

January 19, 1961

The Kennedy inaugural snowstorm began as low pressure centered in northern Tennessee on the morning of the 19th. It will start for moisture and only produce light snows to the north of the track but by the afternoon of the 19th the storm center moved to Virginia and then exploded near the coast and snow quickly developed over the Washington area. By evening the rate of snowfall intensified and winds increased from the Northeast to 25 mph National Airport reported visibility of zero and a total white out. The snow tapered off by midnight leaving 7.7 inches at National Airport to liquid equivalent was 1.14 inches which was more than typical of 11 inches storm. General and about 8 inches fell throughout the metropolitan area. Snowfall amounts were less to the south with Richmond receiving only 1 inch areas in the northern Maryland region had as much as 16 inches of snow. The temperature did not rise above freezing for 11 days is not until January 31st when the high temperature reached 33 degrees Fahrenheit. (p. 71-73 Washington Weather Book 2002 by Ambrose, Henry, Weiss)

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January 26, 1961 another 6 inches snowfall took place in Washington which further enhances the winter conditions. (p. 73 Washington Weather Book 2002 by Ambrose, Henry, Weiss)