

MEMORANDUM

James R. Malley  
May 24, 1973

On May 22 and 23, 1973, Mr. Malley checked records for the year 1972 of flights made by the helicopter crews throughout the State. The following are the flights where requests were received from the Governor's Office on behalf of the Governor himself or Mrs. Shapp:

1. January 7, 1972

Request was made to take Governor Shapp and party from Troop H heliport in Harrisburg to Wyoming Valley Airport in Luzerne County.

The helicopter stood by and transported the Governor and his party to Troop K Barracks at Philadelphia. Governor Shapp remained in Philadelphia. The helicopter started to return to Harrisburg, and the trip was terminated at Morla (?) It appears that it was no more than ten or fifteen minutes out of Philadelphia before they had to stop for darkness.

2. January 20, 1972

The Governor's Office requested a helicopter to fly the Governor and his party to Cheyney College in Delaware County and return. The return trip was not made due to bad weather and the craft was stored for the night at Philadelphia International Airport.

3. January 27, 1972

The crew was requested to take Governor Shapp to the State Police Academy at Hershey. It remained on stand-by and returned the Governor to Harrisburg.

4. February 11, 1972

Governor Shapp and party were picked up by the helicopter at Point State Park in Pittsburgh, taken to the Westinghouse Nuclear Energy Systems Building in Monroeville for a conference, and returned the group to Point State Park.

5. April 3, 1972

Governor Shapp and party of two were transported to Hershey, Pennsylvania, and returned.

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6. April 4, 1972

Governor Shapp was transported to Gettysburg and returned.

7. April 5, 1972

Governor Shapp and two aides were taken from Harrisburg to the Pennsylvania State Police Barracks in Philadelphia. The return trip was made with the Governor and one aide.

8. April 14, 1972

A request was made by the Governor's Office for the Governor and Mrs. Shapp to be flown from Harrisburg to Troop K Headquarters in Philadelphia.

9. April 18, 1972

Governor Shapp was flown to Indiantown Gap Military Reservation from Harrisburg for a military ceremony, and then returned to Harrisburg.

10. April 28, 1972

Governor Shapp was picked up at Harrisburg and flown to Troop K Barracks at Philadelphia.

11. June 2, 1972

The Governor and two aides were transported from Harrisburg to Whitmarsh, Pennsylvania, and returned to Harrisburg the same date.

12. June 15, 1972

The Governor and Executive Security Agent Flanagan were flown to Fogelsville, Pennsylvania, and returned to Harrisburg the same date.

13. June 23, 1972

Governor Shapp and Mrs. Shapp were picked up at Philadelphia and brought to Harrisburg where an aerial observation of the area was made to look over the flood conditions.

14. June 26, 1972

Governor Shapp was flown to Hershey, Pennsylvania, for a TV broadcast and returned to Harrisburg.

15. July 1, 1972

Mrs. Shapp and party of two requested to be flown from Harrisburg to Norristown, Pennsylvania. While enroute, the flight was terminated due to a strange control problem of the helicopter. Mrs. Shapp and party were relayed via a State vehicle.

16. July 19, 1972

The Governor was transported from Harrisburg to Philadelphia Troop K headquarters.

17. August 9, 1972

Mrs. Shapp was taken from Harrisburg to Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania.

18. August 19, 1972

Governor Shapp and party of two were taken from Harrisburg to Philadelphia.

19. September 1, 1972

A request was made to transport Governor Shapp from Harrisburg to Mt. Pocono.

20. September 4, 1972

A request was made to transport Governor Shapp and his wife from Mt. Pocono to Harrisburg.

21. September 6, 1972

Governor Shapp was picked up at the Capital City Airport, Harrisburg, and flown to Baltimore, Maryland, landing at Pier 4.

22. September 6, 1972

Mrs. Shapp and party of two were flown from Harrisburg to Wilkes-Barre.

23. October 25, 1972

Mrs. Shapp was picked up in York, Pennsylvania, and taken to the Wilkes-Barre-Scranton Airport. The crew stood by until Mrs. Shapp returned from her business, and she was then flown to Harrisburg.

24. November 6, 1972

A crew was requested to fly from Harrisburg to Philadelphia Barracks to pick up Governor Shapp, who was then flown to the Philadelphia International Airport where Shapp disembarked.

The crew then returned to the Pennsylvania State Police Barracks in Philadelphia where they picked up a package to relay to Harrisburg.

With regard to the instances where the Governor or Mrs. Shapp are mentioned with a party of one or two or more, an effort was made to check out the identity of these individuals, and the daily reports submitted by the pilot did not reflect these names.

Captain Pauley advised that in those instances where the crew did recognize the individuals, they generally showed on their daily report the correct names of the individuals; but in those instances where they were unknown, no questions were asked concerning the identity of the passengers.

COLONEL ROCCO P. URELLA

The following relates to travel in helicopters by Urella:

1. March 29, 1972

Request for helicopter to come from Harrisburg to Media, Pennsylvania, and transport the Colonel to Police Academy at Hershey.

2. April 12, 1972

Colonel Urella was transported from the Academy at Hershey to Belmont Barracks of the Pennsylvania State Police in Philadelphia, and subsequently returned to Hershey the same date.

3. April 17, 1972

Colonel Urella was transported from Harrisburg to the State Police Barracks at Media, Pennsylvania.

4. April 21, 1972

Urella was transported from Harrisburg to the Franklin Mint pad at Philadelphia.

On the same date, he was picked up at the Franklin Mint pad and transported to the State Police Academy at Hershey.

6. April 24, 1972

Colonel Urella was transported from Harrisburg to State Police Barracks at Media.

7. April 25, 1972

Colonel Urella was transported from the Academy at Hershey to the Police Barracks at Media.

8. June 24, 1972

Colonel Urella was transported from Harrisburg to Media.

9. July 8, 1972

Colonel Urella was transported with Colonel Graci and PIO James Cox from International Raceway to the Mt. Pocono Airport. This was in connection with the "Rock Concert" where the roads were completely congested, making automobile travel impossible.

10. November 16, 1972

Colonel Urella and Colonel Graci were taken to Kenneth Square from Gratterford Prison where the Commissioner had been due to an uprising in the prison. He allegedly went to Kenneth Square to assist in the investigation of the murders of two police officers.

It was also mentioned in checking the records for 1972 that Richard Sprague of the DA's office in Philadelphia was transported from Washington, Pennsylvania to the Greater Pittsburgh Area on February 25 and April 6, 1972. Notations indicate that Sprague at that time was prosecuting the individual involved in the Yablonski murder case.

In connection with the foregoing, Captain Pauley advised that because of the fact that helicopters were to be used between 80% and 85% of the time on traffic control work that, on a number of occasions starting sometime in 1972, the names of police officials were not always listed on flights that were made, but instead the flight would show patrol work along certain designated highways. It was noted in checking the records that the number of instances when the Governor, or his wife, or Colonel Urella, were taken on specific flights, the numbers of the highways were frequently mentioned, along with the comment that the highways involved were patrolled while making the trip.