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RECOMMENDED VISITS OF CHIEFS OF STATE AND HEADS OF GOVERNMENT
FOR 1975

<u>Country</u>	<u>Visitor's Name and Title</u>	<u>Proposed Date</u>
Nigeria	General Yakuba Gowon* Commissioner for Defense	Exploring mutually agreeable time after first four months of 1975, as requested by White House.
Brazil	Ernesto Geisel* President of Brazil	Anytime from May to December, except September, would be acceptable to GOB.
Japan	Hirohito* Emperor of Japan	Date not suggested. GOJ has not replied to long-standing invitation. <i>Not?</i>
Singapore	Kuan Yew Lee* Prime Minister	Proposed date is April 19-22. <i>May 8th</i>
USSR	Leonid Brezhnev* General Secretary of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union.	Likely period is between May and June. <i>June 9 - 1st 2 weeks in June</i>
United Kingdom	Harold Wilson* Prime Minister	Proposed date is January 29 - February 1.
Germany	Walter Scheel President of the Federal Republic of Germany	Scheel has requested mid-May to mid-June.
Egypt	Anwar al-Sadat* President of Egypt	Suggested date is early 1975.
Tunisia	Habib Bourguiba* President of Tunisia	Suggested date is April. <i>May 1st</i>

*Invitation has already been extended either formally or informally.



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Morocco	Hassan II* King	Suggested date is March.
Jordan	Hussein* King	Hussein makes an annual visit to Washington. We believe he will want to come in the spring.
Syria	Hafiz al-Asad* President of Syria	Asad tentatively accepted invitation from President Nixon. We believe he is unlikely to come unless there is significant further progress in our peacemaking efforts.
Lebanon	Sulayman Frangie* President of Lebanon	No dates discussed.
Oman	Qaboos bin Sa'id* Sultan of Oman	January 9-11, 1975.
Pakistan	Zulfikar Ali Bhutto* Prime Minister	Proposed date is February 4-7, 1975.
Iran		

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dinner April 9th April 22

only working March 13th

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Proposed date is February 4-7, 1975.
no arrival ceremony

Shee of Iran May 15th

*May 22
1st Ladies Breakfast*

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China (Oct & Nov.)
India (no dates)

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Europe - June - July
8 Countries

Proposed date for Berkeley 4-1-73

January 9-11, 1973

No dates disclosed

discussing efforts
to arrange for some progress to our
from President Nixon. We believe we
used tentatively accepted invitation
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*5 Dinner**India -**Yugoslavia -*

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*June & July - Europe & Rome**China - Oct - Nov*



DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Washington, D.C. 20520

April 9, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR MRS. GERALD FORD
THE WHITE HOUSE

FROM MR. WILLIAM R. CODUS *wzc*
ASSISTANT CHIEF OF PROTOCOL
FOR VISITS

SUBJECT VISITS TO THE UNITED STATES OF
HEADS OF GOVERNMENT/CHIEFS OF STATE

The following are the visits we are carrying (to date) on our calendar:

April 18-21	Zambia President and Mrs. Kaunda	Private Visit to Washington, use of Blair House, mtg. with the President, White House dinner.
April 28- May 9 or 10	Jordan King Hussein I	Private Visit to Washington and Florida, use of Blair House, mtg. with the President, White House dinner.
April 29- May 6	Tunisia Prime Minister and Mrs. Noura	Official Visit to U.S. (Wash., Ga., N.Y., Ill., Calif.), use of Blair House, mtg. with the President, White House dinner.
May 7	New Zealand Prime Minister Rowling	Private Visit to Washington, 11:00am mtg. with the President.
May 7	Australia Prime Minister Whitlam	Private Visit to Washington, 2:00pm mtg. with the President.
May 7-9	Singapore Prime Minister Lee	Private Visit to Washington, mtg. with the President, White House dinner.



