12 - Home 9-5-72 - 10:30 AM
13 - at Ohara 7 DC10 - Plane FL 109 9/5 12:15 P
14 - over Grand Canyon - 405 PM - 9-5
15 - Veranda in Hotel Hilton - LA - 9-5 -
16 - Hotel in LA (Hilton) 9-5
17 - Veerion United Air Lines Bldg from Hotel Rm in LA 9/6
18 - LA Convention Ch - 1 AM Rally Speech 9/6
19 - 727 United our Plane from LA - San Diego our Charley Wing with the bugs
20 - Pacific Ocean from 727 - SD
~~21 - Mary Helen McCowen at Dallas Fairmount Hotel~~
~~19 - Sky "D" from Bedroom Window 23 4 Mahoom 2nd floor~~
21A - Fairmount Hotel - Dallas 3 - Took 4 Pictures
~~22A - No Picture Camera Corrected~~ 21 2 - of McCowen
23A - Picture of Dallas in Take off 20 1 Me
24-A - NASA Houston Center (Dakota Queen #2)
25-A - McCowens Plane at Houston (~~Dakota Queen~~)
26-A - " Plane in Flight over Texas
27A - Peoria Airport - Too Dark for Anything else.
28A - Hotel in Rockford "The Faust" - Bad here
29A - Grain Elevator we visited in Superior Wis
30-A - Picture of Team I took with Robert Linda.
31A - Picture of Farm yard Visited in Des Moines Farmer Broderick Missing
32A - McCowen on Farm at "
33A - Airport Rally at Des Moines
34A - Arlington Hotel Picture of 12th Floor Window Iowa Street
35 -

Pueblo

15-A - Hilton Hotel at Albuquerque - M/room 2nd from left on Top Floor

16-A - McCraven & I in Conference

18-A - " " "

19-A - " " "

17-A - I sent the one to Mexico

20-A - Continental 7 & 7 at Albuquerque - Planed back to Chgo - 9-9-7 ✓

Red Menu - had - Pot Roast of Beef (1)
Burgundy & the Music Played Beautiful Blue"
Met Tom Ewan "Bell from Grand Rapids" as my
Seat Partner - n/Window (Right) last Seat in Plane
Capt - Hoffinger - Dee gave go
What Sensation - like the Bobs.
Stomach lifting a bit like on a boat
Beautiful Clear Day Clouds drifting by.
Say where I live - Flew right over
house we have saw my House - Amazing - low above
Clouds - Plugged on to Pilot getting
instructions on flight takeoff. - needed Pill &
Gum at 7000'
Something Went haywire Can't fix my
a leak - Who Cares just had a 7 & 7.
need me More tho - Had Another 7 & 7
And Awaiting Luncheon. Talked Horse with a
"Duck" from LA And now over Omaha 2:30 PM Cg. Time
Cruising at 35 000' about 600 MPH. Can't See
thing below haven't Told We are over Kansas
Didn't have Pot Roast. Had Pork Mutard
Cheese Cake Milk, Fish Salad (Bad) Roll - Augratin Potato
+ Peach, Very Good. Saw Eastern Edge of
Grand Canyon thru Clouds. Ride just as smooth as
a Car. - Well Land on Schedule says the Captain.

9-5 Cont Flight (2)

Just Told to Fasten Seat belts we are descending
Like stomach falling out. 4:40 PM
When descending had a Slight Pain over
Right eye and eye Started To water
Beautiful view Landed 2 Minutes early
Just before landing we all got a hot
Towel to Wipe our face.
Met at Airport With Cameras Filming: Did
interview in Car With Robin for about an hour.
Then on to Heeton Where we will Stay for the evening
Nothing to do. Will eat With Bob Tonight.
Does not want me to go to Rally Until Morning.
Tried to call home at 8:05 PM (Chyo Time NA)
Stayed at Heeton Hotel - Rm 609 - Bob Didn't
Want me to go to Rally Tonight - Something fishy.
Bob & I had dinner atop Occidental Hotel
(32nd Fl) - 9.50 Steak Sirloin. Have to meet Bob
tomorrow at 7:30 AM - Breakfast. going to
Rally Tomorrow AM then on to San Diego.
Looks like Denver is out now! Roll Call will
be Thursday nite. Retired at 10:30 PM P.C.T.
Watched TV Till 11:15 And then hit the hay

Wed - 9-6-72 (3)

