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CALENDAR
TUESDAY, 1 MARCH 1949

0815   BREAKFAST - MR. LESTER MARKEL

0915   WAR COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING (3E665) -
        SECRETARY SYMINGTON, SECRETARY KOEHLER,
        SECRETARY ROYALL - GENERALS BRADLEY,
        LEMNITZER, VANDENBERG, GRIEWENTHER
        ADMIRAL RADFORD - MESSRS SHERMAN,
        CARPENTER AND BLUM

1230   THE PRESIDENT (WHITE HOUSE) OFF-
        RECORD

1437   SECRETARY ROYALL

1505   SECRETARY WHITNEY

1532   MR. MELLINGER

1615   GENERAL McNARNEY

1835   HOME
CALENDAR
WEDNESDAY, 2 MARCH 1949

0902  MR. LEVA
1214  GENERAL EISENHOWER
1216  STATE DEPARTMENT - SECY. ACHESON, MR. PIKE, AND MR. SOUERS
1320  LUNCH - GENERAL EISENHOWER
1400  MR. HINTON
1710  DR. COMPTON
1723  MESSRS. OHLY, LEVA, McNEIL - COLONEL WOOD - CAPTAIN BERRY
1756  GENERAL EISENHOWER
1905  HOME
My dear Mr. President:

It has been my privilege to have served our country for over eight and one half years, including service as a member of your Cabinet and as a member of the Cabinet of President Roosevelt. During the last eighteen months I have served as Secretary of Defense.

As you pointed out in your message on the State of the Union, basic and substantial progress has been made in the year and a half during which the National Security Act of 1947 has been in effect. In my opinion that progress can be accelerated and the foundations more firmly established if your forthcoming recommendations for changes in the Act, which you and I have discussed, are adopted by the Congress.

These circumstances enable me for the first time to take into account those urgent personal considerations about which I have spoken to you and to submit my resignation with the hope that you may accept it, effective on or about March 31st.

I cannot let this occasion pass without paying profound tribute to the men and women in the Armed Services -- Army, Navy, and Air Force alike -- who, during the war and since, have rendered such devoted and unselfish service -- and, above all, to those who made the highest sacrifice. To them and to the citizens of the nation who assisted in the great task of mobilization of our strength in defense of our liberty, I want to express my gratitude, both as a citizen and as an official of this Government.

I am mindful of your wish that this will not mark the end of our association, and repeat that if at any time in the future you desire to call upon me for service, I shall be at your command.
I wish to take this occasion to express again my deep appreciation of your consistent understanding and support in the difficult initial period of the process of unification of the Armed Forces.

Respectfully yours,

/s/ James Forrestal

The President
The White House
Washington, D. C.

JF:FJT
Dear Jim:

Your letter received this day confirms our many previous conversations and discussions. I am therefore fully cognizant of the considerations which prompt your desire to relinquish your duties as the Secretary of Defense. At my personal urging you have agreed to remain in Washington far beyond the time when you had expressed a hope of leaving government service.

Your service to your country covering a period of almost nine years during this administration and that of my predecessor has been as varied as it has been distinguished. It embraced those momentous months that preceded Pearl Harbor, as well as all the war years and the critical period that has followed the cessation of hostilities.

First, as Under Secretary and during a term as Secretary of the Navy which bridged two administrations, you directed a production program which made the American Navy the greatest seapower in history. It then fell to you to assume even larger responsibilities as the country's first Secretary of Defense. You discharged all these duties well and faithfully.

While hostilities were in progress you gained firsthand knowledge of war problems through personal visits to the principal areas of war. Your entire service has been characterized by vision, foresight, and a broad appreciation of the vital importance of relating our military potential to the requirements of our national policy. As a member of the National Security Council your competent service has been a major contribution to the successful operation of that organization.
Because of those urgent personal considerations about which you have spoken to me so many times, I accept your resignation effective at the close of business on March thirty-first. Although I take this action reluctantly, I do so with less misgiving because I know you will be standing by to give advice and counsel as we go forward in the work of enhancing the national security.

For all that you have done in your country's behalf and for the service which you will continue to give out of your abundant experience, I tender you heartfelt assurance of my gratitude and appreciation.

