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MEMORANDUM WITH RESPECT TO MODIFICATION CENTERS TRIP:

The airplane modification centers trip as presently arranged is as follows:

Senator Ferguson will arrive in Washington Tuesday, August 3 for a private hearing on paper pulp. Senator Kilgore will arrive in Washington early Wednesday morning, August 4. Senator Hatch will be in Washington at that time but doubts whether he can make the trip.

Senators Kilgore and Ferguson, General Lowe and myself and Senator Hatch if he can make it, will leave Washington by plane early Wednesday afternoon, August 4 and will go to Birmingham where the party will stay at the Tutwiler Hotel.

Mr. Donald Lathrom will have preceded the subcommittee to Birmingham and will report to the subcommittee with respect to the modification center there.

On Thursday, August 5 the subcommittee will visit the modification center at Birmingham, Alabama operated by Bechtol, McCone, Parsons Corporation. B-24's are modified there and it is the largest modification center in the country. The Committee has received many complaints with respect to it.

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Thursday afternoon the plane will proceed to Anniston, Alabama, about 100 miles away, for an inspection of the camp there. General Lowe will make arrangements for the Senators and himself to stay at the camp. Mr. Lathron and myself will leave Birmingham on Thursday night, August 5 on train No. 99, the Pan American of the Louisville and Nashville, at 8:35 p. m. and will arrive at New Orleans at 7:45 a. m. on Friday, August 6.

Early Friday morning, August 6 the Senators and General Lowe will leave Anniston, Alabama by plane for New Orleans. The entire party will stay at the Roosevelt Hotel at New Orleans. The subcommittee will be at New Orleans the remainder of Friday, Saturday and Sunday visiting the various Higgins plants and the Consolidated Vultee plant.

Early Monday morning, August 9, the subcommittee will leave New Orleans by plane for Dallas, Texas where it will stay at the Adolphus Hotel. Senator Truman will join the party at Dallas.

On Monday, August 9 and Tuesday, August 10, the subcommittee will visit the Lockheed Modification Center at Dallas where F-38's and B-17's are being modified and the Consolidated Bomber Plant at Fort Worth where Ford B-24 bomber parts are being reassembled.

On August 11 the subcommittee will leave by plane for Kansas City where it will stay at the Hotel President.

The subcommittee will visit the North American Modification Center at Kansas City and other Kansas City points on the 11th and 12th and will proceed to Omaha for an examination of the modification center there.

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A letter requesting reservations at Omaha has been directed to the Paxton Hotel and a letter requesting reservations at Chicago has been directed to the Morrison Hotel.

Senator Truman will make a speech at Kirksville, Missouri on August 13 and will therefore not go to Omaha. He will proceed to Chicago where he expects to make a speech on Sunday, August 15.

The plane will proceed from Omaha on August 13 to Chicago, where the party can make an inspection of the Chrysler Plant for the production of 3-3350 parts for engines.

Senator Truman has planned to fly from Chicago to Salt Lake City Sunday afternoon, August 15. However, there is no commercial plane scheduled then and arrangements are being sought to be made to obtain accommodations for him on the Streamliner City of Los Angeles, Union Pacific, leaving Chicago at 6:15 p. m. August 15 and arriving Salt Lake City 7:20 p. m. August 16. He will be registered at the Utah Hotel. If these arrangements can be consummated, the plane will probably leave Chicago on Sunday, August 15 for Washington, and if they cannot it is possible that arrangements may be made for the plane to fly Senator Truman to Salt Lake.

Arrangements beyond Salt Lake for Senator Truman and myself have not yet been completed. I expect to precede Senator Truman to Salt Lake to investigate the big steel project at Provo, Utah by going by rail from Kansas City to Salt Lake.

HUGH FULTON