Awoke by phone at 7:00 AM for 7:30 AM breakfast. Well done ~~[illegible]~~ Eggs & Potatoes. This AM going to get all Credentials & Passes for 9:45 AM Rally here in LA. Wearing Blue Suit with Blue Shirt & Tie. Met Frank Reynolds, last nite famous TV Reporter - very few drunks in Press Room at 9:45 AM in LA Room of Hilton Hotel (LA) McG Spoke to a group of Rabbis (Jews) Took Pictures of the observing & listening - then we went to LA Convention Center to hear Speech to 1 AM walkers Convention by McG. Again ~~People~~ I was pictured observing & Listening. Between Hilton Hotel & Convention Center (LA) Robert & I had interview on bus. Now 12:20 PM We are on bus ready to go to San Diego to Listen to Another Speech tonite. Had light finger nail Sandwiches for Lunch w/coffee. Went by bus to Airport. Took Pictures into Plane. Took Picture 19 on then Camera (Wing West Hangar) Camera OK Again. Just Refilled Camera. Visited Telephone Plant in San Diego - Picture taken & Shook hands with McGovern. Lots of Film taken now on way to Dallas - Had a 707 to Dallas X - Weather Rainy but above the clouds - In Chapter 727 (United) And have a 1½ flight. Pictures to be taken looking out Window. Been Told Interview with McG Set for Sat afternoon now

think I will have another drink. Going over notes now on way to Dallas Time 6:00 PM 9-6 - CST. * Continued on Small notes Page two.

* This is fantastic - Went to the Potty to Spread up. Came back & there is another 7+7 with Peanuts awaiting. Just had a stimulating Conversation with Carol Fredenburg who is the Aide to Bill Moherty (Personal Aide to George McG) Young Redhead who really has a lot on the ball. Her & Polly are handling all arrangements on this Champagne Tour In Calif & Texas. What Sense it makes Mr Johnson What Can we do for you from the Stewardess. Supper just arrived & tonite it is Ribs And Noodles With Pie & Shrimp (O Boy) Mell & Pie for dessert. Forgot the Vegetables Green Beans & delicious Tom - Gave my Shrimp to Missy who boiled it up. In Conversation with Bob ~~as~~ using about 12-1 in footage on this Program. - on way to Dallas Pilot just stated all sit down - Rough Weather ahead. Looked out Window Cant See a thing Complete Fog. Its about 8:00 PM now and just had an opportunity to See the Cockpit of a 727 how the Plane flies. Both Captain & his Assistant let me see all dials, Every one So relaxed

9-6- Truly the plane flies itself. We should (5)
land in Dallas in about ½ hour. Landed in
Big "D" at 8:15 PM. What a beautiful
sight to see the Big "D" at nite all lit up
Went to Fairmount Hotel where McG had
a Speech Rally. Very Quiet. Then Went to
Hotel Rm # 1610 5 And Made Phonecall to
Mary Ann at home. Relaxed about Minute with
Phonecall to Hotel to wake me up at 7:00 AM
9-7-72 — Woke up at 7:00 AM — Took Picture
outside Dallas Hotel door on front now but traffic
is heavy as — For Breakfast — Pancakes, Sausage &
Coffee with Lemon Butter. Took another Picture
Camera clicks but roll doesn't seem 2 B moving. on the
Way now to a Super Market rally in Arlington here
in Dallas this morning. Here's a Couple of Autographs
Trend Reynolds ABC

Theodore H. White

Camera now Working good and pictures that I have
taken on new roll should be ok. Now 9:20 AM and
next waiting in Lobby of Fairmount for boss to take
to Super Market Just like Army, hurry up & Wait

9-7-AM Continued

As I set in Lobby of Fairmount awaiting buses I met Frank Reynolds noted ABC Commentator. Saw him on Space flight shows. Also Ted White Author of many books on Presidents. Got both ~~that~~ their Autograph on previous Page. Beautiful Clear day in Big "D"

To the newest member of the National Press
from Robert MacNeil

What an experience Rush thru a Super Market Really close to Mr. Fleming was taller and just like a Crowd in a football game. 10:30AM Had a Interview with Robert Crowds were pushing and Shoving really crazed "Rallyat" "Safeway Super Market" downtown Big "D". Ben listened to gripes about basically food prices - Meat everything so high. As someone Said "Somewhere, something will have to give". Talked to 86 yr old negro who Said I Summed up everything when he Said "Out of Sight Man" Now on the Bus to Airport for trip to Houston. Here we are now on 727 Charter again 9+11 10 AM ready to refl up for Houston + Space Ctr. Just had a Conversation with Frank Reynolds which was captured

9-7 Cont.