With every good wish,

Very sincerely yours,

/s/ Harry S. Truman

Honorable James Forrestal
Secretary of Defense
Washington, D. C.
CALENDAR
THURSDAY, 3 MARCH 1949

0915 SECY. ROYALL
0950 SECY. SYMINGTON
1005 32nd AIRBORNE DIVISION OF FORT BRAGG, N.C.
1055 MR. WEBSTER
1118 MR. HINTON AND MR. LEVA
1126 MR. EVANS
1240 LUNCH - MR. DON CARPENTER (AT 1302 GEN. EISENHOWER JOINED GROUP)
1320 SECY. KRUG'S OFFICE
1430 NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL - (Conf. Rm. WHITE HOUSE)
1700 PRESS PHOTO'S
1738 GEN. McNARNEY
1820 MR. JOHN KENNEY
1845 HOME
FRIDAY, 4 MARCH 1949

0850 MR. JOHN McCOME
0930 MR. MCNEIL, MR. LEVA
0932 GENERAL EISENHOWER
1000 CABINET
1240 LUNCH - GENERAL EISENHOWER, GENERAL GRUENTHER, MR. CARPENTER
1320 NAVY INDUSTRIAL ASSC. LUNCHEON (3E679)
1400 GENERAL EISENHOWER, GENERAL GRUENTHER, GENERAL MORGAN
1517 ARMED SERVICES BUDGET MEETING AT WHITE HOUSE (EAST ENTRANCE) (OFF THE RECORD)
1850 GENERAL LEMNITZER
1920 HOME
CALENDAR

SATURDAY, 5 MARCH 1949

0950 GENERAL EISENHOWER

1010 ARMED FORCES MEDICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
   WITH GENERAL EISENHOWER - Rm 3E665

1100 GENERALS GRUENTHER AND EISENHOWER

1115 ADMIRAL DENFELD

1123 WHITE HOUSE

1214 GENERAL VANDENBERG

1237 GENERAL EISENHOWER'S OFFICE

1550 CCC AND HOME

1930 WHITE HOUSE CORRESPONDENTS ASSOCIATION
   DINNER - HOTEL STATLER - PRESIDENTIAL
   AND CONGRESSIONAL ROOMS
CALENDAR

SUNDAY, 6 MARCH 1949

1330 - LUNCH (HERE)
1500 - MR. LARKIN AND PROFESSOR MORGAN
CALENDAR
MONDAY, 7 MARCH 1949

0905  SECY. JOHNSON AND COLONEL GRIFFITH

0920  STAFF CONFERENCE - SECRETARY JOHNSON,
GENERALS GRUENTHER, PERSONS, McINTYRE,
LANHAM, LEMNITZER, HULL, AND LUTES -
MESSRS. LEVA, McNEIL, OHLY, SHERMAN,
COMPTON, CARPENTER - COLONELS PAGE
AND WOOD - CAPTAINS RILEY AND BERRY -
MR. HINTON

0945  TESTIFY BEFORE HOUSE ARMED SERVICES
COMMITEE RE MILITARY JUSTICE CODE

1158  MR. McNEIL

1248  LUNCH - MR. LEON HENDERSON

1452  COLONEL PAGE AND MR. LEVA

1515  MR. JOHN SHERMAN

1552  SECRETARY JOHNSON AND MR. FRYE

1800  GENERAL McNARNEY

1845  HOME
CALENDAR

TUESDAY, 8 MARCH 1949

0815      MR. JIM SHEPLEY
0845      MR. RYAN
1035      MR. LEVA
1106      CAPTAIN BURKE
1140      MR. LEVA
1150      ADMIRAL DENFELD
1240      CAPTAIN RILEY
1300      LUNCH - MR. STRAUSS
1507      MR. ED PAULEY AND MR. L. A. JOHNSON
1520      WAR COUNCIL
1544      MR. LOUIS JOHNSON
          (AT 1605 GENERAL McNARNEY JOINED THE GROUP)
1815      MR. PERRY BROWN AT HOUSE FOR COCKTAILS
2255      HOME
CALENDAR

