

**LOG OF**  
**PRESIDENT TRUMAN'S TRIP**

**TO KEY WEST, FLORIDA**

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# LIST OF THE PRESIDENT'S PARTY

## THE PRESIDENT

Mrs. Truman (11-28 to 12- 7)  
Miss Margaret Truman (11-28 to 12- 7)  
Honorable John R. Steelman, The Assistant to the President  
Honorable William D. Hassett, Secretary to the President  
Honorable Matthew J. Connelly, Secretary to the President  
Honorable Charles G. Ross, Secretary to the President  
Honorable Clark M. Clifford, Special Counsel to the President  
Mr. Stanley Woodward, Chief of Protocol, Department of State, (11-28 to 12- 7)  
Major General Harry H. Vaughan, USA (Reserve), Military Aide to the President  
Rear Admiral Robert L. Dennison, USN, Naval Aide to the President  
Colonel Cornelius J. Mara, USA, Assistant Military Aide to the President, (11-28 to 12- 7)  
Brigadier Gen. Robert B. Landry, USAF, Air Force Aide to the President, (12- 3 to 12-20)  
Brigadier General Wallace H. Graham, USAF, Personal Physician to the President  
Honorable Donald S. Dawson, Administrative Assistant to the President, (12- 5 to 12-13)  
Honorable Charles S. Murphy, Administrative Assistant to the President, (12- 5 to 12-12)  
Honorable George M. Elsey, Administrative Assistant to the President, (12- 5 to 12-20)  
Honorable David K. Niles, Administrative Assistant to the President, (12- 8 to 12-20)  
Honorable Frank Pace, Jr., Director of the Budget, (12- 8 to 12-12)  
Mr. William F. Schaub, Assistant to Director of the Budget, (12- 8 to 12-10)  
Honorable John W. Snyder, Secretary of the Treasury, (12-11 to 12-12)  
Honorable David H. Stowe, Administrative Assistant to the President, (12-12 to 12-20)  
Honorable William J. Hopkins, Executive Clerk at the White House, (12-12 to 12-20)

## GUESTS

Mr. Stephen J. Spingarn, Assistant to Mr. Clifford, (12- 5 to 12-13)  
Mr. David E. Bell, Assistant to Mr. Murphy, (12- 5 to 12-10)  
Mr. David D. Lloyd, Assistant to Mr. Murphy, (12- 5 to 12-13)  
Mr. Philip F. Maguire, Assistant to Mr. Steelman, (12- 5 to 12-13)  
Mr. Joseph G. Feeney, White House Legislative Assistant, (12- 5 to 12-13)  
Dr. Bruce D. Forsyth, Chief, Div. of Dentistry, U.S. Public Health Service, (12- 8 to 12-20)  
Mr. Charles Maylon, White House Legislative Assistant, (12-12 to 12-17)  
Mr. Philleo Nash, Assistant to Mr. Niles, (12-12 to 12-20)  
Mr. Russell P. Andrews, Assistant to Mr. Steelman, (12-12 to 12-20)

## **WHITE HOUSE STAFF**

Commander Ashton Emerson, Medical Corps, USN (Medical Officer)  
Commander Harrison H. Holton, USN (Liaison for members of Press)  
Lieutenant Commander William M. Rigdon, USN (Assistant to Naval Aide)  
Captain H. E. Dudley, USA (Communications Staff)  
Mr. Dewey E. Long (Chief Of Communications Office)  
Mr. Russell A. McMullin (Communication Staff)  
Mr. Walter L. Burton (Communications Staff)  
Mr. Jack Romagna (Press Conference Reporter)  
Mr. Edwin L. Cuckenberg (Clerical Staff)  
Chief Yeoman B. L. Winkler, USN (Clerical Staff)  
Chief Photographer's Mate, A. E. Ryan, USN (Party Photographer)  
Master Sergeant H. E. Wolff, USA (Communications Staff)  
Chief Steward A. S. Prettyman, USA (Retired) (Valet to the President)  
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Mr. Carl Dixon (Assistant Chief of Secret Service)  
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Mr. G. A. Behn	Mr. B. A. Fugler
Mr. G. B. McCann	Mr. R. H. Kellerman
Mr. V. P. Mroz	Mr. F. M. Barry
Mr. R. W. Scouten	Mr. A. J. Dahlquist
Mr. W. F. Shields	Mr. P. B. Doster
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Mr. Francis Stephenson	New York Daily News

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Mr. Frank Bourgholtzer	National Broadcasting Co.
Mr. Bryson Rash	American Broadcasting Co.
Mr. John Edwards	American Broadcasting Co.
Mr. Charles Collingwood	Columbia Broadcasting System
Mr. Edward Darby	Trans-Radio Press
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Mr. Charles H. Campbell	British Information Services
Major Robert Barrett	Superintendent, Washington Metropolitan Police Department
Captain Anthony Ritchett	Washington Metropolitan Police Department
Mr. Robert Duffy	White House
Mr. John W. Parker	White House

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Mr. Joseph G. Giordano	White House
Mr. P. E. Nelson	White House
Mr. J. R. Redmond	White House

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Commander Donald J. MacDonald, USN	Commanding Officer
Lieutenant Commander William J. Hurst, USN	Executive Officer
Commander Horace D. Warden (MC), USN	Medical Officer
Lieutenant Albert P. Carpenter, USN	Operations Officer
Lieutenant Hoye D. Moore (SC), USN	Supply Officer
Lieutenant Walter C. Slye, USN	First Lieutenant
Lieutenant Lamar L. Woodward, USN	Engineer Officer
Lieutenant (jg) Richard G. Alexander, USN	Navigator

**THE INDEPENDENCE (USAF DC-6)**

Lieutenant Colonel Francis W. Williams, USAF	Pilot
Major Elmer F. Smith, USAF	Co-pilot
Captain E. P. Christensen, USAF	Navigator
Mr. Eugene Lucas, Douglas Aircraft Co.	Consultant
Master Sergeant Fred J. Willard, USAF	Flight Engineer
Master Sergeant Frederick A. Winslow, USAF	Flight Engineer
Technical Sergeant G. E. Robinson, USAF	Radio Operator
Technical Sergeant R. E. Hughes, USAF	Traffic Clerk
Master Sergeant Leo Borega, USAF	Plane Guard
Technical Sergeant W. H. Hanna, USAF	Plane Guard
Technical Sergeant W. E. Perry, USAF	Plane Guard
Technical Sergeant R. W. Boord, USAF	Plane Guard
Staff Sergeant Leo M. Larson, USAF	Plane Guard

**NAVY R-4-D AIRCRAFT**

Lieutenant T. J. Beare, USN	Pilot
Lieutenant E. J. Parrish, USN	Co-Pilot
Aviation Machinists' Mate 1 <sup>st</sup> class E. L. Hughes	USN, Flight Engineer
Aviation Radioman 1 <sup>st</sup> class R. L. Hodges, USN	Radio Operator

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Mr. Joseph Bailey	Captain
Mr. James Sammon	Co-pilot
Mr. Anthony Bonomo	Engineer
Miss Allie Vereen	Stewardess
Miss Ladene Van Wagoner	Stewardess
Miss Jeanne Strohm	Stewardess

(Northbound trip only)

also embarked

Mr. John L. Morris	Vice President, National Airlines
Mr. Parke Wright	Passenger Representative
Mr. Jack Holt	Passenger Representative

**STAFF OF THE LITTLE WHITE HOUSE**

**FROM THE USS WILLIAMSBURG**

Lieutenant H. D. Moore, Supply Corps, USN, Officer in Charge  
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Chief Steward C. Bautista, USN  
Chief Steward R. Bachiller, USN  
Chief Steward V. Devera, USN  
Chief Steward M. Floresca, USN  
Chief Steward E. Manual, USN  
Chief Steward E. R. Peralta, USN  
Chief Steward R. R. Pascual, USN  
Chief Steward G. Riolo, USN  
Chief Steward M. Sepulchre, USN  
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Steward third class J. Malapit, USN  
Steward third class C. Lomibao, USN

**FROM NAVAL STATION, KEY WEST**

Steward first class J. C. Cepeda, USN  
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Steward's Mate E. Balan, USN  
Steward's Mate C. Beltran, USN

## **LOG OF PRESIDENT TRUMAN'S SEVENTH VACATION TRIP TO KEY WEST, FLORIDA**

### **Monday, 28 November**

The President, accompanied by Mrs. Truman and Miss Margaret Truman, left Blair House at 8:01 A.M., and motored to the Washington National Airport (Military Air Transport terminal), where he met the other members of the group that were to accompany him to Key West, Florida, for a vacation. All hands promptly boarded the aircraft INDEPENDENCE (U.S. Air Force DC-6), and at 8:30 A.M. the INDEPENDENCE was airborne for Key West. Aboard were: The President, Mrs. Truman, Miss Truman, Mr. John R. Steelman, Mr. William D. Hassett, Mr. Matthew J. Connelly, Mr. Charles G. Ross, Mr. Clark M. Clifford, Mr. Stanley Woodward, Major General Harry H. Vaughan, USA (Reserve), Rear Admiral Robert I. Dennison, USN, Colonel Cornelius J. Mara, USAF, members of the President's party; and Commander Ashton Emerson, Medical Corps, USN, Mr. Jack Romagna, Mr. James J. Rowley, Mr. Carl Dixon, Mr. Henry J. Nicholson, and Chief Steward Arthur S. Prettyman. The weather at Washington was clear and cold (31 degrees) at time of take-off for Key West.

The Press plane ( a National Airlines DC-6) with members of the Press, Secret Service, and the White House staff embarked, departed Washington at 8:09 A.M. for Key West. Remembering the embarrassment experienced last March, the newspapermen and photographers decided to take no chance of the President again beating them to Key West.

The Press plane landed at the U.S. Naval Air Station, Boca Chica, Florida, at 11:47 A.M. The passengers disembarked and remained at the Naval Air Station to await the arrival of the President and his party.

The INDEPENDENCE put down at Boca Chica at 12:20 P.M. Simultaneously the President's personal flag was hoisted at the Naval Air Station. The President was the first to leave the aircraft, followed by Mrs. Truman, Miss Truman and the other members of his party.

Both the INDEPENDENCE and the Press plane reported that the 1050 mile flight from Washington to Key West had been smooth and uneventful.

