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PROGRAM FOR THE VISIT TO THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA OF HIS EXCELLENCY NGO DINH DIEM, PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF VIET-NAM
May 5 - 21, 1957

The members of the party and program for the visit of His Excellency Ngo Dinh Diem, President of the Republic of Viet-Nam, to Washington were announced in press release No. 262 dated May 3, 1957. The remainder of his trip is outlined in this release. All travel will be by United States Military Air Transport Service plane.

SUNDAY, MAY 12

- 8:00 a.m. EDT President Ngo Dinh Diem and party will leave from Military Air Transport Service Terminal, Washington National Airport.
- 9:15 a.m. EDT The party will arrive at Marine Terminal, LaGuardia Airport, New York City.
- 10:00 a.m. President Ngo Dinh Diem will attend Mass at St. Patrick's Cathedral.
- 11:20 a.m. The party will leave from St. Patrick's Cathedral by motor for Tarrytown, New York.
- 12:30 p.m. The party will arrive at Pocantico Hills, Tarrytown.
- 1:00 p.m. Mr. and Mrs. John D. Rockefeller, III, and Mr. and Mrs. David Rockefeller will give a luncheon in honor of President Ngo Dinh Diem at Pocantico Hills.
- 3:30 p.m. The party will leave for Ossining, New York.
- 4:00 p.m. The party will arrive at the Maryknoll Seminary, Pine Bridge Road, near Ossining.
- 4:45 p.m. The party will leave for South Orange, New Jersey.
- 6:45 p.m. The party will arrive at Seton Hall University, South Orange.
- 7:00 p.m. The Right Reverend Monsignor John L. McNulty, President of Seton Hall University, will entertain at dinner in honor of President Ngo Dinh Diem in the New Dormitory Building.
- 8:30 p.m. The Most Reverend Thomas A. Boland, Archbishop of Newark, will confer an honorary degree, Doctor of Laws, upon President Ngo Dinh Diem on behalf of the University, in the Little Theater, Gymnasium Auditorium.
- 10:00 p.m. Upon conclusion of the events at Seton Hall University the President and party will proceed to the Waldorf-Astoria, New York City.

MONDAY, MAY 13

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- 11:30 a.m. The President and party will leave the Waldorf-Astoria for the Battery.
- 12:00 noon The parade will proceed from the Battery to the City Hall.
- 12:20 p.m. The Honorable Robert F. Wagner, Mayor of the City of New York, will welcome President Ngo Dinh Diem at City Hall.
- 12:45 p.m. The party will return to the Waldorf-Astoria.
- 1:00 p.m. The Mayor of the City of New York will give a luncheon in honor of President Ngo Dinh Diem at the Waldorf-Astoria, Starlight Roof.
- 5:15 p.m. The Council on Foreign Relations, Inc., will give a reception in honor of His Excellency at The Harold Pratt House, 58 East 68th Street.
- 7:30 p.m. The American Friends of Viet-Nam and the International Rescue Committee will give a dinner in honor of President Ngo Dinh Diem at the Ambassador Hotel, Grand Ballroom. The International Rescue Committee will present to His Excellency the first Admiral Richard E. Byrd Memorial Award.

TUESDAY, MAY 14

- 8:00 a.m. President Ngo Dinh Diem will attend Mass in the Private Chapel of His Eminence Francis Cardinal Spellman at his residence, 452 Madison Avenue.
- 8:30 a.m. His Eminence will give a breakfast in honor of the President at his residence.
- 12:00 noon The Far East-America Council will entertain at luncheon in honor of His Excellency at the Waldorf-Astoria in the Basilton and the Jade Rooms.
- 2:50 p.m. EDT The party will leave from Marine Terminal, LaGuardia Airport.
- 4:30 p.m. EST The party will arrive at Wayne Major Airport, Detroit, Michigan.
- 5:00 p.m. President Ngo Dinh Diem will be received by the Honorable Albert E. Cobo, Mayor of Detroit, and the City Council at City Hall in the New Civic Center.
- 5:30 p.m. The President of the Republic of Viet-Nam will meet with the press in the Conference Room, City Hall.
- 6:00 p.m. President Ngo Dinh Diem and party will arrive at the Hotel Statler.
- 7:30 p.m. Civic Leaders of the City of Detroit will give a dinner in honor of His Excellency at the Hotel Statler, Michigan Room.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 15