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on film by Jim. Told Reynolds I purpose of our visit and he listened attentively. Now filming me in Charles as I am taking note. Awfully warm here in big "D" but I understand Houston's better. It's about time for a drink. Jim's just got another magazine and again talking pictures - I think they are finished now. Hope I can read all this when I get home! McC had a talk with LBJ this AM and it seemed to delay him as we are running behind Schedule now. Elapsed Time 7+7 Take off Time 11:05 AM MST to Houston due to arrive in 40 Minutes

[Lyndon Thinslow]

For Lunch on the Plane we were ~~served~~ served Ham Sandwiches + 7+7. Nice combination. In Houston we will See NASA Center. Hope to Take Picture there. Just viewed the Gulf of Mexico on Right, What a Sight but Turbulent rough now have to fasten Seat belts. Should land about Noon In 5 Minutes the Pilot States. What a early afternoon 1st - we went to NASA Center (See hole in back of NASA Center golden) - then after viewing 2 bldgs We Went to Holiday Inn to hear McC talk to group of unemployed Engineers. Filming again took Place

9-7 Cont

along with a Robin Interview. Had a beer or two and now at 3:15 PM back in airplane and shortly we'll be on way to Peoria. Kind of hungry so I hope there is something to eat soon. 1st my annual 7 & 7 before takeoff (I think I took another picture on this camera but don't remember what I took; but, main thing is camera working. Stewardess just brought me my drink as plane starting to taxi for takeoff. Here we go away! —
Wanted to mention when we arrived in Houston the AM, we were greeted by rain and "Love Bugs" ~~by~~ boy I know now what Pop meant when they were pesty. - Houston terribly humid & does not compare at all to Bay "D". Goodbye now & Ill. here we come. 3:30 PM. Pilots are jockeying planes so we can take pictures of each other over Texas. I got a good picture I hope of McGovern's plane. Time to eat. The menu on the plane is, Small Steak, Ice Tea, Carrots, Mash Potatoes, Fruit Cup & Chocolate Pudding for desert. What eating! 4:10 PM. Man was that delicious. We hadn't eaten such early this AM so it all disappeared. We are now in Ill and shd land in Peoria about 20 Minute.
4:35 PM

Just lit up a Cigar and will relax for 20 minutes. Trip very strenuous but 'o' so worth while.

Missie Ronnie

Coming into Peoria about 5:10 PM the ride now is quite rough. Can't see a thing below and we aint that far up. Pilot stated fasten seat belts the ride will get rougher. Well Visit Caterpillar Tractor Wed's here in Peoria. St Louis Stop Scrubbed. Can you believe that we are actually in a holding pattern over Peoria. Shd land about 5:30 PM Very interesting Visit to Lunchroom of Caterpillar Tractor Wed's here in Peoria. Right behind McG & main issues seem to be, Taxes, Ford Pres & Vietnam. Back on Plane by 7:30 PM and will be going on to Rockford. Peoria Hotted for Republicans I don't think McG to well received here. UAW Talked with McGovern & split opinions here. Leaving for Rockford at 7:45 PM - Take 20 Minutes & flying at 12000'. Tomorrow we fly with McGovern. Landed in Rockford at 8:15 PM Big Crowd at Airport to greet us. See Service Men all around. Listened to Speech & Rally 4 More Pictures taken and then at about

10:00PM Made phone call to MA after we got back to Faust Hotel in Rockford. This Hotel is terrible. Bed broken, must be 50 years old. What a terrible comparison with the Fairmount in Big "D". After Phone call we went across the Street to "Ross" Resterant And all ate again. Stones were flowing like Wine -

1 - Robin - Covering Jack Kennedy's Assassination
2 - Jim W - Oswald in the Jail
3 - " - Bob Kennedy Assassination
4 - M-G-M Eagleton battle.
5 - Thrill Seeker - Jim W
6 - The ~~Violent~~ Violent Universe - on NET Soon Robin narrates.

Said goodnite at 1:00AM to be awoken at 7:30AM on to Duluth tomorrow!