May 14	Netherlands Prime Minister den Uyl	Private Visit to Washington, mtg. with the President, White House dinner.
May 15-20	Iran Shah and Empress	State Visit, use of Blair House, mtg. with the President, White House dinner, return dinner.
May 21-28	Senegal President Senghor	Private Visit to Washington, and New York, use of Blair House, mtg. with the President on May 22.
June 2-9	Germany, Federal Republic President and Mrs. Scheel	State Visit, use of Blair House, mtg. with the President, White House dinner.
July 5	Indonesia President Suharto	Possible mtg. at Camp David.
Sept. 25	Colombia President (and ?) Mrs. Lopez	State Visit, use of Blair House, mtg. with the President, White House dinner.
October 2	Japan Emperor and Empress	State Visit, use of Blair House, mtg. with the President, White House dinner.
October 10	Norway King Olav	Private Visit, use of Blair House, mtg. with the President.



THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

TO: MRS. FORD

FROM: MARIA DOWNS *K*

RE: VISITING HEADS OF STATE
BICENTENNIAL VISIT

General Scowcroft asked me what your reaction was to the proposed Bicentennial visit by the foreign leaders tentatively scheduled for July 20-21, 1976. I told him that although we had discussed several of the proposed events after the initial visit of the planning group at State Department, I could not gage your enthusiasm for the visit.

On Monday they will staff the long overdue memo regarding this event which I am advised will incorporate your viewpoint. Although the President has signed off on the concept of this visit, I understand this memo will also serve to acquaint him with some of the problems involved.

Having served as the Bicentennial liason recently and also having assisted Anne Armstrong when she was Counsellor with Bicentennial responsibilities, I would like to express some of my views to you which I hope will be of help.

While the number of heads of state who will want to pay an official visit to this country because of our Bicentennial is not yet known, it is safe to assume there will be many . (Ten are reported to be on request in addition to those firmed such as Ireland, France and Great Britain) Right now, there are 130 nations which have diplomatic relations with the United States.

The two alternatives concerning this are: let those who want to come, do so at their discretion with whatever guidance may be necessary from the State Department, and 2) invite the bulk of them all in at one time.

Should the first alternative be selected, it would create several problems.



1. A constant flow of visiting heads of state with continual disruption here. Each would require protocol treatment including social events. It could result in a period of time during which the President would seem to be doing nothing else.
2. In the public eye, the effect could be an extended period of just social activities between those we have to accomplish and those done by the visiting heads of state.
3. Security needs would be extended over a prolonged period of time.
4. There are many other problems inherent in this.

Alternative two, while also presenting problems which will have to be met, does offer an opportunity to group all the difficulties into one short period of time and does ~~not~~ take away from the extended socialization by the President.

A large event which would honor the bulk of visiting heads of state can be done tastefully (as we discussed) and in acceptable fashion. As long as pretentiousness is kept out of it, we should enjoy public acceptance.

The points expressed in this memo (pro and con) were developed with Milt Mitler a colleague from the Bicentennial office who shares my views.

I believe, without substantiation, that this event may be talked down to the President. We will only have one Bicentennial in our lifetime and although it would involve a Herculean effort. . . it can be done and well done in the form of one big event. This event was first discussed at least eight months ago that I am aware of. Why it took so long to reach fruition is a mystery.

There seems to be concern as to the possibility of getting second stringers rather than the first team. It was agreed upon at the meeting of the planning committee that the invitations be extended only to the Chief of State or Head of Government, with no substitutes. This would eliminate the concern over the second stringers.

Please let me know if you want me to get back to General Scowcroft with any additional information.



THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

STATE VISITS SINCE 1945 Nov. 1975

Emperor of Japan

President of Finland

Queen of Denmark Luncheon

King of Spain

King of Jordan

Chancellor of Germany

Queen of England

President of France

Prime Minister of Australia

President of Egypt

President of Liberia

Prime Minister of Luxembourg

Prime Minister of Israel

Prime Minister of Ireland

Prime Minister of Japan - Luncheon



THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

Mrs. Ford -

This went to the
General shortly
after our phone
conversation this
morning -

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

January 12, 1976

ADMINISTRATIVELY CONFIDENTIAL

TO: GENERAL SCOWCROFT

FROM: MARIA DOWNS *MD*

SUBJECT: Bicentennial Visit for Foreign Leaders



Mrs. Ford has asked me to relay to you some of her thoughts regarding the Bicentennial Visit of the Chief of State/Head of Government tentatively scheduled for July 20 - 21, 1976.

