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Tentative Visit of the President to Massena, New York, in June 1959.

On Sunday and Monday, November 9 and 10, the undersigned and SAIC Daley, Office 1-14, met in Massena, New York, with representatives of both the American and Canadian Governments and discussed the tentative visit of the President and First Lady to Massena in June of 1959, where the President and Queen Elizabeth will officially open the St. Lawrence Seaway.

Representing the American Government at these meetings were the following: Mr. Lewis Castle, Administrator, St. Lawrence Seaway Development Corporation; Mr. Ed Place, Information Officer, St. Lawrence Seaway Development Corporation; Mr. Wayne Hawks, representing Press Secretary Hagerty of the White House; Mr. Clement Conger, Assistant Chief of Protocol, U. S. State Department; Mr. Bradley Fish, Chief of Field Offices, U. S. Commerce Department; Mr. Kenneth Byrns, Canadian Desk, U. S. State Department; Mr. Luther Cliffe, Resident Engineer, St. Lawrence Project, New York Power Authority; Mr. Ed Barlow, Chief Operation Division, St. Lawrence Seaway Development Corporation; Mr. Harry Shriver, General Counsel, St. Lawrence Seaway Development Corporation; Mr. Reece Harrill, Assistant to the Administrator, St. Lawrence Seaway Development Corporation; and Mr. Dell Carlson, of the U. S. Embassy in Ottawa.

Representing the Canadian Government were the following: Mr. Harrison Cleveland, American Desk, Department of External Affairs; Mr. T. D. Hayes, Protocol, Department of External Affairs; Mr. B. J. Roberts, President, St. Lawrence Seaway Authority; Mr. J. C. Lessard, Vice President, St. Lawrence Seaway Authority; Commodore A. J. Boulton, Canadian Navy; Lt. Commander F. N. King, Canadian Navy, Mr. D. E. McKimmon, Assistant Commissioner, Royal Canadian Mounted Police.

The date for this ceremony which seemed to be acceptable to Mr. Cleveland, who was the spokesman for the Canadian group, Mr. Conger, and Mr. Castle was Saturday, June 27, 1959.

The following plans were suggested by the Canadian group and are listed in what seemed to be the order desired by the Canadians:

1. The President and First Lady would join the Queen and Prince Philip on the morning of Friday, June 26 in Montreal and would be present at a ceremony in which the Queen would dedicate St. Lambert's Lock near Montreal in the afternoon of Friday, June 26. The President and First Lady would spend the night aboard the Queen's yacht, Britannia, which would anchor overnight in the Beauharnois. The Britannia would lift anchor at approximately 9:00 a.m., on Saturday, June 27 and would cruise up the St. Lawrence, arriving at the

Eisenhower Lock at approximately 2:00 p.m.

2. The President and First Lady would board the Britannia in the Beauharnois at approximately 8:45 a.m. on Saturday, June 27 and would cruise up the St. Lawrence, arriving at the Eisenhower Lock at approximately 2:00 p.m.
3. The initial meeting of the President and First Lady and Queen Elizabeth and Prince Philip would take place in the vicinity of the Cornwall-Massena High Level Bridge. This plan is very impractical, whether the meeting actually took place on the bridge itself or on the Britannia underneath the bridge, and was frowned upon by the majority of those present at the meetings.
4. The President and First Lady would join the Queen and Prince Philip aboard the Britannia at the Snell Lock and would cruise to the Eisenhower Lock, where the ceremony would take place. This plan is practically the same as the plans suggested by Mr. Conger and Mr. Castle.
5. The President and First Lady would join the Queen and Prince Philip aboard the Britannia at the Snell Lock and would cruise to the Eisenhower Lock, where the ceremony would take place and then would reboard the Britannia and cruise to the Iroquois Lock, where the President and Mrs. Eisenhower would take their leave.

The two plans suggested by Mr. Conger and Mr. Castle, both practically alike by (1) starting at approximately 11:00 a.m. and the other at approximately 2:30 p.m. are listed below:

Saturday, June 27, 1959

10:55 a.m.	D.D.E. and Mrs. Eisenhower arrive Snell Lock
11:00 a.m.	H.M. and H.R.H., The Prince Philip, arrive at Snell Lock aboard "Britannia."
11:07	Pres. and Mrs. D.D.E. board the Britannia.
11:15	Britannia begins passage.
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11:	Britannia arrives Eisenhower Lock
11:	Britannia lifts into Eisenhower Lock
11:	Britannia passes to west of Eisenhower Lock
11:	H.M., H.R.H., President and Mrs. D.D.E. take places on rear deck of Britannia, facing into sun (or front deck if light is better-- Decide in advance)

Ceremonies

12:	Luncheon period
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- 1: H.M. H.R.H., President and Mrs. D.D.E. debark Britannia, enter cars.
Drive to St. Lawrence Power dam in D.D.E. car
- 1: Arrive Power Dam (very small audience)
- 2: Leave power dam in D.D.E. car
Drive via Cornwall. Cornwall island to new High Level Bridge.
- 2: Cross Bridge

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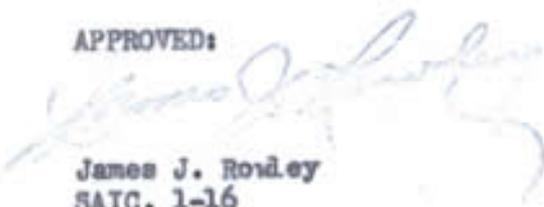
- 2:20 p.m. President and Mrs. Eisenhower arrive at Snell Lock (Observe lift).
- 2:30 p.m. H.M. and H.R.H. arrive in Snell Lock (After lift), aboard the Britannia. (Would have arrived in area 20/30 minutes earlier.)
- 2:35 p.m. President and Mrs. Eisenhower board the Britannia.
- 2:40 p.m. Passage through Lock.
- 3:10 p.m. Arrive Eisenhower Lock.
- 3:20 p.m. Lift completed.
- 3:25 p.m. Arrive west end Eisenhower Lock.
- 3:30 p.m. Ceremonies aboard stern of Britannia (or on shore on raised platform).
- 3:50 p.m. Ceremonies concluded.
- 4:00 p.m. H.M., H.R.H., President and Mrs. Eisenhower debark Britannia. Enter cars, depart for St. Lawrence Powerdam in President Eisenhower's car (possibly via Long Sault Dam to allow time.)
- 4:15 p.m. Arrive St. Lawrence Powerdam.
- 4:20 p.m. Ceremonies at St. Lawrence Powerdam.
- 4:35 p.m. Conclusion ceremonies - leave Dam in President Eisenhower's car. Drive via Cornwall, Cornwall Island.
- 4:50 p.m. Arrive Cornwall - Massena High Level Bridge.
- 5:00 p.m. Leave Cornwall - Massena High Level Bridge.
- 5:15 p.m. Arrive Eisenhower Lock, or other point of departure. H.M., H.R.H. and President and Mrs. Eisenhower take leave.

Attached is a map showing the location of the Cornwall-Massena High Level Bridge, the Snell Lock, the Eisenhower Lock, the St. Lawrence Seaway Powerdam, and the Iroquois Lock.



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