On hand at Boca Chica to greet the President were:

Captain Cecil C. Adell, USN, Commander Naval Base, Key West  
Honorable George A. Smathers, Member U. S. House of Representatives, (Fourth District of Florida)



Honorable Louis M. J. Eisner, Mayor of Key West  
Honorable Ralph D. Spalding, City Manager, Key West  
Mr. Louis Carbonell, City Commissioner, Key West  
Captain O. A. Smith, Medical Corps, USN, Medical Officer in Command, U.S. Naval  
Hospital, Key West  
Captain F. L. Busey, USN, Commanding Officer, U.S. Naval Air Station, Key West  
Captain W. R. Caruthers, USN, Commanding Officer, Fleet Sonar School  
Captain J. R. Lee, USN, Commanding Officer, Anti-submarine Development Squadron One  
Captain C. E. Weakley, USN, Commanding Officer, Surface Anti-Submarine Development  
Detachment  
Captain E. C. Stephan, USN, Commander Submarine Squadron Four  
Captain W. T. Nelson, USN, Commanding Officer, USS HOWARD W. GILMORE  
Captain N. Lucker, Jr., USN, Commanding Officer, Fleet Underway Training Unit  
Captain W. E. Ellis, USN, Commanding Officer, Fleet All Weather Training Unit, Atlantic  
Fleet  
Captain Reid Clifton, Florida State Highway Patrol  
Messrs. John E. Campion, Rudolph M. McDavid, and Louis F. Padgett of the United States  
Secret Service  
Mr. William S. Douglas, ONI Agent, Miami, Florida

After exchange of greetings, the President spoke briefly with members of the press and posed for the photographers.

The President and members of his party then, at 12:27 P.M., left Boca Chica by motor for the U. S. Naval Station, Key West. The President, Mrs. Truman, Miss Truman rode together in a Lincoln convertible, with the top lowered. The motorcade, led by Captain Clifton, Sergeant Hancock and Patrolmen Walker, Stevens and Johnson of the Florida State Highway Patrol, followed the usual route through Key West – it entered the city via Truman Avenue; turned right onto Duval Street; left onto Caroline Street; thence to the Naval Station. Several thousand people were gathered along the route to greet the President and his family. He acknowledged the greetings of the enthusiastic ones by waving his hat as he passed them by. A number of large banners bearing the message “Welcome back, Harry,” were noted.

The Presidential motorcade reached the Caroline Street gate to the Naval Station at 12:46 P.M. On hand there to meet the President were Commander J. A. Fitzgerald, USN, Executive Officer, and an assembly of officers from the Naval Station. The President’s car paused momentarily while honors were rendered by side boys and the Marine Guard, and a 21-gun salute commenced by the Naval Station saluting battery. The President’s flag was simultaneously hoisted at the administration building on the Naval Station. The President did not inspect the guard.

On Completion of honors, the motorcade continued on to the Little White House (Quarters “A-B”) at the Naval Station. The route along the way from the Caroline Street gate to the quarters was lined on both sides with enlisted men smartly clad in white uniforms.

At the Little White House, the President, Mrs. Truman, and Miss Truman were greeted by Commander Donald J. MacDonald, USN, Commanding Officer of the USS WILLIAMSBURG. All hands were then shown to their respective quarters where they changed to lighter clothing. The weather, although cool to Key Westers (71 degrees), was pleasingly mild to the visitors from Washington.

Lunch was served at 1:30 P.M. After lunch, the President retired to his quarters where he rested until 4 P.M. The ladies spent the afternoon out in the south garden reading and enjoying the warm sun.

Mr. Ross left the Little White House at 3:55 P.M. and motored to the press room (Bldg. 128) where he met with the members of the Press. With a few exceptions, Mr. Ross saw the members of the press daily at 10 A.M. and 4 P.M. throughout the period of the visit at Key West.

Dinner was served at 7:15 P.M. Commander MacDonald and Lieutenant Colonel Francis. W. Williams, USAF, pilot of the INDEPENDENCE, were guests.

Immediately following dinner, the President retired to his quarters.

Movies were shown in the living room following dinner. The feature was "She Wore a Yellow Ribbon." Commander MacDonald, Lieutenant Colonel Williams and all members of the party, except the President, attended.

The ladies retired to their quarters at 10:15 P.M.

The President occupied his usual quarters (Suite #4); the ladies, #3; Mr. Woodward and Mr. Connelly, #2; Mr. Clifford and Mr. Ross, #1; Mr. Steelman and Mr. Hassett, #5; (downstairs). Admiral Dennison, General Vaughan and Colonel Mara were quartered in the WILLIAMSBURG, which had arrived Key West on 22 November and was moored at the north quay wall about 100 yards distant from the Little White House.

The President's mess was operated at the Little White House. As the dining room will accommodate a maximum of 14, the party schedule was so arranged that no more than 14 guests would be present at any one time.

The Little White House and Quarters "L" were staffed by WILLIAMSBURG personnel under the supervision of Lieutenant Hoye D. Moore, Supply Officer of the WILLIAMSBURG.

The newspaper and radio correspondents and members of the White House staff were quartered at Bldg. 128 (Naval Station BOQ); members of the Secret Service at Bldg. #217 (Sonar School BOQ). The facilities of the Sonar School Officers Mess and the Naval Station Officers Mess at Fort Taylor were made available for their subsistence.

Mr. John E. Campion, of the White House Secret Service Detail, arrived in Key West on 22 November for the purpose of completing arrangements for the President's visit. He was assisted by Mr. Rudolph M. McDavid (of the Miami office of U.S. Secret Service), Mr. Louis J. Padgett (of the Atlanta Office of the U.S. Secret Service) and Mr. William S. Douglas (Naval Intelligence agent at Miami).

Mr. Russell A. McMullin and Major George J. McNally of the White House Communications Staff arrived in Key West on 22 November to prepare the special telephone and telegraph facilities used by the President's party. Major McNally was called to Brooklyn, New York, on emergency leave on 27 November and did not return to Key West.

An advance party of Commander H. H. Holton (Office of Public Relations, Department of the Navy), Chief Yeoman B. L. Winkler (Naval Aide's Staff), Chief Photographer's Mate A. E. Ryan (Naval Photographic Center, Anacostia), and Master Sergeant H. E. Wolff and Sergeants First Class B. Putterman and E. R. Schrader (White House Communications Staff) arrived in Key West on 25 November. They traveled from Washington via naval aircraft (R-4-D). This aircraft (Lieutenant T. J. Beare, pilot) remained at Key West under the operational control of the Naval Aide and performed special missions for the President and members of his party.

Radio communications for the party were handled by the regular facilities (duplex radio teletype) of the WILLIAMSBURG. Two supervised telephone circuits between Key West and Washington were employed for the exclusive use of the Presidential party. All telephone calls for the President or members of his party were channeled through the Little White House switchboard, which was set up in Building #97 and manned by members of the White House communications staff.

Air mail service between the White House and Key West was maintained twice weekly. Naval aircraft and naval officer couriers were employed in this service.

One Lincoln convertible, five Lincoln sedans and four Ford sedans were sent to Key West by Mr. Cecil Holland, President of the All Miami Motor Co. of Miami, and placed at the disposal of the Secret Service during the visit. The convertible was used for the President. Four of the Lincoln sedans were used to provide transportation for members of the President's party. Enlisted drivers were furnished by the Commander Naval Base. Arrangements were made so that members of the press could call in taxicabs, when they required transportation. An omnibus was provided by the officers club to transport them to Fort Taylor for meals.

In addition to the Secret Service detail, a continuous guard was maintained around the Little White House by Marine Corps personnel attached to the Naval Base. A special pass authenticated by both the Secret Service and the Naval Base security officer had to be presented in order to be passed into or out of the grounds

A press office and a branch telegraph office were established in Building #128 for the convenience of the newspaper and radio correspondents. Mr. Carroll S. Linkins of the Washington Office of the Western Union Company supervised the operation of the telegraph office.

Through the courtesy of the National Airlines, New York and Washington newspapers were delivered daily at the Little White House.

### **Tuesday, 29 November**

The President came downstairs at 7:35 A.M. He spent a short while on the south porch reading the morning newspapers and left the Little White House at 7:40 A.M. for a walk around the Naval Station. He was accompanied by two Secret Service agents. The President returned to the Little White House at 7:55 A.M. and sat down to breakfast at 8:10 A.M., in company with Mr. Steelman, Mr. Hassett, Mr. Ross and General Vaughan.

At 9:50 A.M. the President, Mr. Hassett, Colonel Mara, Admiral Dennison, Mr. Clifford, Mr. Woodward and Captain Adell left the Little White House and walked to Truman Beach, located at the southwest corner of the Naval Station and formerly known as the Enlisted Men's Beach. The President arrived at Truman Beach at 10:05 A.M. Miss Truman and General Vaughan motored down and joined him there later. Mr. Steelman also joined later. Mrs. Truman remained at the Little White House, where she spent the forenoon reading in the south garden.

At the beach the members of the party changed to bathing suits. They found the water a bit cool and only the President, Mr. Steelman and Mr. Hassett ventured in. Most of them preferred just to loaf in the warm sun. Miss Truman, Mr. Woodward, Mr. Clifford, and Colonel Mara teamed up against General Vaughan, Admiral Dennison, Commander Warden and Mr. Behn in a spirited round of volleyball which was won by Miss Truman's team, two games to one. Afterwards, Mr. Clifford, Mr. Steelman, General Vaughan and Admiral Dennison tried their hand at tossing horseshoes.

Enroute to the beach the President stopped at the Naval Station ship's service store where he left his wrist watch to be repaired. As the result of a news item of this incident, the President subsequently received three watches as gifts.

The party left the beach at 11:55 A.M. and motored back to the Little White House.

Lunch was served at 1 P.M. Immediately following lunch, the President retired to his quarters where he rested until 3:40 P.M. Mrs. Truman and Miss Truman spent the afternoon in the south garden reading and enjoying the sun.

Dinner was served at 7 P.M. After dinner, the entire group retired to the living room where they listened to the radio broadcast "Carnegie Hall" on which Miss Helen Traubel

appeared as guest artist. Following this, the motion picture "Top of the Morning" was shown. The President, Mrs. Truman, Miss Truman and all members of the party attended.

The ladies retired to their quarters at 11:00 P.M. The President remained downstairs, visiting with members of his party, until 11:55 P.M., at which time he retired.

