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OKTOBERFEST MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN SEPTEMBER 26, 1976

GRUSS GOT! (GREASE GOAT) I'VE NEVER BEEN TO AN OKTOBERFEST, BUT I KNEW MILWAUKEE WAS THE PLACE TO COME.

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THIS CITY REALLY IS

ONE OF MY OLD STOMPING GROUNDS,

AND I'VE BEEN HERE MANY, MANY TIMES.

THE LAST TIME I WAS UP HERE

I HAD SOME WONDERFUL SAUSAGE FROM USINGER'S.

I LOVE GERMAN FOOD

FROM PIGS KNUCKLES TO SOURKRAUT,

AND I LOVE YOUR SPIRIT AND WARMETH.

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THIS IS SUCH A GREAT, GREAT EVENING, AND I KNOW MY FAMILY IS GOING TO BE VERY ENVIOUS THAT I GOT TO VISIT MILWAUKEE'S BIGGEST AND BEST PARTY OF THE YEAR, HAVE A GREAT TIME! PAGE 4

Mrs. Ford,

The Oktoberfest in Milwaukee's Old Heidelburg Park is sponsored by the United German Society. This group is composed of five Bavarian associations in the city. The Park is located in Glendale, a Northern suburb of Milwaukee. Sunday is the final night of the festival, which has been on three successive weekends. The party runs from 1 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. Patti describes it as "a big drunk" with lots of food and beer and singers, yodelers and dancers.

Oktoberfests began in 1810 to honor the German royal family, and they have continued through the years as harvest festivals. They began in Bavaria, southern Germany.

Your host will be George Enders, president of the United German Society.

The remarks have to be strictly non-political.

Kaye