert E. Bauman (R-Md)  
Rep. Gladys Spellman (D-Md)

NOTE: Mrs. Beall and Jack Ford, along with Jack Marsh, will be on helicopter #2 departing Anacostia Naval Station.



8:25 p. m.

Arrive Fort McHenry where you will be met by Governor Marvin Mandel (D-Md) Rep. Paul Sarbanes (D-Md), Mayor William Donald Schaefer (D) of Baltimore, and Dennis McGinnis, Fort McHenry National Park Service Superintendent.

Accompanied by greeters and your guests, proceed to an area behind the ramparts where each of the dignitaries will be announced in turn.

8:32 p. m.

Ruffles and Flourishes, Announcement, and "Hail to the Chief"; you and Mrs. Ford proceed up the steps and along the ramparts, then down several steps to the platform where you will take your seats. Mrs. Ford will sit in the third seat stage left of the podium in the front row; you will sit in the fourth seat stage left of the podium in the front row.

Mrs. Mandel will be to Mrs. Ford's right; Mrs. Beall will sit to your left.

- 8:38 p. m. Opening remarks by Master of Ceremonies Kent Redgrave, Program Chairman. (He is crippled and will use a separate microphone.)
- 8:40 p. m. Remarks by William Donald Schaefer, Mayor of Baltimore.
- 8:45 p. m. Remarks by Governor Marvin Mandel.
- 8:50 p. m. "Give Me Your Tired and Your Poor" by the Sea Chanters.
- 8:53 p. m. U. S. District Court, District of Maryland, is convened. Judge Edward S. Northrop steps onto platform and proceeds to a desk at stage right. You should greet the Judge as he passes in front of you.
- 8:59 p. m. Bureau of Immigration Attorney Ernest Hupp recommends 42 candidates for citizenship. (The candidates are behind you on platform.)
- 9:04 p. m. Judge Northrop signs the order and administers the oath to the candidates. You remain seated.
- 9:10 p. m. You and Mrs. Ford rise for the Pledge of Allegiance which will be sung by the Sea Chanters.
- 9:11 p. m. Drum roll as the large flag is raised to your right. When the flag reaches the top, there will be fireworks and the National Anthem. You should turn around to face the flag during the Anthem.
- 9:15 p. m. Remarks by Judge Northrop, concluding in an introduction of you.
- 9:20 p. m. PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS.  
FULL PRESS COVERAGE.
- 9:35 p. m. Remarks conclude. You return to your seat and stand while Judge Northrop adjourns the U. S. District Court and departs the platform.

9:40 p. m.

Upon Judge Northrop's departure, you are seated to view a fireworks display and musical salute.

Following the fireworks display and musical salute, Mayor Schaefer will ask you and Mrs. Ford to step to the podium to accept two silver cups which are replicas of the cups presented by the people of Baltimore to the Admiral who defended the city during the British bombardment in 1814.

You and Mrs. Ford greet the new citizens on the platform, then you move off the platform to the right and greet the attendees along the front. Mrs. Ford will move off the platform to the right and then proceed to the rear to greet some Camp Fire Girls.

10:05 p. m.

As you and Mrs. Ford depart the area en route the helicopter escorted by Mayor Schaefer, you will be presented an official flag of Fort McHenry by National Park Service Employees.

10:10 p. m.

You and Mrs. Ford board helicopter and depart en route Camp David, Md.

(Flying Time: 25 minutes)

PRESIDENTIAL GUESTS

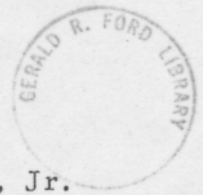
Senator and Mrs. J. Glenn Beall, Jr.

10:35 p. m.

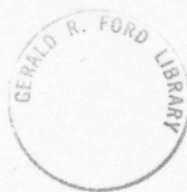
Arrive Camp David.

NOTE: Senator and Mrs. Beall will board motorcade and depart Camp David upon arrival.

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History of Fort McHenry: The Fort is most famous for the battle on land and sea which took place September 13-14, 1814 and inspired Francis Scott Key to write the Star Spangled Banner.

The present site of Fort McHenry was recognized early in the Revolutionary War as a strategic location for military defenses to protect the water approaches to Baltimore. Fort Whetstones, a temporary fortification with exterior batteries, was constructed here in 1776 and its presence deterred British cruisers operating in Chesapeake Bay from molesting the city.

In the 1790's when war with either England or France seemed likely, it was decided that Baltimore was sufficiently important to merit a more permanent defense. The Federal government and the citizens of Baltimore both contributed funds for this purpose. The outer batteries were rebuilt and strengthened, and a new fort was constructed, called Fort McHenry in honor of James McHenry of Baltimore, sometimes secretary to George Washington during the Revolution and U.S. Secretary of War from 1796-1800. The new star-shaped fort was replete with bastions, batteries, magazines and barracks. Until the War of 1812, life at Fort McHenry was routine and uneventful. In 1814 British troops fresh from the capture and burning of Washington, appeared at the mouth of the Patapsco River. A joint land and naval attack on Baltimore was planned and on September 12 a landing was made at North Point. Encountering only moderate resistance the British forces advanced to within 2 miles of the city, where they awaited the arrival of the fleet before attempting to storm Baltimore defenses.

At dawn on September 13, a British fleet of 16 war ships anchored about 2 miles below Fort McHenry and commenced a heavy bombardment of this very defense work. During the next 25 hours, between 1500 and 1800 bombs, rockets, and shells were fired by the British but they inflicted only moderate damage to the Fort. Casualties also were low---4 men killed, 24 wounded. Convinced that Fort McHenry could not be taken, the British canceled their attack on Baltimore and withdrew their forces. The seige was over and the city was saved.

Fort McHenry never again came under enemy fire, although it continued to function as an active military post for the next 100 years. During the Civil War the fort was used by the Federal Government as a prison camp for the captured Confederate soldiers. From 1917 until 1923, a U.S. Army General Hospital was located here to serve returning veterans of World War I. In 1925 Congress made Fort McHenry a national park; later it was redesignated a national monument and historic shrine.

