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TO: Mr. Mitch Stanley
Tel 484-6911

SUBJECT: General Bradley Funeral

1. Following is itinerary for Mr. and Mrs. E. Meese to attend subject on 14 Apr 81.

- 1135 Escort officer, driver, and Army sedan arrive SW Gate, White House.
- 1145 Mr. and Mrs. Meese and escort depart White House for Washington National Cathedral.
- 1215 Arrive Washington National Cathedral, North Transept entrance. Mr. and Mrs. Meese ushered to predesignated seats in distinguished visitors seating area, Nave East North Front.
- 1230 All guests to be seated by this time.
- 1255 Mrs. Bradley enters Cathedral at the North Transept entrance.
- 1300 Upon Mrs. Bradley being seated the service will begin.
- 1325 Service completed. The Special Honor Guard and Honorary Pallbearers will move outside to their predesignated positions guided by the site control officer. When all personnel are in position, the body bearers will secure the casket and move to the exit preceded by the clergy. The Escort Commander will escort Mrs. Bradley. At the exit, the body bearers will halt and the band will sound four Ruffles and Flourishes and "The General's March," followed by the music, the "Missouri Waltz" (Eppel-Logan). On the first note of the music, the body bearers followed by the funeral party will pass through the honor cordon in the following order:
- a. National Color Guard
 - b. Clergy
 - c. Casket
 - d. Personal Flag Bearer
 - e. Mrs. Bradley and Escort Commander
 - f. Family
 - g. Secretary of Defense

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- h. Secretary of Transportation
- i. Secretaries of the Army, Navy and Air Force
- j. State Department and Diplomatic Representatives

The family and other official mourners will observe the ceremony from the first landing of the steps, closest to the street. After the casket is placed in the hearse, the band will stop playing. The members of the procession will then proceed directly to their vehicles which will be arranged in the following order:

- a. Escort Commander
- b. Special Honor Guard
- c. Honorary Pallbearers
- d. Clergy
- e. Hearse
- f. Mrs. Bradley and Escort
- g. Family
- h. Secretary of Defense
- i. Secretary of Transportation
- j. Secretaries of the Army, Navy and Air Force
- k. State Department and Diplomatic Representatives

1335 The Escort Commander will lead the cortege to the transfer point located at 16th and Constitution Avenue, NW.

1420 The cortege will move into position and wait with the hearse parked parallel and to the right of the caisson headed west. All vehicles will be double parked with the exception of the next of kin vehicle, and will remain in double file throughout the procession to Arlington National Cemetery. Upon arrival the participants will dismount their vehicles and will be guided to their predesignated positions by the site control officer. Members of the

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cortege not listed as participating personnel will remain in their vehicles. No musical honors will be rendered; however, participants will salute during the movement of the body. Participating personnel for the casket transfer are as follows:

- a. Honorary Pallbearers
- b. Clergy
- c. Escort Commander
- d. Special Honor Guard

Once the transfer of the deceased has been completed, participating personnel will return to their vehicles. The cortege will depart the casket transfer area and join the main funeral procession. The Escort Commander will move to the head of the main funeral procession and lead it to Arlington National Cemetery.

The procession will move along Constitution Avenue, across Memorial Bridge and into Arlington National Cemetery through the street cordon. A fly-over will be conducted as the caisson crosses Memorial Bridge.

1500

As the march units enter Memorial Gate, the procession will be met by the Superintendent of Arlington National Cemetery who will lead the procession to gravesite. The caisson will halt at a point close to Custis Walk and the Escort Commander, the Special Honor Guard, the Honorary Pallbearers, the body bearers, the National and Personal colors, and the clergy will be guided to their predesignated positions by the site control officer. When the funeral party is assembled, the band will render four Ruffles and Flourishes, and "The General's March," followed by "Army Blue." On the first note of "Army Blue," the body bearers will move the casket from the caisson. The casket will be borne between the Honorary Pallbearers, to the gravesite, preceded by the Special Honor Guard, the National Color, and clergy and followed by the Personal Flag. The Escort Commander will escort the next of kin into position at the gravesite. Guides will then escort the remaining mourners to their positions. When the casket has been placed on the lowering device, the band will cease playing, and the chaplain will begin the service. When the chaplain reaches the benediction, he will stop and

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the saluting battery will fire a 19-gun salute. Upon the completion of the salute, the clergy will pronounce the benediction. At the conclusion of the benediction, the firing party will fire three volleys and the bugler will play "Taps." At the conclusion of "Taps," the band will play "Where the Turf Meets the Surf Down at Old Del Mar," while the body bearers fold the interment flag and pass it to the Commanding General, Military District of Washington, for presentation to the next of kin. Upon completion of the flag presentation, the next of kin and family will be escorted to their vehicles for departure.

1530 Return to White House.

2. Escort Party Information.

- a. Escort Officer: Major Robert B. Mangold, US Army
Home Phone: 703-455-6204
Office Phone: 202-694-8611
- b. Escort Drive Specialist: Tim Skinker
- c. Automobile: Black 4-door sedan
Make undetermined

Robert B. Mangold
ROBERT B. MANGOLD
MAJ, GS
US ARMY

College of Preachers
Entrance

WOODLEY ROAD

School

Nursery School

WISCONSIN AVE.

