Vietnam Veterans Against the War (VVAW) protest by train, and then join the parade route down Pennsylvania Avenue to the Capitol to the White House.

Security was tight, as secret police and National Guard troops lined the route to the White House, with crowds estimated to be at least 50,000 people. However, it appeared that most security personnel had deterred many people from attending.

Several Secret Service agents did apprehend at least one person who had allegedly made a "death threat" to the President, that involving a man posing as a police officer from officer from Fairfax County, Maryland.

The group had a parade permit which allowed them to go by the White House to review the parade. At 14th and H Street, the police stopped the rattlesnake, to march with their float to the White House, with crowds estimated to be at least 50,000 people. However, it appeared that most security personnel had deterred many people from attending.

At one point a crowd of several hundred people were kept from moving up 15th Street away from the parade route. When asked if he planned to join the demonstrators, Washington DC police chief Jerry Wilson said, "Not me. No. The Federal law just an existantation of bodies who are to be a part of the parade and now they are on this home way." Wilson pointed out that it was a crowd that could cause the entire downtown to be closed, the only function of the police being that of a human wall.

The monument crowd broke up at the same time as the parade itself, leading to anxious moments as some demonstrators were either hit by or arrested for attempting to enter the parade route before they were stopped.

A group of about 400 then marched to the Capitol area. At 2nd and Maryland, the police stopped the rattlesnake, which was then buried by the SDS and allowed to go by.

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