

January 11, 1972

1:30 p. m.

MEMORANDUM FOR: H. R. HALDEMAN
FROM: DWIGHT L. CHAPIN
SUBJECT: China Trip

The following are some odds and ends regarding the China trip which you may wish to be aware of.

1. The schedule as I sent it to you in San Clemente (copy attached) has been tentatively agreed upon with the PRC. Per your suggestion yesterday, we will try to alternate the mornings that we keep clear if the PRC will agree.
2. There probably will be two meetings with Mao. Both of these will probably take place in Peking. Regarding who will sit in on these, Haig evidently approached Chou with the idea of having Kissinger sit in. Chou will definitely sit in on the meetings that the President has with Chairman Mao.
3. Once again, the President's trip is too long and there is absolutely nothing we can do about it so I'll never raise it again.
4. The accommodations in all three cities are excellent. It will always be possible to have you and Dr. Kissinger in close proximity to the President.
5. The precise items to be covered on live television have not yet been agreed upon by the networks. We should have a reading on their intentions in a few days. Electronic camera coverage for live and video taping will be extensive and much greater than we had anticipated.
6. We do not have an agent in the front seat of the President's car at any time. This is a Secret Service problem which is going to eventually be brought to you.

7. We have not set a length on any of the meetings which the President will hold with Chinese leaders. Everything is open-ended and the President can decide the length of the meeting time when he meets with Chou.
8. Sightseeing events are much too long. This is a difficult problem. We are going to have to try our best to cut them as short as possible but they are going to be much longer than the President desires.
9. We are preparing a memorandum for your signature to Mrs. Nixon covering her schedule. We do not know who will be escorting her yet.