(Blue Parking Area)

NORTH TRANSEPT

Washington National Cathedral

SOUTH TRANSEPT

OFFICERS PARKING

(Press Parking)

Beaver School

34th STREET

(White Parking Area)

CABINET

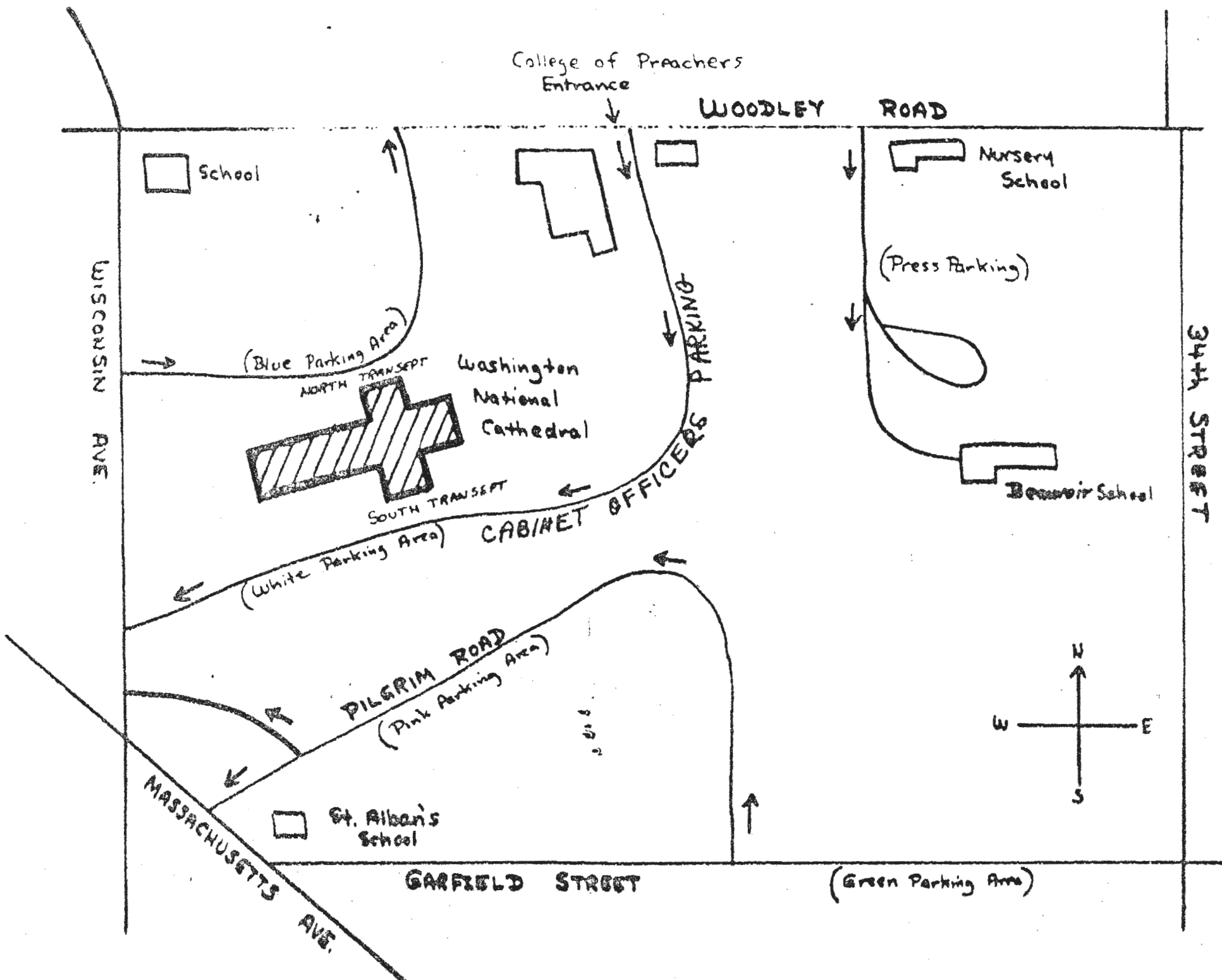
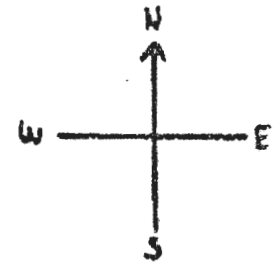
PILGRIM ROAD
(Pink Parking Area)

St. Alban's School

MASSACHUSETTS AVE.

