



Friday, January 31, 2003

Lenny Compton's D.C. Diary

In what turned out to be a whirlwind week, Oakland University senior education major Lenwood Compton flew to Washington, D.C., Jan. 28 at the invitation of President George W. Bush to attend the State of the Union address.

He visited the White House, sat near First Lady Laura Bush during the address and responded to dozens of media requests. He ended the week by participating in a White House-sponsored panel discussion on mentoring.

Here's the play-by-play of Compton's week with the president:

Saturday, Jan. 25

10 a.m. – White House calls! Staff invites Compton to be a guest of President George W. Bush for Jan. 28 State of the Union address in Washington, D.C.

Tuesday, Jan. 28

6:30 a.m. – Boarded Northwest flight to Washington, D.C.

11:15 a.m. – Arrived via taxi at the Crown Plaza Hotel, which is three block from the White House.

11:45 a.m. – Went to Corporation for National and Community Service to discuss scheduled media appearances.

5 p.m. – Returned to hotel to dress for the evening.

6:30 p.m. – Visited the White House with Corporation for National and Community Service personnel for tour, refreshments and hors d'oeuvres including shrimp.

7:45 p.m. – Traveled with presidential motorcade to Capitol building for State of the Union address.

9 p.m. – Sat three seats from First Lady Laura Bush in the first row of the first lady's box during State of the Union address.

10:05 p.m. – Met President Bush and the first lady at the Capitol building.

10:45 p.m. – Returned to the White House and was briefed on Wednesday's events by Corporation for National and Community Service personnel.

11:15 p.m. – Went back to hotel to phone parents and other family and friends.

Late that night – Went to bed.

Wednesday, Jan. 29

6 a.m. – Woke up and prepared for television interviews.

8 a.m. – Left for CNN's D.C. studios for television interview. Prepared for interviews with Corporation for National and Community Service personnel.

10:30 a.m. – Visited Capitol. Met briefly with Senator Debbie Stabenow and Congressman Joe Knollenberg of Michigan.

1 p.m. – Returned to the Corporation for National and Community Service for lunch and phone interviews with various news organizations.

5 p.m. – Went to hotel to make personal phone calls.

6:15 p.m. – Met godfather at the hotel for dinner.

10 p.m. – Met OU Dean of Students Glenn McIntosh at the hotel and discussed Thursday's media appearances.

11 p.m. – Returned more personal phone calls.

1 a.m. – Went to bed.

Thursday, Jan. 30

7 a.m. – Woke up and prepared for discussion panel on mentoring.

8 a.m. – Rode with McIntosh and Corporation for National and Community Service personnel to the Jelleff Branch of the Boys and Girls Club of Greater Washington for White House-sponsored discussion panel.

9:45 a.m. – Spoke with President Bush and other panel members about mentoring experiences in Pontiac, Mich.

10 a.m. – Attended speech by President Bush at the Boys and Girls Club celebrating the one-year anniversary of the USA Freedom Corps.

11 a.m. – Returned to the Corporation for National and Community Service for more interviews.

3 p.m. – Finished packing at hotel.

4:15 p.m. – Boarded Northwest Airlines flight back to Detroit.

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SUMMARY

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