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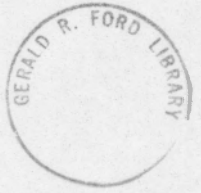
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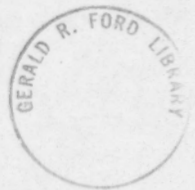
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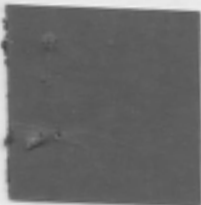
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TO: BOB HARTMANN

FROM: PAUL THEIS

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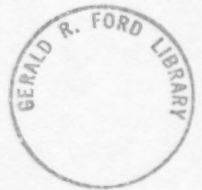
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disapprove _____

Thank you.

Nancy L.



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October/ November 8:15					Campaign	Campaign	PERSONAL
8:30	Rumsfeld	Rumsfeld	Rumsfeld	Rumsfeld			
9:00	HAK	HAK	HAK	HAK	Fresno, Calif.		
10:00	DR/RN/RH	DR/RN/RH	DR/RN/RH	DR/RN/RH			
10:15	RTH	RTH	RTH	RTH			
10:30		PERSONAL					
10:45							↓
11:00	Arlington Cemetery Ceremony		Cabinet	Exec. Comm. EPB		Salt Lake City	Church
11:30			↓	PERSONAL			PERSONAL
12:00							
12:30			Amb. Black	PCFFS Tape			
1:00	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch		Denver	
2:00	PERSONAL	PERSONAL	Farmer Stock- men Leaders	Rumsfeld	Portland, Ore.		
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3:00		Rumsfeld		2:40 Depart South Lawn for L. A.			
3:30							
4:00		Depart South Lawn enroute				Wichita, Kansas	
4:30		Grand Rapids			↓		
5:00	↓		↓		WH Conference		
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6:00		↓		↓		↓	↓
EVE.		Grand Rapids Fundraiser		L. A. Fundraiser			
NEWS EVENT	Veterans Ceremony	GOP Fund- raiser, Grand Rapids	Cabinet Farmer Stock- men Leaders	EPB Calif. Camp.	WH Conference Campaign	Campaign	
MRS. FORD							

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October 23, 1974
4:10 p.m.

Mr. Hartmann:

Call from Pat Howard of Nancy Lammerding's office (Social Secretary) called.

There has been a little change in the program following the dinner for Gen. Haig this evening and they need to get this word to the President.

THE HEADLINERS (of the West Point Glee Club) are the entertainment for this evening.

1. Contemporary Medley
2. Benny Havens, OH!
3. Come to Boston
4. Nobody But You
5. Verse & Chorus of "ARMY BLUE"

(This will be the clue for the President to stand and thank them.)

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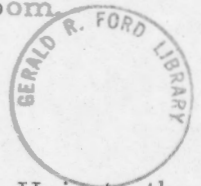
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FACT SHEET Mrs. Ford's Office

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 Contact Pat Howard Phone 2927
 Number of guests: Total 38 Women x Men x Children
 Place State Floor
 Principals involved President and Mrs. Ford
 Participation by Principal Yes (Receiving line) no
 Remarks required Yes
 Background ---

REQUIREMENTS

Social: Guest list Yes
 Invitations Yes Programs no Menus Yes
 Refreshments Dinner Menu
 Entertainment yes
 Decorations/flowers Yes
 Music Yes
 Social Aides Yes
 Dress Black Tie Coat check Yes
 Other ---

Press: Reporters TO BE RESOLVED
 Photographers
 TV Crews
 White House Photographers Yes Color Yes Mono.
 Other

Technical Support: Microphones yes PA Other Rooms No
 Recording yes (?)
 Lights No
 Transportation By cars
 Parking South Grounds
 Housing --
 Other ---- (Risers, stage, platforms) --

Project Co-ordinator Pat Howard Phone 2927

Site diagrams should be attached if technical support is heavy.

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Enclosed herewith are the following:

1. Scenario
2. Guest List
3. Suggested Seating Plan
4. General Haig's Favorite Menu
5. Information Sheet on "The Headliners"
with Program

Thank you,

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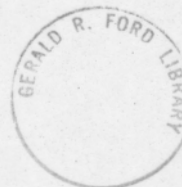
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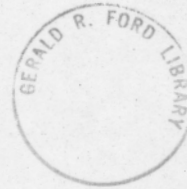
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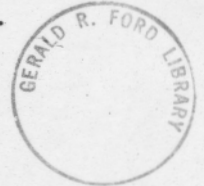
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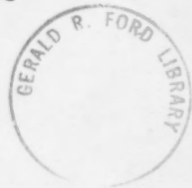


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"The Headliners" formed in 1961 by Captain Louis Csoka is a part of the West Point Glee Club and consists of four members. The quartet is a folk singing group -- three members play guitars and one member plays the banjo. "The Headliners" travels with the West Point Glee Club on all of their concert tours. The group sings annually on the Mike Douglas Show. Although the present members of "The Headliners" have never appeared at the White House, "The Headliners" did perform at the White House during the Nixon Administration.



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PROGRAM

Contemporary Medley

"Benny Havens Oh"

"Army Blue"

"Come To Boston"



TABLE 1

THE PRESIDENT
Mrs. Haig, Jr.
Gov. Rockefeller
Mrs. Rumsfeld
Mr. Colby
Mrs. Simon
Mr. Buchen
Mrs. Haig, Sr.

TABLE 2

MRS. FORD
Gen. Haig
Mrs. Callaway
Mr. Rumsfeld
Mrs. Timmons
Mr. Marsh
Mrs. Armstrong
Secy. of Treasury

TABLE 3

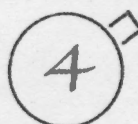
Secy. of Defense
Mrs. Buchen
Amb. Rush
Mrs. Colby
Lt. Gen. Alonzo Fox
Mrs. Meredith
Cadet Brian Haig
Mrs. Marsh

TABLE 4

Mr. Ash
Mrs. Burch
Mr. Callaway
Mrs. Joulwan
Mr. Timmons
Rev. Frank Haig
Mrs. Eugene Fox
Lt. Gen. Scowcroft
Miss Barbara Haig

TABLE 5

Mr. Burch
Mrs. Schlesinger
Lt. Col. Joulwan
Mr. Alexander P. Haig
Mrs. Rush
Mr. Meredith
Lt. Col. Eugene Fox
Mrs. Ash



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