The routine for the succeeding days of the stay at Key West was very much the same as for today. Reveille and breakfast were at the convenience of the individual. Usually, lunch was served at 1 P.M., dinner at 7 P.M. Informality was the rule during meals and protocol was laid aside. About 10 A.M. each morning all hands assembled at the Little White House and left from there in a group for the beach, where they spent the forenoon. The afternoons, generally, were free for rest. However, considerable staff work was accomplished on the messages delivered to Congress the first week of January 1950. The President also worked for an hour or longer most evenings after he retired to his quarters, and cleared up a backlog of official papers which he took south with him. The ladies found the gardens particularly pleasant and spent much of their afternoons there.

### **Wednesday, 30 November**

The President came downstairs at 7:25 A.M. He left the Little White House at 7:30 A.M. for a thirty-minute walk about the Naval Station, during which he made an informal inspection of the Naval Station Memorial Chapel which had been completed and dedicated since his last visit. As usual, he was accompanied by two Secret Service agents.

At 8:10 A.M., Mr. Steelman, Admiral Dennison, Captain Adell and Commander MacDonald left the Little White House and motored to the Key West Golf Club, where they spent the forenoon playing golf.

The President sat down to breakfast at 8:15 A.M., where he was joined by Mr. Hassett and Mr. Woodward.

At 9:50 A.M. the President, General Vaughan, Mr. Woodward, Miss Truman and Colonel Mara left the Little White House and walked to the beach. Mrs. Truman, Mr. Hassett, Mr. Ross, Mr. Clifford joined them there later. The President, Miss Truman, Mr. Clifford and Mr. Woodward went swimming. Afterwards, a team composed of Miss Truman, Mr. Clifford, Lieutenant Moore, General Vaughan, Colonel Mara and Mr. Woodward defeated a team comprised of Commander Warden, Lieutenant Commander Rigdon, Mr. Nicholson, Mr. McCann, Mr. Behn and Mr. Scouten two out of three games at volleyball. The play was smoother and faster than on Tuesday, but was still a bit rough. Miss Truman uncomplainingly took her falls along with the other players.

The party left the beach by auto at 12:30 P.M. and motored back to the Little White House.

Lunch was served at 1 P.M.

After lunch, the President retired to his quarters where he rested until 3:45 P.M.

The President went to his desk in the living room at 3:45 P.M. and worked on official mail until 4:10 P.M. At this time, in company with Mr. Steelman and Mr. Hassett, he left the Little White House and walked to the Naval Station athletic field where he had planned to watch a softball game between teams from the WILLIAMSBURG and the Secret Service. Unfortunately the game had already been completed and all hands had departed, so the President was deprived of that pleasure. He then returned to the Little White House.

Miss Truman, accompanied by Lieutenant Moore, Mr. Clifford and Mr. Woodward, left the Little White House by motor at 3:35 P.M. for the Casa Marina Hotel in Key West, where they watched Mr. Clifford and Mr. Woodward play tennis with Mr. Mercer Beaseley (the tennis instructor at the hotel) and Miss Rhoda Hopkins. Miss Truman and Lieutenant Moore returned to the Little White House at 5:30 P.M.

At 6:20 P.M. Lieutenant (jg) Robert S. Jones, USN (courier) arrived from Washington with White House mail.

Dinner was served at 7 P.M.

The motion picture "Fighting Kentuckian" was shown at the Little White House this evening. All members of the party except the President, Mr. Steelman, Mr. Hassett and Mr. Ross attended. The President spent this time working on official mail that had arrived this afternoon. He was assisted by Mr. Hassett and Mr. Ross.

The ladies retired to their quarters at 10:00 P.M. The President visited with members of his party until 12:30 A.M., at which time he retired.

### **Thursday, 1 December**

The President came downstairs at 7:25 A.M. Accompanied by two Secret Service agents, he left the Little White House at 7:35 A.M. for a walk about the Naval Station. It had rained during the night but was now clear and cool (temperature 65 degrees). The President returned from his walk at 7:55 A.M. and sat down to breakfast at 8:10 A.M., where he was joined by Mr. Steelman.

At 9:55 A.M. the President, accompanied by Miss Truman, Mr. Steelman, Mr. Woodward, General Vaughan, Admiral Dennison and Colonel Mara, left the Little White House and walked to the beach. Mr. Hassett and Mr. Ross came down later and joined the party. Mrs. Truman remained behind at the Little White House. Only the President and Miss Truman went swimming. Later, Miss Truman's volleyball quintet (Miss Truman, General

Vaughan, Mr. Woodward, Lieutenant Moore, Mr. McCann) defeated the team composed of Colonel Mara, Commander Warden, Mr. Behn, Mr. Mroz and Mr. Dixon, two games to one.

Lieutenant Robert S. Jones (courier) departed for Washington at 10:00 A.M. with White House mail. Commander Emerson, who had been on temporary duty with the Naval Aide, left for Washington via the same aircraft as Lieutenant Jones, to resume his regular duties at the Naval Hospital, Bethesda, Maryland.

While the President was at the beach, Mrs. Adell (wife of Captain Adell), Mrs. Smith (wife of Captain O. A. Smith), and Mrs. Nelson (wife of Captain W. T. Nelson) called at the Little White House and replenished the beautiful floral decorations in the quarters. Mrs. Truman greeted the ladies and thanked them for the flowers and for their thoughtfulness in giving so much of their time and effort to this detail. Mrs. Adell, assisted by Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Nelson, Mrs. Harris, (wife of Commander M. H. Harris) or Mrs. Husband (wife of Commander A. C. Husband) came in at frequent intervals while we were at Key West and saw to it that the house was always plentifully furnished with flowers.

The President and Miss Truman left the beach at 11:50 A.M. and motored back to the Little White House.

At 12:45 P.M. all hands donned their most colorful sports shirts and moved out to the south garden, where they posed for a group picture by the party photographer. Mr. Clifford had not returned from a tennis engagement and did not appear with the group.

Lunch was served at 1 P.M. After lunch the President retired to his quarters where he rested until 3:50 P.M. The ladies spent the afternoon on the sunporch.

Dinner was served at 7 P.M. There were no guests. Following dinner the motion picture "Miss Grant Takes Richmond" was shown at the Little White House. The President did not attend. He visited with members of his party until 12:20 A.M., when he retired. The ladies retired to their quarters at 10:30 P.M.

### **Friday, 2 December**

The President came downstairs at 7:25 A.M. He left the Little White House at 7:35 A.M. for a walk around the Naval Station, and returned at 8 A.M.

At 8 A.M. Mr. Steelman left the Little White House for Boca Chica. At Boca Chica, he explained for Washington, where he addressed the National Men of Science and Industry at their annual dinner held at the Hotel Statler that evening. He traveled to Miami via naval aircraft (R-4-D), Lieutenant Beare) and thence to Washington via Eastern Airlines.

The President and Mr. Hassett sat down to breakfast at 8:10 A.M.

At 10:30 A.M. the President, Miss Truman, Mr. Hassett, General Vaughan, Colonel Mara and Captain Adell left the Little White House and walked to Truman Beach. Mr. Clifford, Mr. Ross, and Mr. Woodward came down later and joined the party. The President and Mr. Woodward were the only members of the group to go swimming. At volleyball, the team comprised of Miss Truman, Lieutenant Moore, Mr. Clifford, General Vaughan and Mr. Woodward defeated the team made up of Colonel Mara, Mr. Behn, Mr. Rowley, Mr. Scouten and Mr. Mroz, two games to one. Afterwards, Mr. Woodward and Lieutenant Moore went sailing in the dinghy.

The party left the beach at 12:30 P.M. and motored back to the Little White House.

Captain and Mrs. Adell and Commander H. D. Warden, Medical Officer of the WILLIAMSBURG, were guests at lunch today. Following lunch, a group consisting of the President, Mrs. Truman, Miss Truman, Mr. Connelly, Mr. Ross, Mr. Woodward, General Vaughan and Colonel Mara embarked in the BIG WHEEL (65-foot motor boat – piloted by Chief Boatswain's Mate A. A. Fuller) and departed for the fishing grounds off Key West. Commander MacDonald, Commander Warden, Mr. Behn, Mr. Roberts, Mr. McDavid and Lieutenant Moore also went along. Admiral Dennison remained behind as he was suffering from a cold. Members of the Secret Service were embarked in the motor boat KINGFISH which accompanied the BIG WHEEL.

Lieutenant Howard I. Kullman, USN (courier) arrived from Washington at 4:40 P.M. with official White House mail.

Mr. Carter T. Barron, of Washington, D. C., called at the Little White House at 5 P.M. Mr. Barron brought with him prints of the motion pictures "Battleground" and "Adam's Rib" which he left at the disposal of the President's party. Mr. Barron was berthed in the WILLIAMSBURG during his stay at Key West.

The fishing party returned to the Naval Station at 5:10 P.M. They were met by the members of the press and the photographers, and could show only one fish (a 4-pound grouper taken by Commander MacDonald) for their afternoon's efforts.

Dinner this evening was enlivened somewhat by a surprise post-birthday recognition for Mr. Connelly. Unable to determine the correct number of candles that should have been used on the cake, Miss Truman ordered a round number (50). After due embarrassment by the toasts that were offered to him, Mr. Connelly failed sadly to extinguish all the candles with the one puff allowed him.

After dinner (9 P.M.) the President, Mrs. Truman, Miss Truman, Mr. Hassett, Mr. Ross, Mr. Clifford, Mr. Woodward, General Vaughan, Admiral Dennison and Colonel Mara accompanied Mr. Connelly to the Naval Station CPO Club where they were guests at a belated birthday party given for Mr. Connelly by the members of the Press. The program was emceed by Tony Vaccaro and the entertainment included several songs and recitations



by Henry Nicholson and three songs by a newcomer to the Secret Service – Pat Boggs. After a bit of persuasion, Mr. Ross offered his rendition of “My Melancholy Baby.” Mr. Connelly received a wide assortment of impractical gifts, each of which he was required to unwrap publicly and acknowledge. All members of the President’s party, except Mr. Connelly, left the CPO Club at 10:20 P.M. and motored back to the Little White House. Mr. Connelly remained and was further feted.

The ladies retired to their quarters at 11:15 P.M.; the President retired at 12:30 A.M.

### **Sunday, 3 December**

The President came downstairs at 7:45 A.M. and left the house at 7:50 A.M. for his morning walk around the Naval Station. He returned at 8:10 A.M. and sat down to breakfast with Mr. Hassett at 8:20 A.M.

Following breakfast, the President moved to his desk in the living room where he worked on official mail until 9:45 A.M.

