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PROGRAMME FOR THE VISIT OF HIS HOLINESS POPE PAUL VI
TO UNITED NATIONS HEADQUARTERS ON 4 OCTOBER 1965

9:30 a.m.

The Papal aircraft will arrive at JFK Airport.

The Permanent Observer of the Holy See to the United Nations, Monsignor Alberto Giovannetti, and Mr. Pierre de Meulemeester, Chief of Protocol, will precede the Secretary-General who will enter the aircraft.

His Holiness, accompanied by the Secretary-General, will leave the aircraft, pausing briefly on the platform before descending the ramp.

The Chief of Protocol will introduce the official greeting party standing at an appropriate distance from the foot of the ramp (the President of the General Assembly, the Governor of the State of New York, the Secretary of State of the USA, the Mayor of the City of New York, Cardinal Spellman).

The Secretary-General will escort His Holiness to the speaker's platform; His Holiness will make a statement.

After the Pope's statement the Secretary-General will take leave of the Pope and further introductions of dignitaries present will be made at that time and will be the responsibility of the Archdiocese.

10:00 a.m.

The Pope will enter the official car lined up near the airport. (The Pope will be accompanied in his car by Cardinal Spellman and Mgr. Macchi. The Cardinal Secretary of State and Cardinal Tisserant accompanied by Mr. Korle, Deputy Chief of Protocol of the United Nations will follow in a second car). The motorcade will proceed from the airport to St. Patrick's Cathedral.

The President of the General Assembly.
The Secretary-General and his party will return to the United Nations Headquarters.

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3:00-3:15 p.m. Delegates will be seated in the Assembly Hall. When the meeting is opened, the President will ask the delegates to remain in their seats while he goes to escort the Pope into the General Assembly Hall.

3:15 p.m. Papal cars will drive to the 47th Street entrance right up to the Canadian doors. (Mgr. Marcinkus will be in the first car; the Pope will be in the second car together with the Cardinal Secretary of State, the Permanent Observer of the Holy See, Mgr. Macchi and the Deputy Chief of Protocol.)

The Cardinals accompanying His Holiness will arrive in following cars.

The Chief of Protocol will meet His Holiness outside the building in front of the Canadian doors.

The Secretary-General will officially greet His Holiness inside the building. (Inside the Public Lobby an area will be roped off where the Staff will be admitted by special pass well in advance of the time of arrival.)

The Pope and the Secretary-General, and their entourage will proceed to the Meditation Room and pause at the entrance in front of the plaques. His Holiness and the Secretary-General will enter the Meditation Room.

The Cardinal Secretary of State, the Permanent Observer and Mgr. Macchi will wait outside with the Chief of Protocol. Meanwhile the Deputy Chief of Protocol will conduct the Cardinals and Mgr. Marcinkus to the Plenary Hall by the elevators on the West side to special reserved seats. They will be seated before the Pope enters the Hall.

3:25 p.m. Preceded by the Chief of Protocol, His Holiness, the Secretary-General, the Cardinal Secretary of State, the Permanent Observer and Mgr. Macchi will go up the ceremonial ramp leading to the entrance to the General Assembly Hall, on the second floor. At this point the President of the General Assembly will greet the Pope.

The President and the Secretary-General will escort His Holiness into the General Assembly Hall through the middle aisle.

Mr. Narasimhan will rise from his chair on the podium when he sees the party entering the Hall.

As the Pope mounts the podium steps, the Deputy Chief of Protocol will escort the Cardinal Secretary of State and the Permanent Observer to reserved seats near the Cardinals seated previously.

The Chief of Protocol will show His Holiness to the special chair on the podium; the Secretary-General and the President of the General Assembly will proceed to their chairs on the podium. The Chief of Protocol and Mgr. Macchi will stand at an appropriate distance behind the Pope's chair.

3.30 p.m.

The President of the General Assembly and the Secretary-General will make statements of welcome.

The President will invite His Holiness to address the General Assembly. The Chief of Protocol will show His Holiness to the speaker's rostrum and Mgr. Macchi will follow him to place his speech on the stand. (Stand will be pre-adjusted to the height of His Holiness. Copies of the speech in the original language (probably French) together with translations, will be given to Mr. Narasimhan as soon as possible.)

4.00 p.m.

At the conclusion of his address, His Holiness will be shown to his chair by the Chief of Protocol; the President of the General Assembly will thank His Holiness and will request delegates to remain in their seats while he and the Secretary-General escort His Holiness out of the Hall.

At 4.05, delegates will be invited to vacate the Hall to enable the staff members to occupy it.