Friday 9-8-72

Awoke at 7:30AM by Hotel. And we'd go down To eat breakfast. Seems all we do is eat & drink. This AM we shall have Orange juice, Canadian bacon & 2 eggs over with Toast & Coffee. Then we shall check baggage & proceed on to

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an Elderly People, old People home. and Tell you more about it later, at 9:30 PM a press Conference was held in Faust Hotel by Mc-G to issue an announcement re his stand on the Wheat deal with Russia. - Pictures taken. Looks like I will have interviews tomorrow with several newspapers Reporters on our Story this week. Trying to get something out to Chgo press. "Jewels Rediscover" of Los Angeles Times - we reported. Went over to an old People's home here in Rockford & listened to a Speech where Mc-G moved the old Tears. Pathetic old People looking out Windows. Filming done and another interview with Robin ~~about~~ about old People. about 11:00 AM we boarded Mc-G plane and had my 1st interview with a reporter by the name of Grace Bassel (Woman) for Kings Feature. Very interesting how Taxing for Take off from Rockford to Duluth Minn 11:20 AM. Mc-G in front of Plane and will have a chance to talk with him later Today & interview with Robin & Pat tomorrow Yesterday Mc-G plane all keys from Hotel that I ~~had~~ stayed at on Campaign. By the Time it is Concluded both Sides of Plane will have keys hanging from Top Shelves —

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James Wilson Cameraman

Just had my usual 7 & 7 before take off.
We are Fattie on our M & T took off at 11:35 AM
Pilot stating we should be in Duluth in one hour.
Unbelievable I just had a tour of the Plane on
flight and 10 minute interview with Mr. G
Talked Mainly about NU. - Very informal but
interest - Just landed in Duluth at 12:30 PM.
in to Duluth Interviewed by UPI ~~reporter~~
~~reporter~~ reporter and went to eat & papers.
What one exciting Morning. Back aboard Plane (N & Mr G)
And we will be leaving soon for the Twin
Duluth - Superior is hilly and beautiful Lake
Superior as blue as you can be, Very impressed with
Clean fresh air And it is "God's Country". Land &
Sky Blue Waters. I think that it must just about be lunch
Time. We stop here for awhile Taking off at 2:20 PM
for Duluth Stewardess just brought ~~Pot~~ Roast Beef
Sandwiches & milk with Meal for a Snack - Good.
Gary has me ~~wired~~ wired so all my Conversation
will be recorded. Talked to a few people in Superior
And every one seem to be Satisfied on my reporter
Capabilities.

9-8 Continued

Trip a bit rough now but weather clear and beautiful and Clouds fluffy and white air is so crisp in northland.

Bob Sissit Producer of Show

Pilot just announced that we are about 15 minutes out of Des Moines. We are going to visit Some Farmers farm, Mr. Brodegaard now after Farmer Date we are descending and view of Landscape breathtaking. Should arrive Des M about 3:10 PM.

Went out to Visit Farmer Brodegaard's Farm about 10 Miles out of Des Moines. There we listened to him talk about Agriculture problems and Took a Couple of Pictures. Being wired every thing is recorded. Then along comes Fred Farrar of Chgo Tribune and along interview ensued. Also had a interview with Reporter of LAT who will Send me a Copy of his article. Then more pictures were taken and back to the Airport for a Speech at Noon. More Pictures & talk. We are now Taxing into runway and we're headed for Albuquerque. Time to 2:10 PM - Supper Coming up and time now for another Drink. Hopefully Tired but every thing is worth it.

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Left Des Moines at 6:20 PM and about a 2 hr flight to Albuquerque landing there on schedule about 7:15 PM MST. Supper was just completed and we had - Sweet taters, Ham, Peas, Asparagus, Milk, Green bean Cold Salad & a Date Fruit Cake for dessert. Not too bad, 2a, usual Kelbel at all. Time now 7:15 PM CDT, Time for a bond Cigar.

Gann Cunningham
11956 Laurelwood Dr. #4 Studio City
91604 Cal.