At 10 A.M. Lieutenant Kullman, courier, departed Key West for Washington, D.C., with official White House mail. Mr. Carl Dixon and Mr. V. P. Mroz (both members of the Secret Service) returned to Washington via today’s mail plane.

The President, Miss Truman, Admiral Dennison, Mr. Woodward, General Vaughan and Colonel Mara left the Little White House at 10:30 A.M. and walked to Truman Beach. They were joined there later by Mr. Hassett and Mr. Ross. Mrs. Truman remained at the Little White house. The President was the only member of the group to go swimming this morning. Several of the others engaged in a spirited round of volleyball. Miss Truman again was on the winning side; her group (Miss Truman, Lieutenant Moore, Mr. Woodward, General Vaughan and Commander Warden) taking two out of three games from a team composed of Mr. Rowley, Mr. Behn, Mr. McCann, Mr. Barron and Colonel Mara.

Mr. Clifford left by plane (Navy R4D, Lieutenant Beare) at 11 A.M. for Miami where he spent the day with friends.

The President left the beach at 12:40 P.M. and motored back to the Little White House.

Lunch was served outdoors, in the north garden.

After lunch, 2:15 P.M., the President retired to his quarters where he rested until 3:50 P.M.

Mr. Joseph H. Short, correspondent for the Baltimore Sun, was admitted to the Naval Hospital, Key West, this afternoon. He had been confined to his room at the LaConcha Hotel since Friday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>.

At 4 P.M., in a ceremony held in the north garden, the President was made an honorary life member and Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Florida. The presentation was made by Mr. Anthony W. Connor, Grand Master of Florida. Mr. Connor said that it was on April 21, 1949, the Grand Lodge of Florida at its annual convention adopted the resolution to make Mr. Truman a life member. The resolution was passed unanimously.

In accepting the honorary life membership in the Grand Lodge, the President told the group of Masons: "This is indeed a highly appreciated honor which you have conferred upon me. It is one that a man seldom – or never – gets. Therefore, I appreciate it the more highly.

"I regret exceedingly that it was not possible for me to attend the dinner invitations which you sent to me for Jacksonville and for Miami, but I had so many calls and invitations as a result of the visit down here, that I had to refuse all of them. Therefore, it was arranged that your Most Worshipful Grand Master and this Committee should come to the Little White House in Key West and present me with this Scroll, which I shall treasure all my life, and which I shall have in a place of honor in my home when I have a chance to have one.

"Thank you very much, Most Worshipful Grandmaster."

The President added that it was his understanding that he and Andrew Jackson were the only Presidents who had ever held the office of Grand Master of a State Lodge.

Among the other Masons present for the ceremony were: Messrs:

Gus J. Dekle, Deputy Grand Master, Perry, Fla.  
Cleveland R. Horne, Senior Grand Warden, Tallahassee, Fla.  
Perry R. Marsh, Junior Grand Warden, St. Petersburg, Fla.  
Spessard L. Holland, Bartow, Fla.  
Russell A. Williams, Miami, Fla.  
Stafford Caldwell, Tallahassee, Fla.  
William Clyde Johnson, Jacksonville, Fla.  
George Fish, Jacksonville, Fla.  
Roland D. Baldwin, Jacksonville, Fla.  
James P. McDermott, Key West, Fla.  
Walter R. Gall, Zephyrhills, Fla.  
Fred B. Noble, Jacksonville, Fla.  
Ernest W. Campbell, Laurel Hill, Fla.  
George W. Huff, Grand Secretary, Jacksonville, Fla.  
Frank A. Brown, Miami, Fla.

W. W. Trice, Tampa, Fla.  
Robert S. Brown, Clearwater, Fla.  
Arthur Milan, Jacksonville, Fla.  
Curtis Hickson, Tampa, Fla.  
Morris E. White, Tampa, Fla.  
H. Raymond Wright, Miami, Fla.  
James Donn, Miami, Fla.  
James L. Mixson, Miami Fla.  
Hobart D. Tolhank, Tampa, Fla.  
Everett R. Rivas, Key West, Fla.  
Ben W. Lanier, Miami, Fla.  
Harry Taylor, Miami, Fla.  
Fernando Camus, Key West, Fla.  
Frank O. Weech, Key West, Fla., and  
Reverend McEldowney

Senator Holland's son, Mr. Lindsay Holland, although not a Mason, also attended.

Following the Masonic presentation, a delegation of Shriners from the Mahi Temple of Miami presented the President with an honorary life membership in the Mahi Temple of the Shrine. The presentation was made by Potentate B. H. Blakey of Miami. Other Shriners present included: Messrs.

Russell Houston, Miami, Fla.  
Ray Williams, Miami, Fla.  
Robin Mulloy, Miami, Fla.  
Robert C. Booth, Miami, Fla.  
Isador Apolin, Miami, Fla.  
Frank Brown, Miami, Fla.  
Robert Floyd, Miami, Fla.  
Gerald H. Adams, Key West, Fla.  
Everett V. Kinsman, Key West, Fla.  
A. Maitland Adams, Key West, Fla.  
Dr. R. H. Baldwin, Miami, Fla.

At 4:25 P.M., the visiting Masons and Shriners departed and the President returned to the Little White House.

Mrs. Truman, accompanied by Admiral Dennison, left the Little White House at 4:30 P.M. and motored to Key West where she did some Christmas shopping. They returned at 5:15 P.M.

General Landry telephoned in at 5 P.M. He called in from Shaw Air Force Base, Sumter, S. C., to report that the jet plane he was riding to Key West had developed fuel pump

trouble and that it had been necessary for him to put down there for repairs. He advised that he would shift to a transport type aircraft and resume his journey to Key West.

Mr. Carter Barron was a guest at dinner this evening.

At 8:10 P.M., the President, Mrs. Truman, Miss Truman, Mr. Connelly, Mr. Ross, General Vaughan, Mr. Woodward, Colonel Mara, Mr. Barron left the Little White House and motored to the Naval Station theater where they witnessed a special showing of the motion picture "Battleground." By arrangement between Mr. Barron and the Naval Station authorities, open house was held at the theater and the house was filled to capacity.

The movie party returned to the Little White House at 10:15 P.M.

General Landry arrived at the Little White House at 10:25 P.M. and joined the President's party. He was berthed in the WILLIAMSBURG.

At 10:30 P.M. Miss Truman, accompanied by Lieutenant Moore, Mr. Connelly and Mr. Barron left the Little White House and motored to the Commissioned Officers Club at Fort Taylor where they attended the regular Saturday evening dance given by the Club. They were returned to the House at 1:30 A.M.

Mr. Clifford returned from Miami at midnight.

The President, Mrs. Truman and Miss Truman retired to their respective quarters at 1:40 A.M.

### **Sunday, 4 December**

Holiday routine was observed today and the President did not come downstairs until 8:40 A.M. He spent the next fifteen minutes on the south porch, reading the morning newspapers and chatting with Mr. Hassett. Accompanied by two Secret Service agents, he left the house at 8:55 A.M. for his morning walk. On his return, at 9:10 A.M., he moved out to the south garden where he continued reading the morning newspapers.

Mr. Hassett and Commander MacDonald left the Little White House at 8:55 A.M. for the Memorial Chapel where they attended mass.

The President, together with General Vaughan and Mr. Woodward, sat down to breakfast at 9:30 A.M.

Mrs. Truman, Miss Truman, Mr. Clifford and Mr. Woodward and Lieutenant Moore left the Little White House at 10:50 A.M. for St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Key West, where they attended divine services.

At 10:55 A.M. the President, accompanied by Admiral Dennison and Captain Adell, left the Little White House for the Memorial Chapel, where they attended divine worship. The services were conducted by Chaplain W. A. Rennie, Protestant Chaplain of the Naval Station. The program included the christening of two children, Donald Bruce Cree and Douglas Earl Bronk, sons of enlisted men attached to the Naval Base. The President later sent each child an autographed copy of the program of the services.

Both church parties returned to the Little White House at 11:55 A.M. and all hands changed to beach attire. Then, at 12:15 P.M. the President, Miss Truman, General Vaughan, Mr. Woodward, Colonel Mara and Mr. Barron left the Little White House and walked to Truman Beach. Mr. Hassett and Admiral Dennison joined them there later. Mrs. Truman remained at the quarters. The President, Mr. Woodward and Colonel Mara went swimming. Margaret was on the losing side today when her volleyball team dropped two out of three games to Colonel Mara's team. The lineups were: Miss Truman, General Vaughan, Mr. Woodward, Commander Warden and Lieutenant Commander Rigdon; versus Mr. Barron, Mr. Rowley, Mr. Behn, Colonel Mara and Mr. Nicholson.

The President and others left the beach at 2:15 P.M. and motored back to the Little White House.

On his return to the Little White House the President found Lieutenant Henry R. Hanssen, engineering officer of the submarine USS CHOPPER, waiting to see him to pay his respects. Lieutenant Hanssen was appointed to the Naval Academy by Mr. Truman when he was a senator.

Lunch was served at 2:45 P.M. Following lunch the President retired to his quarters where he rested until 5 P.M.

At 5 P.M. the President, accompanied by Mr. Connelly, Mr. Ross and Admiral Dennison, left the White House for an auto drive. During the course of the drive they stopped at the Naval Hospital, where they visited with Mr. Joseph Short. On the return trip, the President was at the wheel of the convertible.

Dinner was served at 8 P.M. Following dinner, all hands moved to the living room where they witnessed a showing of the motion picture "Adam's Rib." Commander MacDonald was a movie guest.

At 12:30 A.M. the President, Mrs. Truman and Margaret retired to their respective quarters.

### **Monday, 5 December**

The President came downstairs at 7:30 A.M. He left the house at 7:40 A.M. for a morning walk which took him out into Key West. He left the Naval Station by the Greene

Street gate and reentered at the Southard Street gate. He returned to the house at 8 A.M. and at 8:15 A.M. sat down to breakfast with General Landry and Mr. Ross.

The President worked on official papers from 8:45 A.M. to 10:30 A.M.

At 10:30 A.M. the President, Miss Truman, Mr. Hassett, Mr. Clifford and Mr. Woodward left the Little White House and walked to Truman Beach. The President and Mr. Hassett were the only members of the group to go swimming. Mr. Hassett appeared in a new swim suit that attracted a great deal of attention. At volleyball the team composed of Mr. Clifford, General Vaughan, Mr. Woodward, Miss Truman, Commander Warden and Lieutenant Moore defeated a group consisting of Colonel Mara, Mr. Rowley, Mr. Behn, Mr. Scouten and Mr. McCann, two out of three games.

