

JULY 8, 1975

Office of the White House Press Secretary

NOTICE TO THE PRESS

10:00 a. m. POSTING

The President's Schedule

The President came to the Oval Office today at 7:40 a. m. and will hold meetings with his staff until 11:00 a. m.

At 11:00 a. m. the President will meet with sponsors of the American Bicentennial Theatre and representative members of the Board of Trustees of the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts in the Cabinet Room. The President will have brief remarks to inaugurate this Bicentennial project. A photo is planned.

At 2:00 p. m., the President will meet with John O. Marsh, Jr., Frank Zarb, Alan Greenspan and Max Friedersdorf. The purpose is to discuss pending legislation likely to come up prior to the August Congressional recess, including decontrol, Elk Hills and natural gas deregulation.

At 4:00 p. m., the President will meet in the Oval Office with former Transportation Secretary Claude S. Brinegar who will be presenting his views on current transportation energy matters.

Announcements

The Press Office has made the following announcements:

1. The President has signed the following bills:
 - H. R. 1556- for the relief of Hendrika Koenders Lyne.
 - H. R. 2109- for the relief of Captain George Moore, Jr.
 - H. R. 3382- for the relief of Raymond Monroe.
 - H. R. 1388- for the relief of Guadalupe Villeagas-Cantu.
 - H. R. 5217- Coast Guard Authorization.

2. The President has accepted the resignation of James A. Comiskey of New Orleans, Louisiana as United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Louisiana.

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3. The President today announced his intention to nominate Brigadier General Charles Irving McGinnis to be a member of the Mississippi River Commission.
4. The President today designated Interior Secretary Stanley K. Hathaway as Chairman of the Water Resources Council; Member of the Delaware River Basin Commission; and member of the Susquehanna River Basin Compact.
5. The President today transmitted to Congress the 1974 Report of the U.S. - Japan Cooperative Medical Science Program.
6. The President today transmitted to the Senate The Convention signed at Reykjavik on May 7, 1975 between the United States and the Republic of Iceland for the Avoidance of Double Taxation and the Prevention of Fiscal Evasion with Respect to Taxes on Income and Capital.

Meeting with Mayors

The President will meet with Mayors on General Revenue Sharing in the East Room on Thursday, July 10 at 2:00 p.m. Invitations were extended to the bi-partisan group, representing ten geographical regions. Although acceptances are not in, about 120 mayors have indicated they plan to attend. In addition, about 50 representatives of non-governmental groups representing business, labor, minorities, educators, professional and service organizations have been invited. The President will have remarks.

Bicentennial Visiting Hours

At the request of the President and Mrs. Ford, the White House visiting hours during 1976 will be expanded to accommodate the increased number of visitors expected during the Bicentennial.

Saturdays

The visiting hours on Saturday will be extended until 2:00 p.m. beginning Saturday, March 27, 1976 through Saturday, October 2, 1976. Presently the White House is open until 2:00 p.m. on Saturdays during June, July and August.

Tuesdays through Fridays

Beginning March 30, 1976 through October 1, 1976, the White House

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will be open beyond 12 noon Tuesday through Friday whenever the official schedule in the afternoon permits. A visitors waiting area is being established by the National Park Service during that time on the Ellipse. This will allow visitors to be more comfortably accommodated while they wait to tour the White House. The closing time each day will be posted at the White House gates and at the visitors waiting area on the Ellipse. We expect that our closing time on most days will be 1:00-1:30 p.m.

Garden Tours

Mrs. Ford will sponsor an increased number of garden tours to make the grounds more generally available. The White House gardens and grounds will be open to the public one weekend each month (Saturday and Sunday afternoon), beginning with April and continuing through October. There are presently two garden tours each year.

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