The Chief of Protocol will lead the Pope, the President and the Secretary-General to the offices behind the podium (GA 200). At the same time the Deputy Chief of Protocol will escort the Cardinal Secretary of State, the Cardinals and the Permanent Observer through the delegates' exit and to the North Lounge.

His Holiness and the President of the General Assembly will have a short private conversation in the President's office in GA 200.

4.05 p.m.

The President of the General Assembly and the Secretary-General will escort the Pope along the second floor to the South Lounge and thence through the Security Council chamber where the overflow of Delegations who will have watched the proceedings on closed circuit television will be seated in the press and public galleries only. The Pope will briefly greet those present and will then be escorted by the President and the Secretary-General through the other Council chambers where the same procedure will take place. Admission to the Council chambers will be by special passes. (The Economic and Social Council Chamber will be reserved for the overflow of the press; the Trusteeship Council Chamber for NGO's.)

Conference Room 4 will also have closed circuit television. As from 4.10 p.m., this room will be reserved for the Press who sat in the General Assembly Hall during the Pope's address so that they may be able to view the remaining activities of the programme. Admission to be obtained by special ticket.

4.25 p.m.

The Pope will enter the North Lounge through the Economic and Social Council Chamber. A place will be prepared near the south wall of the Lounge. Arrangements will be made for increased lighting to enable photographs to be taken but no flash bulbs will be allowed.

Meanwhile, the delegates holding a special invitation card will have moved from the Plenary Hall to the North Lounge, and upon the arrival of the Pope, the Chief of Protocol will introduce the delegates, beginning with the President of the Security Council. The President of the General Assembly and the Secretary-General will stand to the right of the Pope.

5.00 p.m.

Members of the staff may go to the Plenary Hall by way of 1st and 3rd floors.

5.30 p.m.

A signal will be given that His Holiness is leaving the reception. The Pope accompanied by the Chief of Protocol, the President of the General Assembly, and the Secretary-General will proceed to the elevators on the second floor and up to the 38th floor for a reception in the Secretary-General's conference room, for not more than 40 persons. The guest list will be drawn up separately.

Upon arrival on the 38th floor, the Chief of Protocol will escort the Pope, the President of the General Assembly and the Secretary-General into Mr. C.V. Narasimhan's office for the official photographs.

The Cardinals will remain in the North Lounge.

5:50 p.m.

The Secretary-General will lead His Holiness to the Secretary-General's office for a private talk.

6:00 p.m.

The Pope, escorted by the Secretary-General and the Chief of Protocol, will go to the elevators on the 38th floor, down to the second floor and walk along towards the General Assembly Hall passing through the meck.

In the area outside the Delegates' entrance to the General Assembly Hall where the Iranian and Ghanaian tapestries are hanging, a group of 30 to 40 children will gather under the supervision of UNICEF. Photographs will be taken of His Holiness with the children.

The Pope will then continue, escorted by the Secretary-General and the Chief of Protocol, to the General Assembly Plenary Hall entering through GA 200.

Meantime, members of the Secretariat will have been seated in the Plenary Hall. Admission will be by special card via third and first floors. The Pope accompanied by the Secretary-General and the Chief of Protocol will go to the Plenary Hall where the Pope will address the staff. After the Pope's address the staff will be asked to remain in the Plenary Hall to view a video-tape of the Pope's address to the General Assembly.

While the Pope is addressing the staff, the Deputy Chief of Protocol will escort the Cardinals from the North Lounge to room GA 200 where they will wait for the Pope.

6:15 p.m.

The Pope and the Cardinals will be escorted by the President of the General Assembly, the Secretary-General and the Chief of Protocol to the Delegates' entrance on the first floor by the stairs in front of the Belgian tapestry. The President of the General Assembly will bid farewell to the Pope.

The Papal cars will be waiting outside the Delegates' entrance. The Secretary-General will escort His Holiness to his car and bid him farewell there.

Arrangements will be made with traffic authorities to reverse the traffic near the delegates' entrance for one hour so that the Pope's party can proceed directly to the Holy Family Church on 47th Street.

(In the evening there will be a mass at Yankee Stadium in the Bronx. This will be the exclusive responsibility of the Archdiocese. Invitations to the mass will be issued by Mgr. Giovannetti's office based on the General Assembly Delegation List and the Permanent Missions List. Members of the Secretariat may be included at the discretion of the Archdiocesan authorities.)

Upon the conclusion of the mass, arrangements will be made for the Chief of Protocol to accompany His Holiness to the Airport. Transportation will be arranged by the Archdiocese.

The Chief of Protocol on behalf of the United Nations will bid farewell to the Pope at the foot of the ramp of the aircraft at the Airport.