Mrs. Truman and Admiral Dennison remained at the house. The President left the beach at 1 P.M. and motored back to the Little White House.

Lunch was served at 1:30 P.M. Following lunch, the President retired to his quarters where he rested until 4 P.M.

At 4:30 P.M. Mr. Donald S. Dawson arrived from Miami and joined the President's party. Mr. Dawson was billeted at Quarters "L" on the Naval Station.

At 5:30 P.M. Lieutenant W. K. Davis, courier, arrived from Washington with official White House mail. Arriving with Lieutenant Davis were Brigadier General Wallace H. Graham, Mr. Charles S. Murphy and Mr. George M. Elsey, who joined the President's party; and Messrs. Stephen J. Spingarn, David E. Bell, David D. Lloyd, Philip F. Maguire and Joseph G. Feeney. General Graham and Mr. Elsey were berthed in the WILLIAMSBURG. Messrs. Spingarn, Bell, Lloyd, Maguire and Feeney were the first of a group of principal assistants at the White House who had been invited to vacation at Key West. They were billeted at Quarters "L" and subsisted at the Naval Station (Fort Taylor) officers mess and Sonar School officers mess. Mr. John R. Redmond, Mr. John T. Sherwood and Mr. C. E. Peyton also were passengers in this same plane from Washington.

Major Barrett, Superintendent of the Washington Metropolitan Police Department and who had been vacationing in Key West since 28 November, left Key West today to return to Washington.

Dinner was served at 7 P.M. Following dinner the motion picture "Prince of Foxes" was shown at the Little White House. The President did not attend. He spent this time at work on mail that had just arrived from Washington.

At 9:30 P.M. Lieutenant Benjamin Browning, USN, courier, arrived from Washington with a special dispatch of mail for the Naval Aide (the report of a selection board to select candidates for promotion to flag rank).

The ladies retired to their quarters at midnight; the President retired at 12:35 A.M.

## **Tuesday, 6 December**

The President came downstairs at 7:40 A.M. He left the house at 7:45 A.M. and took a walk about the Naval Station. He returned to the Little White House at 8:05 A.M.

At 8:15 A.M. the President sat down to breakfast with Mr. Hassett and Admiral Dennison.

The President worked on official mail from 9 A.M. to 10 A.M. At 10:05 A.M. Lieutenant Davis, courier, left the Little White House for Boca Chica with official mail for return to Washington. Mr. Clifford left for Boca Chica at the same time. The Navy mail plane put down at Miami to discharge Mr. Clifford, who spent the day there.

At 10:25 A.M. the President, General Vaughan, Miss Truman, Mr. Woodward, Colonel Mara, Mr. Elsey, Mr. Dawson, Mr. Murphy, General Graham, Mr. Hassett, Mr. Bell, Mr. Spingarn, Mr. Feeney, Mr. Maguire and Mr. Lloyd left the Little White House and walked to Truman Beach. They were joined there later by General Landry, Mr. Ross and Admiral Dennison. The President, Mr. Hassett, Miss Truman, Mr. Woodward and Colonel Mara went swimming. At volleyball, team #1 (General Vaughan, Miss Truman, Mr. Bell, Mr. Woodward, Mr. Spingarn, Colonel Mara and Commander Warden) took two straight games from team #2 (Mr. Elsey, Mr. Dawson, Mr. Feeney, Mr. Murphy, General Graham, Mr. Maguire and Mr. Lloyd). Mr. Steelman refereed.

The President left the beach at 12:50 P.M. and motored back to the Little White House.

Lunch was served at 1:30 P.M. Commander John A. Fitzgerald was a guest.

At 2:30 P.M. the President, Mrs. Truman and Miss Truman went out to the North garden where they posed for the photographers. The President then, at 2:45 P.M., retired to his quarters where he rested until 4 P.M.

At 6 P.M. a group consisting of Mr. Connelly, Mr. Ross, Mr. Hassett, Admiral Dennison, Mr. Murphy, Mr. Elsey, Mr. Dawson, Mr. Spingarn, Mr. Bell, Mr. Lloyd, Mr. Maguire, Mr. Feeney, Miss Truman and Lieutenant Moore left the Little White House for the Officers Club at Fort Taylor where they attended a reception given by members of the club for the members of the President's party. They returned at 6:45 P.M.

Dinner was served at 7 P.M. Mr. Connelly and Admiral Dennison dined out.

The motion picture "That Midnight Kiss" and the March of Time short subject entitled "Farming Pays Off" were shown at the Little White House this evening. The

President and all members of his party, except Admiral Dennison and Mr. Connelly, attended.

The ladies retired to their quarters at 12:15 A.M.; the President retired at 12:45 A.M.

### **Wednesday, 7 December**

The President came downstairs at 7:35 A.M. He left the house at 7:40 A.M. for his morning walk and returned at 8 A.M.

At 8:15 A.M. the President sat down to breakfast with Mr. Hassett, who was the only other member of the party stirring at that hour.

The President worked on official mail from 8:45 to 9:30 A.M.

Mr. Clifford returned from Miami at 9:15 A.M.

At 9:55 A.M. Mrs. Truman, Miss Truman, Mr. Woodward and Colonel Mara left the Little White House for Boca Chica where they enplaned in the INDEPENDENCE and returned to Washington. General Landry accompanied them to Boca Chica. The ladies had planned to return to Washington on Tuesday, December 6<sup>th</sup>, but they extended their stay in order to further enjoy the rest and relaxation at Key West. Mrs. Truman was scheduled to entertain at Blair House that afternoon and Miss Truman was committed to return to her studies in New York. Commander Warden, Mr. Long, Mr. Charnley, Mr. Duffy, Mr. Shields and Mr. Roberts also were passengers in the INDEPENDENCE for the trip to Washington.

At 10:20 A.M. the President, Mr. Steelman, General Vaughan, Mr. Murphy, Mr. Lloyd and Mr. Bell left the Little White House and walked to Truman Beach. Mr. Hassett, Mr. Ross, General Graham, General Landry and Mr. Elsey came down later and joined the party. The President took his usual swim. At volleyball, team #1 (Mr. Clifford, Mr. Dawson, Mr. Feeney, Mr. Rowley and Lieutenant Moore) defeated team #2 (Mr. Murphy, Mr. Elsey, Mr. Bell, Mr. Spingarn and Mr. Nicholson) two games out of three.

The President left the beach at 12:50 P.M. and motored back to the Little White House.

This forenoon a half-ton truck loaded with vegetables and citrus fruits arrived from Fort Pierce for use in the President's mess. The produce was the gift of several growers in that area and had been collected and sent to Key West by Sheriff Walter Clark and Mr. Paul Brown.

Lunch was served at 1:30 P.M. Mr. Bell was a guest.



At 2:15 P.M. the President met with his staff to discuss matters to be incorporated in the state of the union message. The conference was held in the north garden, and was adjourned at 3:45 P.M. The President then retired to his quarters where he rested until 5 P.M.

Dinner was served at 7 P.M. Mr. Feeney was a guest. Following dinner the motion picture "The Heiress" was shown in the living room. The President did not attend.

The President retired to his quarters at 12:10 A.M.

Mr. U. E. Baughman, Chief of the Secret Service, arrived in Key West today. He was quartered at Building #217.

### **Tuesday, 8 December**

The President came downstairs at 7:25 A.M. He left the house at 7:30 A.M. for his morning walk. During the walk he stopped at the naval station boat landing to see General Vaughan and General Landry, Commander MacDonald and Mr. Redmond off on a fishing trip. He returned to the Little White House at 7:45 A.M. and sat down to breakfast at 7:50 A.M. with General Graham and Mr. Murphy.

At 8:45 A.M. the President again went to the boat landing where he saw a second fishing party off – General Graham, Mr. Lloyd, Mr. Murphy, Mr. Spingarn, Mr. Maguire, Mr. Feeney and Mr. U. E. Baughman. Other fishing parties had reported that big sail fish were running off Key West, and this word lured out all the fishermen in the President's party except Mr. Hassett.

At 9:55 A.M. the President, Mr. Ross, Mr. Elsey, Mr. Hassett and Captain Adell left the Little White House and motored to Building #128. The President, acting in the role of "reporter for the Federal Register," attended Mr. Ross' press conference and quipped with the reporters as to how they were enjoying their visit. From the press conference, the President, Mr. Ross and Mr. Elsey continued on to Truman Beach. Mr. Steelman, Mr. Dawson, Admiral Dennison, Mr. Clifford and Mr. Bell joined them at the beach later. The water was warm and inviting today, so all hands went swimming. Later, at volleyball, team #1 (Mr. Elsey, Mr. Bell, Mr. Rowley, Mr. Gies, Mr. Behn) took three straight games from team #2 (Mr. Dawson, Mr. Clifford, Lieutenant Commander Rigdon, Mr. Nicholson and Mr. Kellerman).

Mr. Connelly left the house at 11:30 A.M. for Boca Chica, where he was met by Mr. Poncet Davis. Mr. Davis and Mr. Connelly continued on to Havana, via Mr. Davis' private aircraft, and spent the weekend there with friends.

The President left the beach at 12:40 P.M. and returned to the Little White House. The fishing parties returned to report following catches: General Vaughan, 1 tuna, 2

barracuda; General Landry, 2 barracuda; Commander MacDonald, 2 barracuda, 1 mackerel; Mr. Murphy, 1 barracuda.

Mr. Lloyd and Mr. Maguire were luncheon guests.

At 2 P.M. the President retired to his quarters where he rested until 4 P.M.

At 6 P.M. Mr. Frank Pace Jr., Mr. David K. Niles and Mr. W. F. Schaub arrived from Washington to join the President's party. Coming down in the same aircraft were Dr. Bruce D. Forsyth, Commander Warden, Mr. Percy E. Nelson, Mr. John W. Parker and Mr. Joseph G. Giordano. Mr. Pace, Mr. Schaub and Mr. Niles were berthed at the Little White House; Dr. Forsyth at Quarters "L"; Mr. Nelson, Mr. Parker and Mr. Giordano at BOQ 128. Commander Warden returned to his duty in the WILLIAMSBURG.

Lieutenant H. W. Burrill, USN, courier, arrived from Washington at 6:10 P.M. with official White House mail.

Dinner was served at 7 P.M. There were no guests. Following dinner, the motion picture "The Great Lover" was shown at the Little White House. The President did not attend. He worked on official mail.

