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THE PRESIDENT AND MRS. OBAMA

welcome

HIS HOLINESS
POPE FRANCIS
HOLY SEE

THE WHITE HOUSE
Wednesday, September 23, 2015



THE ARRIVAL CEREMONY

A Brief History

Today's arrival ceremony maintains many of its original precepts dating back to the early days of the Republic. Yet the program has evolved along with our Nation. During the Truman administration, the visiting Chiefs of State and Heads of Government would be met at Washington National Airport with an honor guard. The visitor would review the honor guard and President Truman would give remarks of welcome followed by the visitor's remarks. The President and his guests would then proceed to their vehicles and drive to Washington with a motorcade that would be met with an escort of marching troops and bands.

For President Eisenhower's administration, the air terminal was changed to Andrews Air Force Base, but the tradition for the parade remained. The ceremony site was the West Grounds of the Washington Monument, and later the Ellipse.

President Kennedy's administration brought the arrival ceremony to the South Lawn of the White House. The welcoming ceremony on the South Lawn provides a beautiful site for a warm and dignified welcome for the foreign visitor.



CUSTOMS OBSERVED
DURING HONORS

It is customary for all present to stand when Honors are rendered. All those in uniform execute a military salute.



During the National Anthem of the Holy See, Americans not in uniform stand at attention.

During the National Anthem of the United States, Americans not in uniform stand at attention and place their right hands over their hearts. When a hat is worn by a gentleman, it is removed and held at the left shoulder, the right hand being over the heart.



At the conclusion of the ceremony, please remain in place on the South Lawn until The President and Mrs. Obama, His Holiness Pope Francis, the Official Delegation, the Welcoming Committee, and the Honor Guard have departed.



ARRIVAL CEREMONY
The South Lawn


HONORS:

Ruffles and Flourishes

Hail to the Chief

The President and Mrs. Obama
greet

His Holiness

 Pope Francis

Introductions to the
Official Welcoming Committee

National Anthem of the Holy See

National Anthem of the United States

Musical Troop in Review

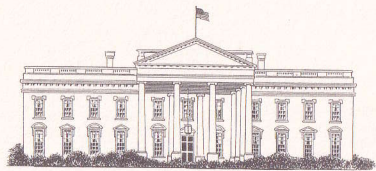
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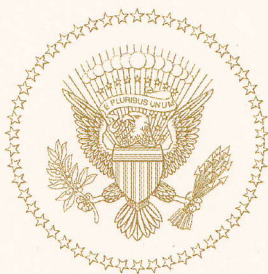
President Obama

Remarks by

His Holiness Pope Francis

Conclusion of Ceremony





September 23, 2015

Arrival Ceremony

The President and Mrs. Obama
welcome His Holiness
Pope Francis
Holy See

9:00 a.m.

ADMIT ONE

Commemorative Ticket