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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

SUBJECT: St. Lawrence Seaway Opening Celebration

In connection with the proposed ceremony in which you would participate with Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II in opening the St. Lawrence Seaway in the last week of June 1959, we are suggesting two alternative plans for the ceremony as given below. Both plans call for the main celebration to be held at the St. Lambert Locks in Montreal, which is the actual beginning of the Seaway. Consideration was given to having the main ceremony with you and the Queen at the locks in the Cornwall-Massena area, but the difficult funding and logistical problems involved make us believe that it would be difficult to hold a successful ceremony there without the expenditure of perhaps \$300,000 with obligations starting now. As the funds available for this purpose are limited to \$60,000 a Congressional appropriation would be necessary. Montreal, with all the facilities required, would bring the U.S. expenditure within the available \$60,000.

It is recommended that you approve one of the following plans.

Plan 1. Joint Ceremony at Montreal and U.S.
Ceremony at Massena. (Estimated \$10,000
Required for Montreal; \$50,000 for Massena)

10:00 A.M. President and Mrs. Eisenhower arrive at Montreal Airport (Dorval) from Washington by air; proceed by auto to St. Lambert Locks to meet the Queen and Prince Philip.

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By OSTH NLE Date 3/6/88

ATG for Mrs S Stephens

11:00 - 12:00 Noon. Opening St. Lawrence Seaway - Joint ceremony with Queen. U.S. Naval vessels as escorts to BRITANNIA.

12:00 - 2:30 P.M. Lunch on BRITANNIA; goodbyes said to Queen on BRITANNIA; then by auto to Montreal Airport.

3:30 P.M. Depart Montreal for Massena by air.

4:00 P.M. Arrive Massena Airport; then by auto to Snell; board U.S. vessel and go through ship channel to Eisenhower Lock.

5:10 - 5:40 P.M. Ceremony at Eisenhower Lock; then drive to Power Dam and return to Airport.

6:40 P.M. Leave Massena Airport by plane for Washington.

The ceremony at Massena would be solely a United States affair, without Canadian participation or guests. In proposing a ceremony in the Massena area, we are endeavoring to give recognition to the work of the St. Lawrence Seaway Development Corporation, as well as to New York State.

Plan 2. Joint Ceremony at Montreal with President Returning Direct to Washington.
(Estimated \$10,000 required)

10:00 A.M. President and Mrs. Eisenhower arrive at Montreal Airport (Dorval) from Washington by air; proceed by auto to St. Lambert Locks to meet the Queen and Prince Philip.

11:00 - 12:00 Noon. Opening St. Lawrence Seaway - Joint ceremony with Queen. U.S. Naval vessels as escorts to BRITANNIA.

12:30 - 2:30 P.M. Lunch on the BRITANNIA; then by auto to Montreal Airport.

3:30 P.M. Depart Montreal for Washington by air.

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Our informal talks with the Canadians make us believe that either of the above plans would be agreeable to them. We have not, however, proposed either plan formally to the Canadian Government.

We have discussed the plans with the Department of Commerce, the parent body of the St. Lawrence Seaway Development Corporation, and with the Bureau of the Budget. These agencies concur in our recommendations as given above. Details of the two plans are enclosed.

When you have made your decision on this matter and we have received the formal acceptance of the Canadian government, we will submit recommendations as to a press release.



/S/ JOHN FOSTER DULLES

John Foster Dulles

Enclosures:

1. Details of Plan 1.
2. Details of Plan 2.

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ST. LAWRENCE DEDICATION



PLAN 1

- 7:45 A.M. President and Mrs. Eisenhower leave MATS Terminal, Washington National Airport, aboard the COLUMBINE III.
- 10:00 A.M. Arrive Dorval Airport, Montreal, Canada.
- 10:15 A.M. President and Mrs. Eisenhower leave Dorval Airport by motor.
- 11:15 A.M. U.S.-Canadian ceremonies begin at the St. Lambert Lock.
- 12:00 Noon U.S.-Canadian ceremonies conclude at the St. Lambert Lock.
- 12:05 P.M. President and Mrs. Eisenhower board the BRITANNIA as the guests of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II and His Royal Highness Prince Philip.
- 12:30 P.M. Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II and Prince Philip will give a luncheon in honor of the President and Mrs. Eisenhower on board the BRITANNIA.
- 2:30 P.M. President and Mrs. Eisenhower debark from the BRITANNIA and proceed by motor to Dorval Airport.
- 3:20 P.M. President and Mrs. Eisenhower arrive at Dorval Airport and board the COLUMBINE III.
- 3:30 P.M. COLUMBINE III departs from the Dorval Airport.
- 4:00 P.M. COLUMBINE III arrives Massena Airport, Massena, New York. President and Mrs. Eisenhower debark and depart by motor for the Snell Lock of the St. Lawrence Seaway.
- 4:15 P.M. President and Mrs. Eisenhower arrive at St. Lawrence and board _____, naval or commercial U.S. vessel.

PLAN 1 (continued)

- 4:25 P.M. The _____ proceeds from the Snell Lock through the Wiley Dondoro Ship Channel to the Eisenhower Lock and is raised (7-minute lift) in the Eisenhower Lock and progresses to the west end of the Lock.
- 5:00 P.M. President and Mrs. Eisenhower debark from the _____.
- 5:05 P.M. U.S. ceremonies begin at the Eisenhower Lock.
- 9:35 P.M. U.S. ceremonies conclude at the Eisenhower Lock.
- 5:40 P.M. President and Mrs. Eisenhower proceed to the St. Lawrence Power Dam by motor.
- 5:50 P.M. President and Mrs. Eisenhower arrive at the St. Lawrence Power Dam and proceed to the site of the plaque on the U.S.-Canadian boundary in the center of the Power Dam.
- 6:00 P.M. Ceremonies begin at the Power Dam.
- 6:20 P.M. U.S. ceremonies conclude at the Power Dam. President and Mrs. Eisenhower depart by motor for the Massena Airport.
- 6:45 P.M. President and Mrs. Eisenhower depart Massena aboard the COLUMBINE III.
- 8:45 P.M. COLUMBINE III arrives at MATS Terminal, Washington National Airport

NOTE:

If the Canadian Government should suggest, by chance, that Queen Elizabeth and Prince Philip accompany the President and Mrs. Eisenhower from Montreal to the Snell-Eisenhower Locks, the program would remain virtually the same except it would have to be determined where the President and Mrs. Eisenhower would take leave of Queen Elizabeth and Prince Philip, probably after the short ceremonies at the Power Dam. This arrangement would, however, raise many of the funding and logistical problems referred to in the first paragraph of the Memorandum.

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ST. LAWRENCE DEDICATION

PLAN 2

7:45 A.M. President and Mrs. Eisenhower leave MATS Terminal, Washington National Airport, aboard the COLUMBINE III.

10:00 A.M. Arrive Dorval Airport, Montreal, Canada.

10:15 A.M. President and Mrs. Eisenhower leave Dorval Airport by motor.

11:15 A.M. U.S.-Canadian ceremonies begin at the St. Lambert Lock.

12:00 Noon U.S.-Canadian ceremonies conclude at the St. Lambert Lock.

12:05 P.M. President and Mrs. Eisenhower board the BRITANNIA as the guests of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II and His Royal Highness Prince Philip.

12:30 P.M. Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II and His Royal Highness Prince Philip will give a luncheon in honor of the President and Mrs. Eisenhower on board the BRITANNIA.

2:30 P.M. President and Mrs. Eisenhower debark from the BRITANNIA and proceed by motor to Dorval Airport.

3:20 P.M. President and Mrs. Eisenhower arrive at Dorval Airport and board the COLUMBINE III.

3:30 P.M. COLUMBINE III departs from the Dorval Airport.

5:45 P.M. The President and Mrs. Eisenhower arrive at MATS Terminal, Washington National Airport.



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