The President retired at 12:30 A.M.

### **Friday, 9 December**

The President came downstairs at 7:35 A.M. He left the house at 7:40 A.M. for his morning walk and returned at 7:55 A.M. He sat down to breakfast at 8 A.M. with Mr. Pace, Mr. Niles, Mr. Steelman, Mr. Hassett.

Following breakfast, the President conferred with Mr. Pace and Mr. Schaub until 9:30 A.M.

Mr. Hassett, Mr. Clifford, General Vaughan, General Graham, Mr. Niles, Mr. Dawson, Commander Holton and Captain Ritchett left the Little White House at 8:50 A.M. for Boca Chica. At Boca Chica they enplaned (Navy R4D, Lieutenant Beare) for Havana, where they spent the day sightseeing and shopping.

At 10:10 A.M. the President, Mr. Steelman, Dr. Forsyth, Mr. Spingarn and Mr. Feeney left the Little White House and walked to Truman Beach. General Landry joined them there later. The President went swimming. At volleyball: Team #1 (Mr. Pace, Mr. Rowley, Lieutenant Moore, Mr. Schaub, Mr. Behn) took three straight games from Team #2 (Commander Warden, Lieutenant Commander Rigdon, Mr. Spingarn, Mr. Barry and Dr. Forsyth).

Lieutenant Burrill, courier, left the Little White House with official mail at 10:15 A.M. for Boca Chica. From Boca Chica he returned to Washington via naval aircraft. Mr. Bell, Mr. Baughman and Mr. Usher returned to Washington in this same plane.

The President left the beach at 12:25 P.M. and motored back to the Little White House.

Lunch was served at 1 P.M. Dr. Forsyth and Mr. Spingarn were guests.

At 2 P.M. the President retired to his quarters where he rested until 4 P.M. At the same time General Landry, Mr. Feeney and Dr. Forsyth, embarked in a 35-foot motor boat and departed for an afternoon of fishing. They returned at 6:30 P.M. with a total of 53 fish, which they had caught bottomfishing.

At 6:35 P.M. Mr. Niles and Mr. Hassett returned from Havana. General Vaughan, General Graham, Mr. Clifford and Mr. Dawson remained in Havana overnight.

Dinner was served at 7 P.M. Mr. Ross and Admiral Dennison dined out.

The motion picture "South of St. Louis" was shown at the Little White House this evening. The President did not attend.

The President retired to his quarters at 12:05 A.M.

### **Saturday, 10 December**

The President came downstairs at 7:35 A.M. Accompanied by Mr. Pace, he left the house at 7:40 A.M. for his morning walk. They returned at 7:55 A.M.

The President sat down to breakfast at 8:10 A.M. with Mr. Pace, Mr. Hassett, Mr. Steelman, Mr. Schaub and Mr. Niles.

The President worked on official mail from 9 A.M. to 9:30 A.M.

At 9:20 A.M. Mr. Schaub left for Boca Chica where he enplaned in a naval aircraft (JRB) for Miami. He continued from Miami to Washington via a National Airlines scheduled flight.

The President, Mr. Steelman, Mr. Niles, Mr. Pace, Captain Adell, Mr. Elsey, Dr. Forsyth and Mr. Feeney left the Little White House at 10:15 A.M. and walked to Truman Beach. Mr. Spingarn, Mr. Lloyd, Mr. Maguire, General Landry, Mr. Ross, Mr. Hassett joined later. The President, Mr. Niles, Mr. Murphy, Mr. Lloyd, and Mr. Maguire went swimming. At volleyball, team #1 (Mr. Pace, Lieutenant Moore, Lieutenant Commander Rigdon, Mr. Rowley, General Landry and Mr. Lloyd) took two straight games from Team #2

(Commander Warden, Dr. Forsyth, Mr. Maguire, Mr. Spingarn, Captain Dudley and Mr. Doster).

The President left the beach at 12:30 P.M. and motored back to the Little White House.

General Vaughan, General Graham, Mr. Clifford and Mr. Dawson returned from Havana at 11:30 A.M.

Lunch was served at 1 P.M.

At 2 P.M. the President retired to his quarters where he rested until 4 P.M.

At 2 P.M. Mr. Ross, Mr. Pace, General Landry, Mr. Feeney and Dr. Forsyth embarked in a station motor boat and departed for the fishing grounds off Key West. They returned at 4 P.M. with no fish and reported having been buffeted around by very rough seas.

Dinner was served at 7 P.M. Following dinner the motion picture "Keep Them Laughing" was shown in the living room. The President did not attend.

The President retired to his quarters at 1:30 A.M.

### **Sunday, 11 December**

Honorable John W. Snyder, Secretary of the Treasury, arrived at the Little White House at 7:20 A.M. and joined the President's party. Mr. Snyder came down from Washington in a Coast Guard aircraft. He was quartered at the Little White House.

The President came downstairs at 7:55 A.M. He sat on the south porch and chatted with Mr. Snyder and Mr. Hassett until 8:10 A.M., when he and Mr. Snyder left the house and went for a walk about the naval station. They returned at 8:30 A.M.

During the night an unidentified practical joker brought a small Mexican burro into the Naval Station and tied it onto the shower stall at Truman Beach. The burro was discovered this morning by station police who reported it to the Secret Service who in turn reported it to the President. The Secret Service removed the burro to nearby Fort Taylor, where it was later taken in hand by Naval Station authorities who returned him to his owner (Mr. Alton Freeman, Miami, Florida).

Mr. Hassett and Commander MacDonald attended the 9 A.M. mass at the Naval Station Memorial Chapel. Mr. Elsey attended church services in Key West. At 9 A.M. the President sat down to breakfast together with Mr. Snyder, Mr. Pace, General Vaughan, Mr. Niles, General Landry, Mr. Steelman, General Vaughan, Admiral Dennison and Mr. Clifford.

At 10:55 A.M. the President, Mr. Snyder, Admiral Dennison, Captain Adell, Mr. Niles, Mr. Pace, General Graham, Mr. Dawson left the Little White House and motored to The Naval Station Memorial Chapel where they attended divine services conducted by Chaplain Rennie. From the Chapel the party continued on to Truman Beach where they were joined later by Mr. Elsey, Mr. Steelman, Mr. Hassett, Mr. Murphy, General Vaughan, Mr. Clifford, General Landry, Mr. Spingarn, Mr. Lloyd, Dr. Forsyth, Mr. Maguire and Mr. Feeney.

The surf was rather rough today but the President, Mr. Murphy, Mr. Clifford, Mr. Elsey, Mr. Spingarn, Mr. Lloyd, Mr. Maguire, and Mr. Feeney went swimming.

At volleyball, Team #1 (Mr. Pace, General Landry, Mr. Barry, Mr. Nicholson, Mr. Dawson) defeated Team #2 (Mr. Clifford, Lieutenant Commander Rigdon, Commander Warden, Dr. Forsyth and General Vaughan) three out of four games.

The President left the beach at 1:40 P.M. and motored back to the Little White House.

At 2 P.M. all hands assembled in the south garden and a group photograph was made by the party photographer.

Lunch was served at 2:10 P.M. Mr. Elsey had lunch with the Wardroom officers in the WILLIAMSBURG.

From 3:45 P.M. to 4:45 P.M. the President conferred with Mr. Snyder, Mr. Pace, Mr. Clifford, Mr. Ross and Mr. Murphy. The meeting was held in the north garden.

Dinner was served at 7:30 P.M. Mr. Hassett and Mr. Elsey dined out. The motion picture "Tension" was shown at the Little White House this evening. The President did not attend.

The President retired to his quarters at 2 A.M.

### **Monday, 12 December**

Mr. Ross and General Graham left for Boca Chica at 7:30 A.M., where they enplaned (in Navy R4D, Lieutenant Beare, pilot) for Fort Myers. At Fort Myers they were met by Lieutenant Britt of the Florida State Highway Patrol who took them by motor car to Sanibel Island, where they spent the day with Mr. Ross's sister, Miss Ella Ross.

The President came downstairs at 7:35 A.M. He left the house at 7:40 A.M. for his morning walk. For the second time he went out into the city. He left the Naval Station by the Green Street gate and re-entered via the Southard Street gate. He returned at 8 A.M. and sat down to breakfast at 8:10 A.M. with Mr. Hassett, Mr. Clifford and Mr. Niles.

At 10:15 A.M. the President, Mr. Niles, Mr. Elsey, Mr. Steelman, Mr. Clifford, General Vaughan, Mr. Snyder, General Landry, Mr. Dawson, and Mr. Pace left the Little White House and walked to Truman Beach. They were joined there later by Dr. Forsyth, Mr. Feeney, Mr. Maguire, Mr. Spingarn and Mr. Lloyd. The President took his usual swim. At volleyball, Team #1 (Mr. Pace, Lieutenant Moore, Lieutenant Commander Rigdon, Mr. Clifford, General Vaughan, Mr. Lloyd) took two out of three games from Team #2 (Commander Warden, Dr. Forsyth, Mr. Regan, Mr. Dawson, Mr. Spingarn and General Landry).

Mr. Connelly returned from Havana at 11:15 A.M.

The President left the beach at 12:15 P.M. and motored back to the Little White House.

Lunch was served at 12:30 P.M. Immediately after lunch, Mr. Snyder, Mr. Pace and Mr. Murphy left for Boca Chica where they enplaned (Coast Guard R4D) for Washington.

At 1:15 P.M. the President retired to his quarters where he rested until 4 P.M.

At 2:15 P.M. Mr. Feeney and Dr. Forsyth departed on a fishing trip. They returned at 6 P.M. with a catch of 32 fish.

At 2:20 P.M. Mr. David H. Stowe and Mr. William J. Hopkins arrived to join the President's party. They came down from Washington in the INDEPENDENCE which had remained in Washington since Wednesday of last week. Passengers in the INDEPENDENCE also included Mr. Philleo Nash, Mr. Charles Maylon, Mr. Russell P. Andrews, Mr. Long and Mr. Charnley. Mr. Stowe, Mr. Hopkins, Mr. Nash, Colonel Maylon and Mr. Andrews were billeted at Quarters "L"; Mr. Long and Mr. Charnley at BOQ 128.

At 2:30 P.M. Lieutenant W. A. Sims, USN, courier, arrived with official White House mail. He came down from Washington in the INDEPENDENCE. The naval aircraft (R4D) scheduled to bring the mail from Washington deadheaded to Key West today in order to be available on Tuesday to return the mail to Washington.

