

# TV statement on White House invitations

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Television Statement  
On White House Invitations  
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In the space of just seven days, from August 13 to 20, it was my honor to be invited to the White House four times.

Once, as second-ranking Minority member of the Senate Post Office and Civil Service Committee, I witnessed President Johnson sign the Federal Salary Reform Act, which the Committee had helped write.

Another day, as second-ranking Minority member of the Senate Public Works Committee, I saw the President sign the highway act, which this committee handled.

The third time I watched the President sign a bill setting up a Commission on Automation. This was similar to a bill I co-sponsored.

At each signing, the President used about 50 pens to write his name. He would make a very short stroke with one pen, hand it to one of the witnesses, I and then pick up another pen and do the same. I was lucky enough to receive three pens.

My fourth White House visit was last Wednesday evening to attend a reception given by the President as a Salute to Congress.