She questioned several of the events which were proposed at the January 8 meeting of the planning group at State Department. Her questions were all directed at the events of the second day.

The opening event on Tuesday, July 20, will be the official dinner the President and Mrs. Ford will host at the White House that evening.

A Joint Session of Congress was mentioned as a possibility for noon Wednesday, July 21. The immediate question to be faced before this moves forward is who will be addressing this session. No plans were made for luncheon. Mrs. Ford's thoughts were two-fold in this area. If space did not permit for the spouses to attend the Joint Session, she could host a luncheon for them. Also, in the initial meeting of the planning group the Executive and Legislative Branches of our Government were taken into consideration but not the Judiciary. The First Lady thought the Supreme Court Justices might be involved in some way at this time period -- perhaps they could host the luncheon for the Heads of State.

In regards to the festivities for Wednesday evening, a gala to be put together through the joint efforts of ARBA and Roger Stevens/Kennedy Center was very positively discussed. This gala would be an extravaganza involving many well-known entertainers from the motion picture industry, television, and the legitimate theater. It is the First Lady's opinion that enjoyable as this may be it is not the kind of program she thought suited to this historic night.

In the tentative schedule, we have utilized an event at the Kennedy Center but of a different nature. It would include a performance of Porgy and Bess in the Opera House; a Concert showing the progression of American music in the Concert Hall; and a reading in the Eisenhower Theater. These are initial thoughts

as to what would be appropriate. Nancy Hanks, Chairman of the National Endowment for the Arts, will be called upon for consultation and assistance with the programming. If we plan to use the Kennedy Center, we must proceed immediately with reservations for the Evening of the 21st.

We understand the gigantic problems related to security but feel the events outlined are kept to a minimum.

Attachment



TENTATIVE SCHEDULE OF EVENTS
BICENTENNIAL VISIT OF
CHIEF OF STATE/HEAD OF GOVERNMENT

Tuesday, July 20, 1976

White House Dinner - Opening Event

Wednesday, July 21, 1976

Joint Session of Congress - Noon

Luncheon (Heads of State - location to be set)

Luncheon (Spouses - hosted by Mrs. Ford - location to be set)

Evening Festivities - Kennedy Center

Porgy & Bess - Opera House

Concert - Concert Hall

Reading - Eisenhower Theater

Reception - Kennedy Center following performances



MEMORANDUM

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April 29, 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR:

MARIA DOWNS
SUSAN PORTER

FROM: Jeanne W. Davis *JWD*

SUBJECT: Visit to the US of Rainier III and Princess Grace

Some time ago, Mrs. Ford asked to be informed the next time Princess Grace visits the U.S. It is our understanding that Prince Rainier, Princess Grace, and their three children, will attend the Bicentennial Naval Review in New York on July 4. They are expected to arrive in New York on July 3 and remain there until July 7; then to Philadelphia for a stay of approximately three days. Following Philadelphia, the family will be traveling in the US, but their schedule is not yet firm.

The President and Mrs. Ford may wish to take the occasion of their visit to receive them at the White House.

cc: Bill Nicholson
Milt Mitler

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

May 24, 1976

TO: MRS. FORD

FROM: MARIA DOWNS

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Attached is Confidential Heads of State/Government
Visit Schedule.

The Greek Dinner originally scheduled for June 15
has been cancelled.



THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

July 27, 1976

FOR: MRS. FORD

FROM: MARIA DOWNS *h*

For your information, attached is the updated Heads of State/Government Visit Schedule.

Thank you.



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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

July 27, 1976

FOR: JACK FORD

FROM: MARIA DOWNS

For your information, attached is the updated Heads of State/Government Visit Schedule.

Thank you.



F.Y.P.

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

July 27, 1976

FOR: SUSAN FORD

FROM: MARIA DOWNS

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Thank you.

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