Mr. Ross and General Graham returned from Sanibel Island at 6 P.M.

Dinner was served at 7 P.M.

The motion picture "In the Good Old Summertime" was shown at the Little White House this evening. The President did not attend. The house fire alarm sounded during the movies. A hurried investigation proved there was no fire and that the alarm had been set off by an electrical defect in the system.

General Graham addressed the meeting of Monroe County Medical Association held in Key West this evening.

After the movies, the President worked on official mail from 11 P.M. to 12:30 A.M. He retired to his quarters at 1:30 A.M.

## **Tuesday, 13 December**

The President slept late this morning and did not come downstairs until 8:10 A.M. He did not go for a walk but, instead, sat on the south porch and read the morning newspaper until 8:30 A.M. He then sat down to breakfast with Mr. Clifford, Mr. Hassett, Mr. Hopkins, Mr. Niles, Mr. Dawson and Mr. Steelman.

At 9 A.M. General Landry, General Graham and Mr. Stowe embarked in a station motor boat and departed on a fishing trip. They returned at 12 noon with a catch of one small grouper, one parrotfish and one octopus.

At 10 A.M. Lieutenant Sims left the Little White House with official mail to be returned to Washington. Mr. Spingarn, Mr. Lloyd, Mr. Feeney, Mr. Maguire, Mr. Redmond and Mr. Nelson also returned to Washington via today's mail plane.

At 10:10 A.M. the President, Mr. Niles, Admiral Dennison, Captain Adell, Mr. Nash, Colonel Maylon, General Vaughan, Dr. Forsyth, Mr. Andrews, and Mr. Hopkins left the Little White House and walked to Truman Beach. Mr. Hassett and Mr. Ross joined them there later. The President, Mr. Hassett and Mr. Dawson went swimming. Mr. Nash and Commander Warden tried their hand at sailing the dinghy. They went out beyond the roped off area and had great difficulty getting back – had to resort to the use of oars, aided by a push from Dr. Forsyth who swam out to their rescue.

The President left the beach at 12:40 P.M. and motored back to the Little White House.

Lunch was served at 1 P.M. After lunch the President worked on official mail until 2 P.M., when he retired to his quarters where he rested until 4:15 P.M.

At 4:30 P.M. a group consisting of Mr. Hassett, Mr. Clifford, Mr. Hopkins, Dr. Forsyth and Colonel Maylon embarked in a station motor boat and left on a fishing expedition. They returned at 5:30 P.M. with no fish.

Mr. Dawson left the Little White House at 3:30 P.M. for Meacham Field where he enplaned for Miami. He did not rejoin the President's party.

Dinner was served at 7 P.M.

The motion picture "All the King's Men" was shown at the Little White House this evening. The President did not attend.

The President retired to his quarters at 1 A.M.

### **Wednesday, 14 December**

The President came downstairs at 7:40 A.M. He left the house at 7:45 A.M. and took a walk around the Naval Station. He returned to the Little White House at 8:10 A.M. and sat down to breakfast at 8:15 A.M. with Mr. Hassett, Mr. Elsey and Mr. Niles.

At 10:20 A.M. the President, General Vaughan, Captain Adell, Colonel Maylon, Mr. Andrews, Mr. Nash, Dr. Forsyth left the Little White House and walked to the beach. Mr. Steelman, General Landry, General Graham and Mr. Hassett joined them there later. The President, Mr. Steelman, Mr. Hassett, Colonel Maylon and Mr. Nash went swimming.

At volleyball: Team #1 (General Vaughan, Lieutenant Commander Ridgon, Mr. Rowley, Colonel Maylon, Commander Warden and Dr. Forsyth) took two out of three games from Team #2, (Mr. Nash, Mr. Champion, Mr. Parker, Mr. Gies, Mr. Fugler and Mr. Behn).

The President left the beach at 12:40 P.M. and motored back to the Little White House.

A picnic lunch was served in the north garden. After lunch the President retired to his quarters where he rested until 4:30 P.M.

At 2:15 P.M. Mr. Hassett and Dr. Forsyth embarked in a station motor boat and departed on a fishing trip. They returned at 4:20 P.M., with six small fish (grunts).

Mr. Russell J. McMullin (White House Communications staff) was admitted to the Naval Hospital, Key West, this afternoon for treatment on recommendation of Commander Warden.

At 3:20 P.M. Mr. Niles left for Miami where he spent the weekend with friends.

At 6 P.M. the President, Mr. Steelman, Mr. Hassett, Mr. Connelly, Mr. Ross, Mr. Clifford, General Vaughan, General Graham, General Landry, Mr. Elsey, Mr. Stowe, Mr. Hopkins, Colonel Maylon, Mr. Andrews, Mr. Nash and Dr. Forsyth left the Little White House and motored to the Aeropalms Club, at the Seaplane Base in Key West, where they attended a reception given jointly by Admiral Dennison and Commander MacDonald. All except Mr. Connelly returned at 7:15 P.M.

Dinner was served at 8 P.M. Mr. Andrews was a guest. Mr. Connelly and Admiral Dennison dined out. Following dinner, the motion picture "Set Up" was shown at the Little White House. The President did not attend.

The President retired to his quarters at 10:20 P.M.



## **Thursday, 15 December**

The President came downstairs at 7:30 A.M. He left the house at 7:40 A.M. for a walk around the Naval Station. He returned to the Little White House at 8 A.M. and sat down to breakfast at 8 A.M. with General Vaughan and Mr. Hassett.

At 9:55 A.M. the President and Mr. Ross left the Little White House and motored to the press room (Bldg. 128), where the President held a press conference and posed for the photographers. At 10:15 A.M. they left the press room and continued on to the beach, where they were joined by General Landry, Mr. Andrews, Colonel Maylon, Mr. Nash, General Graham, Mr. Hopkins, Dr. Forsyth, General Vaughan, Mr. Hassett, Mr. Steelman and Mr. Clifford. The President, Mr. Stowe, Mr. Steelman, Mr. Hassett, General Vaughan, Mr. Nash and Dr. Forsyth went swimming. At volleyball, Team #1 (Mr. Clifford, Mr. Fugler, Mr. Champion, Dr. Forsyth, Lieutenant Commander Rigdon and Mr. Parker) took four out of six games from Team #2 (Lieutenant Moore, Commander Warden, Mr. Nash, Mr. Hopkins, Mr. Giordano and General Vaughan).

Mr. William M. Boyle Jr. (Chairman of the Democratic National Committee) arrived from Miami at 11:30 A.M. for a brief call on the President.

Captain Ritchett (Washington Metropolitan Police) left to return to Washington.

The President left the beach at 12:45 P.M. and motored back to the Little White House.

Mr. Boyle was a guest at lunch. After lunch the President retired to his quarters where he rested until 3 P.M.

The President conferred with Mr. Boyle from 3 to 3:30 P.M.

At 5 P.M. Mr. Boyle and Mr. Connelly departed for Boca Chica where they enplaned for Miami (Navy R4D, Lieutenant Beare). Mr. Connelly remained in Miami until Saturday, 17 December, when he rejoined the President's party.

Dinner was served at 7 P.M. Lieutenant Colonel Williams, Mr. Nash and Colonel Maylon were guests. Mr. Ross dined out.

The motion picture "The Girl from Jones Beach" was shown at the Little White House this evening. The President did not attend.

The President retired to his quarters at 10 P.M.

## **Friday, 16 December**

The President came downstairs at 7:15 A.M. He spent the next fifteen minutes on the south porch reading the morning newspaper. At 7:30 A.M. he left the house for his morning walk, which took him out into Key West. He left the station by way of the Greene Street gate and returned via the Southard Street gate. He returned to the quarters at 7:55 A.M. and sat down to breakfast at 8:10 A.M. with Mr. Hopkins, Mr. Elsey and Mr. Hassett.

At 8:35 A.M. Mr. Elsey, Mr. Hopkins, Mr. Nash, Colonel Maylon, Commander MacDonald, Lieutenant Colonel Williams, Mr. Giordano and Mr. Parker left the Little White House for Boca Chica. At Boca Chica they enplaned for Havana (Navy R4D), Lieutenant Beare, pilot), where they spent the day shopping and sightseeing.

The weather was cloudy this morning and it appeared that rain might descend at any moment, so the President did not go to the beach. He remained at the Little White House and visited with members of his staff.

Captain O. A. Smith, Medical Corps, USN, and Captain F. L. Busey, USN, were guests at lunch.

After lunch the President retired to his quarters where he rested until 4 P.M. Lieutenant Burrill (courier) arrived from Washington with official White House mail at 5 P.M.

Dinner was served at 7 P.M. Mr. Ross dined out. Following dinner the motion picture "Quartet" was shown at the Little White House. The President worked on official papers and did not attend the movies.

The President retired to his quarters at 12:40 P.M.

## **Saturday, 17 December**

The President came downstairs at 7:30 A.M. He left the house five minutes later for a walk around the naval station, from which he returned at 7:50 A.M.

At 7:40 A.M. General Landry left for Boca Chica where he enplaned for Tulsa, Oklahoma (USAF B-25, Lieutenant Colonel Duncan, pilot) where he had an official engagement.

The President sat down to breakfast at 8:15 A.M. with Mr. Hassett and General Graham, Mr. Elsey and Mr. Steelman.

The President worked on official mail from 8:30 A.M. to 9:15 A.M. At 9:25 A.M. the President, General Vaughan, Admiral Dennison, General Graham and Captain Adell left

the Little White House and motored to the Fleet Sonar School where the President inspected the personnel of the school and delivered diplomas to the members of the graduating class. Enlisted men who received diplomas were:

William Stockstad	Edgar J. Fox
Richard L. Hedd	Richard Thwing Helmers
Jack F. Sanders	Earl G. Blancgard
Arthur K. Anderson	Edward S. Benko
Gordon Bill	Lynwood G. Kittrell
James W. McJannet	Gerald Bellart
Freeman S. Graham	Raymond Krolikowski
Alfred C. Ticineto	Ronald A. Black
Hugh Casey	Ralph W. Calloway
Charles N. Lafebvre	Verdie J. Hendley
Felix R. Werbicki	Roger L. Bobzien
Francis R. Brown	Ronald J. Porter
Charles E. Haas	Ray C. Hopkins
Edward C. Brezinski	James A. Smith
Ralph Unislawski	James B. Woods
John P. Bobbie	Harvey F. Kaufman
William C. Trotter	Frederick M. Foreman
Tom C. Pemberton	Donald Mazurkiswicz

After he had delivered the diplomas and shaken hands with each of the 36 men, the President remarked as follows: “Captain (William R. Carruthers, Commanding Officer of the Sonar School), and Members of this Class: It is a pleasure to me to again appear here for your graduation exercises.