WEDNESDAY, 9 MARCH 1949

0945  MR. MELLINGER
1000  COLONEL RENFROW
1040  COLONEL RENFROW
1050  MR. S. MITCHELL
1142  COLONEL JOHNSON
1230  COLONEL RENFROW
1244  LUNCH - SECRETARY ROYALL
1350  ADMIRAL FITCH
1420  COLONEL RENFROW
1514  COLONEL JOHNSON
1516  CCC
1930  HOME
CALENDAR
THURSDAY, 10 MARCH 1949

0850  GENERAL EISENHOWER
0915  GENERAL McNARNEY
1002  MR. FRANK NASH
1100  SENATE ARMED SERVICES COMMITTEE-TESTIFY RE UNDER SECRETARY BILL
1215  GENERAL EISENHOWER
1245  LUNCH - GENERALS EISENHOWER AND McNARNEY (AT 1320 MR. OHLY JOINED THE GROUP)
1435  SECY. GRAY
1440  CAPTAIN RILEY
1500  PRESIDENT'S OFFICE TO DISCUSS PROVISIONS OF NATIONAL SECURITY ACT
1735  GENERAL EISENHOWER
1749  SECY. KENNEY
1915  HOME
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MONDAY, 14 MARCH 1949

0930 GENERAL EISENHOWER AND COLONEL LOUIS A. JOHNSON
1028 LT. COL. C. HANSEN
1050 COLONEL LOUIS A. JOHNSON
1130 WITH MR. LEVA IN HIS OFFICE
1210 MR. DON CARPENTER
1232 MR. FRYE AND COLONEL LOUIS A. JOHNSON
1245 LUNCH - GENERAL EISENHOWER AND COLONEL LOUIS A. JOHNSON
1422 MR. FRYE
1530 SECRETARY ACHESON AND ATTY. GEN. CLARK AT THE STATE DEPARTMENT
1732 GENERAL EISENHOWER
1746 MR. OHLY AND MR. LEVA
1758 GENERAL McNARNEY
1805 MRS. FORRESTAL
1845 MR. FRYE

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CALENDAR
TUESDAY, 15 MARCH 1949

0932  WAR COUNCIL (3E665)
1055  MR. KEARNEY
1145  COLONEL JOHNSON AND MR. BLAISDELL
1448  COLONEL JOHNSON AND MR. H. HINTON
1550  GENERAL R. GINSBURG
1613  MR. JOHN SHERMAN
1640  GENERAL EISENHOWER
1755  MR. LEVA, CAPTAIN BERRY, AND MR. FRYE
1844  HOME
CALENDAR

WEDNESDAY, 16 MARCH 1949

0907    MR. FRYE
1035    MR. FRYE
1107    MR. REID AND GENERAL LANHAM
1214    GENERAL EISENHOWER
1230    LUNCH - GENERAL EISENHOWER AND GENERAL GRUENTHER
1325    MR. BARUCH
1405    COLONEL JOHNSON
1500    MR. LEVA AND GENERAL PERSONS
1514    SECRETARY ROYALL AND GENERAL BRADLEY
1601    SECRETARY SYMINGTON AND SECRETARY ROYALL
         (AT 1631 COLONEL JOHNSON JOINED GROUP)
1905    HOME
2000    DINNER - SWISS LEGATION
CALENDAR

THURSDAY, 17 MARCH 1949

0905  MR. LEVA
1000  HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE
1157  MR. JOHN McCLOY
1159  MR. HINTON AND MR. LEVA
1200  COLONEL JOHNSON
1230  MR. FRYE
1315  LUNCH - CAPTAIN BERRY AND MR. LEVA
1400  MR. KEARNEY AND COLONEL JOHNSON
1430  ADMIRAL HART
1545  TO NAVAL AIR STATION ANACOSTIA FOR NEW YORK CITY
1845  RECEPTION - FRIENDLY SONS OF ST. PATRICK HOTEL ASTOR
1930  DINNER - GRAND BALLROOM
2200  ADDRESS FRIENDLY SONS OF ST. PATRICK
FRIDAY, 18 MARCH 1949

