

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

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MEMORANDUM FOR:

LAWRENCE M. HIGBY

FROM:

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SUBJECT:

The President's Trip to China  
February - 1972

Attached are details concerning your forthcoming trip with the President to the People's Republic of China. Please note particularly the information on passports, required (and recommended) immunizations, clothing, gifts, and luggage.

A rough tentative schedule, along with additional information concerning the trip, will be forthcoming in a few more days. Hopefully, this material will answer the questions you may have.

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1. PASSPORTS

You must have an up-to-date passport in order to enter China. Most Diplomatic and Official Passports carried an expiration date of December 1971; therefore, if you hold a diplomatic passport, please make certain that it has not expired. If you do not have a passport or find that you require renewal, please contact the Military Aide's office at the White House. The Military Aides will carry the passports throughout the trip. Your passport and shot record must be received by the Military Aide's Office by Friday, February 11.

2. IMMUNIZATIONS

The following are required: Smallpox within 3 years; Typhoid within 3 years; Tetanus and Diphtheria within 6 years; Cholera within 6 months; Gamma Globulin within 6 months; and Influenza since September 1971. The following is recommended: Yellow Fever within 10 years.

The necessary immunizations may be acquired in Room 105, Executive Office Building, between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

3. BAGGAGE

It is strongly requested that each member of the party limit his luggage to two pieces. This limitation is being imposed to insure that should any members of the party purchase any gifts in China or if the People's Republic should present gifts to the party, that there will be space available to transport them back to the United States. Additionally, the PRC provides excellent one-day laundry service which will help you meet your two piece luggage limitation.

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4. CLOTHING REQUIREMENTS

1. Heavy coats are essential for the Peking portion of the trip. A London fog -type raincoat will probably be more comfortable in Shanghai and Hangchow. Warm, long-sleeved wool suits and dresses for the ladies (in addition to a heavy coat) will be more comfortable than dresses with short sleeves. Warm Pants Suits can most appropriately be worn on many occasions. Sports coats for men are acceptable; however, business suits should be worn to substantive meetings.
2. A hat, preferably one that will cover the ears, for the visit to the Great Wall, Ming Tombs, Forbidden City, and other locations in Peking.
3. Gloves should be fur-lined. Plain suede gloves are not adequate, particularly at the Great Wall.
4. Crepe-sole or rubber-sole flat shoes for the visit to the Great Wall. High heels are not worn in China and the Chinese appear to take a dim view of anyone who will attempt the Wall with even a slight heel. They are extremely dangerous at the Wall.
5. Scarf - wool.
6. Sweater - when you go out of the hotel and also often inside. Temperatures fluctuate drastically.
7. Thermal underwear (for trip to Wall and Forbidden City).
8. Formal clothing will not be required. The Chinese wear simple, plain clothing on all occasions. Business clothes are always adequate.
9. It is recommended that the ladies pack an adequate supply of stockings for the trip.
10. As in many foreign countries, wash cloths are not provided.

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5. GIFT POLICY

In the People's Republic of China, all gifts purchased should be items that individuals can carry in their personal luggage or packages that each individual can hand carry onto the airplane. As a policy, any exceptions must be cleared by the Military Aide on an individual case by case basis. The Aide will make a daily check with the crews of the aircraft to determine their capacity to absorb large items. Once aircraft limitations are reached, no further authorizations can be made. Although it undoubtedly seems that we are taking an overly restrictive position on gifts, it is essential. In the past, we have been able to use Embassy facilities to return gifts to the States. Obviously, this is not possible in the PRC. Also, it is highly probable that the PRC may present gifts to each member of the party and this in itself will consume valuable space. Therefore, it is essential that every member of the party be acquainted with the gift limitations and that prior to making any large purchase, consult with the Military Aides on the trip to see if there is room on the aircraft to transport the gift back to the United States.

Many persons are used to purchasing a five cardboard pack of liquor at the BQ in Guam. On this trip, a limit of two bottles per person purchased in Guam is going to be imposed. This is necessary to insure space on the plane for packages out of the PRC.

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