“You young men have been putting in some strenuous hours trying to fit yourselves for one of the great necessities of our national defense program. I am familiar with what you have been doing, although I am not as proficient in it as you undoubtedly are.

“I hope you will have successful careers and that this school will continue to turn out young men such as you for the welfare and benefit of the country.

“Thank you very much.”

Captain Carruthers later commented that “since President Truman first presented diplomas at the Sonar School last March, applications for enrollment have doubled.

The President, General Vaughan, General Graham, Admiral Dennison, and Captain Adell returned to the Little White House at 9:50 A.M.

At 10 A.M. General Graham, Lieutenant Burrill (courier), Dr. Forsyth, Colonel Maylon, Mr. Parker and Mr. Giordano left the Little White House for Boca Chica. At Boca Chica, General Graham enplaned for Miami (Navy R4D, Lieutenant Beare, pilot). The others returned to Washington via the regularly scheduled mail plane.

At 10:10 A.M. the President, Admiral Dennison, Captain Adell, Mr. Stowe, Mr. Hopkins and Mr. Andrews left the house and walked to the beach. Mr. Elsey and General Vaughan were at the beach when the President arrived. Mr. Steelman, Mr. Ross and Mr. Hassett joined him there later.

The President went swimming. Later he walked over to nearby Fort Taylor, but the gates were locked and he could not get in, so he returned to the beach. At volleyball, Team #1 (Admiral Dennison, General Vaughan, Lieutenant Moore, Mr. Hopkins, Lieutenant Commander Rigdon and Mr. Boggs) defeated Team #2 (Mr. Clifford, Mr. Stowe, Mr. Nash, Commander Warden, Mr. Campion, Mr. Elsey) three out of five games.

The President left the beach at 12:35 P.M. and motored back to the Little White House.

Mr. Connelly returned from Miami at 1:30 P.M. and rejoined the President's party.

Mr. Andrews was a guest at lunch, which was served at 1:45 P.M.

After lunch, the President worked on official papers until 2:45 P.M. when he retired to his quarters where he rested until 4:30 P.M.

At 5 P.M. General Landry telephoned from Memphis, Tennessee, to advise that due to adverse weather conditions his plane had been unable to land at Tulsa, Oklahoma; that he had put down at Memphis to refuel; and that he now planned to go on to New Orleans where he would visit his mother. Mrs. Landry was then quite ill.

Dinner was served at 7 P.M. Mr. Nash was a guest. Admiral Dennison dined out.

The motion picture "You're My Everything" was shown at the Little White House this evening. The President did not attend.

The President retired to his quarters at 12:15 P.M.

### **Sunday, 18 December**

Mr. Steelman left the house at 7:30 A.M. for Boca Chica. At Boca Chica he enplaned (Navy R4D, Lieutenant Beare, pilot) for Miami where he visited with friends until Monday, 19 December.

The President came downstairs at 8:30 A.M. He did not take his usual morning walk but instead sat on the south porch and chatted with Mr. Hassett and Mr. Clifford for the next half hour. At 9 A.M. he sat down to breakfast with Mr. Clifford and Mr. Elsey. Mr. Hassett attended the 9 A.M. mass at the Naval Station Memorial Chapel.

The President, accompanied by Admiral Dennison, Captain Adell, Mr. Clifford and Mr. Stowe, left the Little White House at 10:50 A.M. and motored to the Naval Station Memorial Chapel where they attended divine services. The services were conducted by Chaplain Rennie. They returned to the Little White House at 11:50 A.M.

At 12 noon the President, Admiral Dennison, Mr. Clifford, Mr. Hassett, Captain Adell, Mr. Nash left the Little White House and walked to the beach. General Vaughan, Mr. Andrews and Mr. Stowe were at the beach when the President arrived. Mr. Hopkins joined them there later. The President, Mr. Hassett, Mr. Stowe and Mr. Nash went swimming. At volleyball, Team #1 (Mr. Clifford, Mr. Fugler, Mr. Hopkins, Lieutenant Commander Rigdon and Mr. Nash) defeated Team #2 (Admiral Dennison, Commander Warden, General Vaughan, Mr. Campion and Mr. Nicholson) three games out of five.

General Graham returned from Miami at 12:30 P.M. and rejoined the President's party.

The President left the beach at 1:45 P.M. and motored back to the Little White House.

Lunch was served at 2 P.M. Following lunch the President retired to his quarters where he rested until 4:30 P.M.

Dinner was served at 8 P.M. Captain Adell, Mr. Andrews and Mr. Nash were guests. Mr. Connelly and Mr. Clifford dined out.

At 9 P.M. the motion picture "Everybody Does It" was shown at the Little White House. The President did not attend.

General Landry returned to the Little White House at 10:20 P.M. and rejoined the party.

The President retired to his quarters at 1 A.M.

### **Monday, 19 December**

The President came downstairs at 7:30 A.M. and left the house at 7:35 A.M. for his morning walk. He again went out into Key West – leaving the Naval Station via the Greene Street gate and returning by way of the Southard Street gate. He returned to the Little White House at 8 A.M. and sat down to breakfast at 8:15 A.M. He dined alone as there was no one else up and about.

At 9:30 A.M. General Graham, Mr. Hassett and General Landry embarked in a station motor boat and departed for the fishing grounds off Key West.

At 10 A.M. the President inspected the Marine Guard which was drawn up in the courtyard at the rear of the administration building. The President complimented Major Hayes on the fine appearance of his guard.

At 10:10 A.M. the President, General Vaughan, Captain Adell, Mr. Elsey and Mr. Andrews left the house and walked to the beach. Mr. Nash and Mr. Ross joined them at the beach later. The President, General Vaughan and Mr. Ross went swimming. There was no volleyball game this morning.

The President left the beach at 12:25 P.M. and motored back to the Little White House.

Sheriff Walter Clark of Fort Pierce, Florida, called at the Little White House at 12:30 P.M. and visited with the President until 12:45 P.M.

Lunch was served at 1 P.M. Following lunch the President retired to his quarters where he rested until 3 P.M.

General Graham, Mr. Hassett and General Landry returned from their fishing trip at 2 P.M. with a catch of six fish (General Landry, 1 grouper and 1 barracuda; Mr. Hassett, 2 grouper; and General Graham, 2 barracuda).

The President, accompanied by Admiral Dennison, left the Little White House at 3:10 P.M. and motored to the Naval Hospital where he visited with Mr. Joseph Short. They returned to the house at 3:50 P.M.

Mr. Steelman returned from Miami at 3:45 P.M. and rejoined the party.

At 4:15 P.M. all hands assembled in the south garden and a group picture was made by the party photographer.

Mr. Niles returned at 5:30 P.M. and rejoined the party.

Dinner was served at 7 P.M. There were no guests. Mr. Connelly dined out. Following dinner the motion picture "Any Number Can Play" was shown in the living room. The President did not attend.

The President retired to his quarters at midnight.

## **Tuesday, 20 December**

The President came downstairs at 7 A.M. He did not take a walk this morning. All members of the party joined him at breakfast, which was served at 7:20 A.M. Mr. Nash and Mr. Andrews were breakfast guests of the President's mess

During the breakfast all party baggage was moved off to Boca Chica. At 8:10 A.M. the President, all members of his party and Captain Adell left the Little White House by motor for Boca Chica.

The naval station streets from the Little White House to the Caroline Street gate again were lined with enlisted personnel dressed in their white uniforms. Full military honors were rendered as the President passed through the gate; he did not leave his car to inspect the guard. His personal flag was lowered as he left the naval station. The motorcade, led by Captain Clifton and four state patrolmen, went north on Caroline Street, east on Simonton Street, and then north on Truman Avenue. There were few people on the streets to witness the President's departure.

The President arrived at the Naval Air Station, Boca Chica at 8:30 A.M. Here again the station personnel were at "man-the-rail" stations. The President disembarked and said goodbye to the group of civic officials and senior officers on hand to see him off. He told them that he had had a fine vacation at Key West, and had at the same time accomplished a great deal of work – reading a backlog of official papers and preparing messages to Congress. He then went aboard the INDEPENDENCE and at 8:43 A.M. the INDEPENDENCE was airborne for Washington. Accompanying the President were: Mr. Steelman, Mr. Hassett, Mr. Connelly, Mr. Ross, Mr. Clifford, General Vaughan, Admiral Dennison, General Landry, General Graham, Mr. Niles, Mr. Stowe, Mr. Eley, and Mr. Hopkins, members of his party; and Mr. Rowley, Mr. Nicholson, Mr. Romagna, and Chief Steward Prettyman. The Press plane (National Airlines DC-6) was airborne at 8:45 A.M. for Washington. Embarked were: members of the press; members of the Secret Service; plus Mr. Long, Lieutenant Commander Rigdon, Lieutenant Moore, Mr. McMullin, Mr. Burton, Mr. Charnley, Mr. Cuckenberg, Sergeants Wolff, Schrader and Putterman.

The Navy plane (R4D, Lieutenant Beare, pilot) was airborne at 8:55 A.M. for Washington. Embarked were: Mr. Andrews, Mr. Nash, Commander Holton, Chief Yeoman Winkler, Chief Photographer Ryan, and Chief Stewards Bautista and Pascual.

The press plane arrived at Washington National Airport at 12:25 P.M. The weather at Washington was cloudy and cold (42 degrees). The INDEPENDENCE arrived two minutes after the press plane. The President, wearing a deep tan and appearing well rested,

disembarked at once and was met by a large crowd of well-wishers which included four members of his Cabinet – Secretaries Acheson, Johnson, Sawyer and Chapman. After a brief exchange of greetings the President entered a White House automobile and proceeded to the Blair House.

The Navy plane (R4D) arrived at the Naval Air Station, Anacostia, at 3 P.M.

The WILLIAMSBURG departed Key West at 10:30 A.M. for Washington, where she arrived at 1 P.M. on Friday, 23 December.



**TEMPERATURES AT KEY WEST**

		<b><u>Minimum</u></b>	<b><u>Maximum</u></b>
Nov	28	63	73
	29	65	78
	30	64	80
Dec	1	63	71
	2	64	72
	3	64	74
	4	66	75
	5	65	73
	6	63	77
	7	66	80
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