GARFIELD STREET

(Green Parking Area)



Washington National Cathedral

Floor Plan - 2245 seats (maximum)

3-Star Generals - Admirals

NORTH BALCONY
(118)

NORTH TRANSEPT

3-4 Star
Generals
Admirals

NW/SECTION
(105)

Honor
Guard

3-4 Star
Generals
Admirals

NE/SECTION
(105)

Honorary
Fallbearers

CROSSING

State - Department
Diplomatic - Corps

SW/SECTION
(105)

SE/SECTION
(105)

SOUTH TRANSEPT

PRESS
SOUTH BALCONY
(128)

NW/NORTH AISLE
(236)

FREEMAN'S TOMB

3 Star Generals

Admirals

NAVY WEST NORTH FRONT
(244)

House of Representatives

House of Representatives

NAVY WEST SOUTH FRONT
(244)

NAVY CROSS AISLE (80)

NAVY EAST NORTH FRONT
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U.S. Senate

Distinguished
Guests

Family - Friends

NAVY EAST SOUTH FRONT
(155)

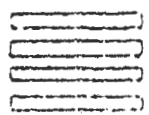
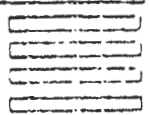
2-Star Generals - Admirals

NAVY SOUTH AISLE
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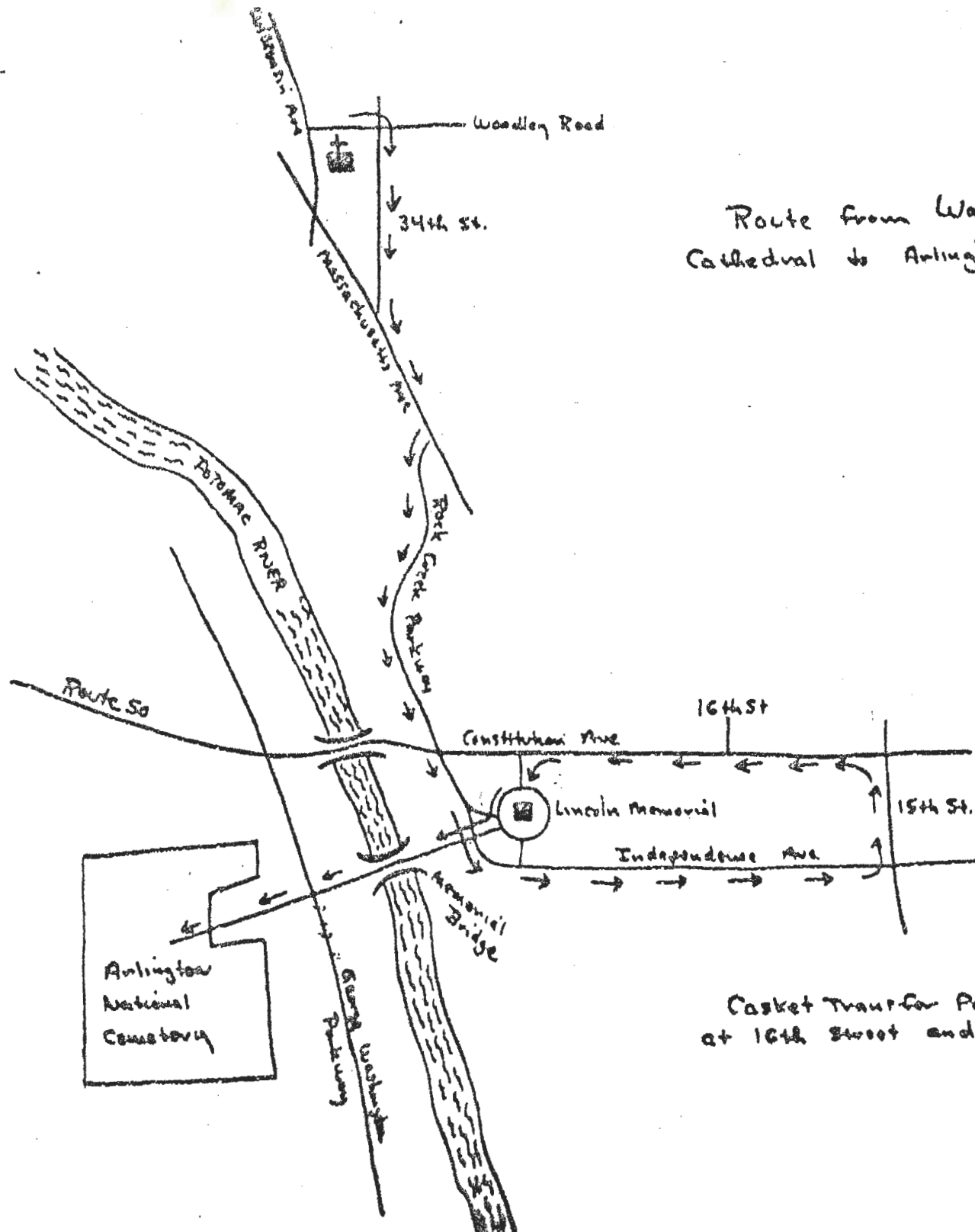
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2 Star Generals - Admirals

WEST BALCONY
(145)



Route from Washington National Cathedral to Arlington National Cemetery.



Casket Transfer Point is at 16th Street and Constitution Avenue.