Hand Ly ogin

Landed in Albuquerque at 7:06 PM MDT. Albuquerque beautiful Mts as back ground to City Arrived in New Hilton Hotel & it seems Nice compared to last nite at Rodford. Filming Took of me getting baggage and it looks like a new Interview with Mr. may be cancelled tomorrow. If this is the case will probably return to Chgo tomorrow. Just loafing in room watching TV. May go Swimming Tomorrow if we decide to stay tiel Sunday Will know by 9:00 AM in 9-9-

9-8-72 Left Word to be Called at 8:00AM (95)
Phoned MA and told her all events of the day.
So we Sign off now till tomorrow

9-9-72 - Saturday

Here we go again up Showered & Shaved by
8:30AM - Bob will Call me at 9:00AM and I
guess we are planning on going to Breakfast as
Mc Bowen has a Conference at 9:30AM (a breakfast
Conference) Barbeque out inasmuch as we mean leave
today due to unable to have another interview
with Mc B but everything unsettled now. Hope to go
~~swimming~~ swimming later but all plans at
this point are undecided. Total Picture
of Holiday Inn out of 12th fl room Dining at
Hilton here in Albuquerque. Lounge on the top
floor. Slept Wonderful and what clean air out
here. Bob just stated we are staying for the day
Good - Hope to get Mc B interview after all this
morning we all went to a 10:30AM Breakfast. Had
Bacon, Sausage, Scrambled Eggs Coffee & Rolls.
Sep Mc B made a few comments and Robin got back
from Work Wed and. talked to Mc B Cudes and we
think they interview in m. 1st it was Scheduled at
3:00PM but it is now 3:40PM and we have been

now look it should be around 5:00 pm. We didn't know what's stalling tactics or if it will really happen. Had a Ping pong game with a ~~sports~~ reporter who had played the Champion of West Germany and he beat me 21-17 but he got about 7 points on lucky breaks. I had him 8-3 but couldn't hold it. Was to go Swimming but now on Call and can't so we are watching NCAA football game. Saw McGovern swimming and very interesting to see all Special Service Police around the Pool. Tried to call MA at 3:30 PM but only one home was Nancy and chatted to her. Tonite we are going to a Mexican Restaurant alopa Mnt for Supper. I don't know what to expect but will let you know later. Well about 2:30 PM had an extensive interview with AP reporter so things are popping and readings should be in papers probably Monday. He said some of his reports are put in Chgo Daily News. I am hoping to get McGovern autograph Bob Lessel, Robin & Myself are watching Geo Tech - Tennessee football game and I am surprised at how interested both of them are in the game

With every good
wish to a splendid
American and a
newly found friend,
Dick Johnson from
Roger McPordon
– Sept. 9, 1972 –
New Mexico

Sen McG is to meet at 5:00 PM for interview but he didn't showup until 7:10 PM. We waited over 4 hours for a 4 minute interview but that show business. I talked him about his stand on draft dodgers and Amnesty & how he could help the middle income class man like me in the tax reduction area. Seems like interview went well and was sure glad when it was all over. Had a whiskey sour & cigar immediately and felt much better. We all went out to dinner at "El Pinto" a mexican restaurant on outskirts of Albuquerque. It was the ~~only~~ only one that had American food of course a "T" Bone steak what else. Met Bruce Morton of NBC and a real nice evening was had by all. Seems like we took 4 pictures of McG & myself so I don't know how many pictures left in it. Hope pictures turn out. Peggy wants one if they do. Hard to write in early now, oh-oh its 11:20 PM already. Call for AM is set at 6:15 because we have to leave for Airport at 7:00 AM to board

9-9-72 Cont

Plane for Chgo. & gets in about Noon or so
Expected to be back in Rolling Meadows
about 1:00 PM. will write more tomorrow

9-10-72 - Last day Sunday
Last night about 11:30 PM 2 Young Kids
Seniors at New Mexico Univ Came up to the
room to interview me. They are on the Staff
at the College here in town so I talked
with them till 12:30 AM. now I am
going to bed. Well here it is 8:10 AM and
we are about to taxi away from Albuquerque in
Beautiful Plane And here we go at 8:15 AM
well the Seven hour fast in board Capt Rutherford
And we will fly at 29000 feet. Breakfast
was just served and I had Sweet Roll,
Milk, Ham & French Toast, Pear & something
like a peach. It was very good so now all that is
left is "onto" Chgo. Ride so far is very Smooth
& Continental has a few Cute stewardesses.
We are on a 727 Golden Fan Jet. This is the Same
Kind of Airplane that the "We used in the
Charter flight. Have about one hour to go.
10:00 AM. Plane less than half full - nothing

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like Lad going out to LA on United. our wheels touched Chgo at 11:20 AM just on time