0715  ARRIVED WASHINGTON FROM NYC VIA PRR
0910  MR. FRYE
0910  ADMIRAL PARSONS
0932  COLONEL JOHNSON
0940  ACADEMY BOARD MEETING
1041  DR. COMPTON
1100  GENERAL McNARNEY
1114  MR. SHERMAN
1138  MR. HINTON
1148  MR. EBERSTADT
1240  LUNCH - GENERAL McNARNEY, SEC. SYMINGTON, GENERAL NORSTAD, MR. McNEIL.
1421  MR. D. PERRINE
1425-1620  DENTIST - BETHESDA
1625  GENERAL EISENHOWER
1630  COLONEL JOHNSON
1840  HOME
CALENDAR

SATURDAY, 19 MARCH 1949

1205  MR. McNEIL

1250  LUNCH - DRS. STEARNS, STODDARD, BAXTER, AND MIDDLEBUSH - GENERALS EISENHOWER, MOORE, SCHLATTER - ADMIRAL HOLLOWAY - MESSRS. HOEN AND COOPER

1241  ADMIRAL HILLENKOETTER AND GEN. CABELL

1400  MR. LEVA AND GENERAL EISENHOWER

1410  COLONEL JOHNSON AND MR. COOPER

1420  TO AIRPORT TO GREET THE PRESIDENT UPON HIS RETURN FROM FLORIDA

1720  HOME
CALENDAR

MONDAY, 21 MARCH 1949

0930 STAFF CONFERENCE - GENERALS LEMNITZER, GRUENTHER, LANHAM, HULL, AND PERSONS - COLONELS WOOD AND PAGE - CAPTAIN RILEY, MESSRS: SHERMAN, OHLY, FRYE, LEVA, HINTON, AND McNEIL, DR. MORRIS, AND MR. CARPENTER

1045 COLONEL JOHNSON AND MR. LEVA

1145 COLONEL JOHNSON

1300 LUNCH - THE PRESIDENT

1435 GENERAL PERSONS

1521 MR. BLUM

1610 MR. NORRIS

1835 HOME

1945 DINNER - EISENHOWERS (MRS. FORRESTAL) STATLER HOTEL
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CALENDAR

TUESDAY, 22 MARCH 1949

0921    DR. MARSH
0935    MR. OHLY
0955    MESSRS. LEVA AND SHERMAN
1000    COMMITTEE OF FOUR SECRETARIES - SECRETARY ROYALL, SECRETARY SYMINGTON, SECRETARY KENNEY, GENERAL LEMNITZER - MESSRS. LEVA, BLUM, SHERMAN, CARPENTER, AND SOUERS
1310    LUNCH - OFFICERS' DINING ROOM
1430    NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL MEETING - CONFERENCE ROOM - WHITE HOUSE
1600    MR. H. HINTON
1610    MR. MYER DORFMAN
1630    ADMIRAL PARSONS
1726    MR. E. DUFFIELD
1840    HOME

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CALENDAR

WEDNESDAY, 23 MARCH 1949

0900  DENTIST AT BETHESDA
1028  COLONELS PAGE AND KREPS
1118  ADMIRAL BLANDY
1135  GENERAL McNARNEY
1200  MR. REID AWARDS CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION FOR ADVISORY PAY COMMISSION
1206  SECY. SYMINGTON
1455  COLONEL JOHNSON
1510  ATLANTIC PACT DISCUSSION - COLONEL JOHNSON, GENERAL LEMNITZER, MESSRS. HALABY, OHLY, AND BLUM
1555  ADMIRAL BLANDY AND COLONEL JOHNSON
1725  MR. WEBSTER
1830  HOME
1900  DOCKTAILS - SECY. ROYALL - MAYFLOWER
2000  DINNER - MAYFLOWER - GIVEN BY THREE SECRETARIES IN HONOR OF RETIRING SECRETARY OF DEFENSE
CALENDAR
THURSDAY, 24 MARCH 1949

0855 MR. LEVA
0945 GENERAL LEMNITZER
1030 SENATE ARMED SERVICES COMMITTEE RE CHANGES IN SECURITY ACT
1250 LUNCH - MR. J. CAHILL
1354 COLONEL JOHNSON
1432 ADMIRAL HILL
1445 MR. P. SHIELDS
1503 GENERAL REVERS (FRANCE), AND COLONEL RILEY
1542 GENERAL LANHAM AND MR. REID
1710 BRITISH EMBASSY - TO GREET MR. CHURCHILL
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