

January 3, 1972

OPENING POINTS

COMMENTS REGARDING

THE PRESIDENT'S SCHEDULE

1. The President, as the PRC is aware, has agreed to the Seven Complete Days, with departure on the morning of the Eighth Day.
2. The President is aware of the desires of the PRC not to have a formal schedule. By that, I mean not locking every event on specific days and of the need to be flexible due to the necessity to allow as much time for substantive meetings and other factors of which we may not be aware at this time, such as weather.
3. Therefore, the President accepts the recommendation of picking four or five places where the PRC would want him to visit in the Peking area and he realizes that the decisions on when to visit them can be kept flexible. It is our thought that in case the President cannot visit more than one or two of the places selected that perhaps Mrs. Nixon can visit the places where the President does not go.
4. We would prefer an 11:30 a. m. arrival on February 21, in Peking.
Is this satisfactory?

(NOTE: Typed aboard plane shortly after take-off from Guam en route China.)

5. Will the President have to land in Shanghai and, if so, how much time does the PRC feel should be allowed for that stop, and what, if any, activity would take place there?
6. Is it the intention of the PRC to house the President in the Guest House which was shown to us on the last trip? We have a floor plan with the rooms assigned to members of our party which we can make available.
7. Will another Guest House be available for those members of the Party which we cannot place in the President's Guest House -- including Secretary Rogers and others.
8. We have assumed that the Prime Minister and the President would meet for the most part in the afternoons or evenings which is fine from the President's standpoint.
9. The President prefers to keep most of the mornings clear unless a meeting is planned in order to meet with his advisors and to work on U. S. Government business in which he will have to be involved while he is out of the country.

10. As we mentioned the last trip, the President would like to host a Reciprocal Banquet on the last evening he is in Peking.
11. We are interested in knowing what events will be proposed by the PRC for Hangchow and Shanghai.
12. The President would plan on departing from Shanghai the Eighth Day at 10:00 a. m.