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- 9:00 a.m. The party will visit the Tire Plant of the United States Rubber Company, East Jefferson Avenue.
- 10:30 a.m. The party will visit the Steel Plant of the Ford Motor Company at River Rouge.
- 12:05 p.m. Officials of the Ford Motor Company will entertain at luncheon in honor of President Ngo Dinh Diem in the Executive Dining Room, Administrative Building, Ford Motor Company, American Road, Dearborn.
- 1:30 p.m. The party will leave the Ford Motor Company for Wayne Major Airport.
- 2:00 p.m. EST The party will leave from Wayne Major Airport for Lansing, Michigan.
- 2:30 p.m. EST The party will arrive at Capital City Airport, Lansing.
- 2:55 p.m. President Ngo Dinh Diem and party will arrive at the Kellogg Center, Michigan State University, East Lansing.
- 3:20 p.m. The party will arrive at Michigan State University Auditorium.
- 3:30 p.m. An honorary degree will be conferred upon President Ngo Dinh Diem by the University, following which he will address the Convocation.
- 4:35 p.m. ^{(Press conference for President Ngo}
The party will visit points of interest on the Campus.
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- 6:00 p.m. The President of the University and Mrs. Hannah will entertain at dinner in honor of President Ngo Dinh Diem in the Red Cedar Room, Kellogg Center.
- 8:00 p.m. The Faculty Group will be introduced to the President of the Republic of Viet-Nam by Dr. Hannah in the Kellogg Center.
- 8:30 p.m. The President of the University and Mrs. Hannah will give a reception in honor of His Excellency in the Big Ten Room, Kellogg Center.

THURSDAY, MAY 16

- 7:30 a.m. President Ngo Dinh Diem will have breakfast with Dr. Hannah at his residence on the Campus. Other members of the party will have breakfast at Kellogg Center.
- 8:30 a.m. The President and party will leave the University for the Capital City Airport.
- 9:00 a.m. The party will leave from Capital City Airport.

11:20 A.M. EST

THURSDAY, MAY 16 (Continued)

- 11:20 a.m. EST The party will arrive at McGee Tyson Airport, Knoxville, Tennessee, where they will be met by Directors of the Board of the Tennessee Valley Authority and City Officials. They will then proceed to the Farragut Hotel.
- 12:30 p.m. The Board of Directors and Staff Members of the Tennessee Valley Authority will give a luncheon in honor of President Ngo Dinh Diem at the Farragut Hotel.
- 1:30 p.m. The party will leave the Farragut Hotel for Fort Loudoun Dam and the Kingston Steam Plant in the Tennessee Valley.
- 7:00 p.m. Officials of the Tennessee Valley Authority will entertain at dinner in honor of His Excellency at the Farragut Hotel, to which have been invited City Officials and other prominent persons of Tennessee.

FRIDAY, MAY 17

- 8:30 a.m. The party will leave the Farragut Hotel for a visit to the farm of Mr. and Mrs. Wade Smith in Karns Community, Knox County (a test demonstration farm).
- 1:00 p.m. The party will leave from McGee Tyson Airport.
- 7:45 p.m. PDT The party will arrive at the International Airport, Los Angeles, California, and proceed to the Ambassador Hotel.

SATURDAY, MAY 18

- 9:00 a.m. President Ngo Dinh Diem and party will leave the Ambassador Hotel.
- 10:00 a.m. The party will visit the General Petroleum Refinery at Torrance.
- 12:30 p.m. Mr. R. L. Minckler, President, General Petroleum Corporation, will give a luncheon in honor of President Ngo Dinh Diem at Perino's on Wilshire Boulevard.
- 2:30 p.m. The party will tour the Sante Fe Springs Oil Fields in the vicinity of Huntington.
- 7:00 p.m. The Los Angeles World Affairs Council will entertain at dinner in honor of President Ngo Dinh Diem at the California Club, 538 South Flower Street.
- 11:30 p.m. PDT The party will leave International Airport.

SUNDAY, MAY 19

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8:30 a.m.

President Ngo Dinh Diem and party will arrive at International Airport, Honolulu, T. H.

His Excellency and party will be the guests of Admiral Felix B. Stump, Commander in Chief, Pacific and United States Pacific Fleet, and Mrs. Stump during their stay in Hawaii.

TUESDAY, MAY 21

11:30 a.m.

President Ngo Dinh Diem and party will leave for Saigon from Hickam Air Force Base via a Pan American Special Flight.