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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

NATIONAL SYMPHONY BALL

SHOREHAM AMERICANA HOTEL

Friday - December 6, 1974

Departure: 8:00 p.m.

Dress: White Tie

From: Terry O'Donnell <sup>TOO</sup>



BACKGROUND:

You and Mrs. Ford will attend the 1974 Symphony Ball at the Shoreham Americana Hotel, departing the White House at 8:00 p.m. The Ball is one of the principal fund-raising activities for the National Symphony, and you and Mrs. Ford have agreed to serve as Patrons. You are not expected to make remarks. Ambassador Zahedi of Iran will serve as Honorary Chairman and Mrs. George C. McGhee is Chairman.

You will attend an informal reception hosted by the William Whytes prior to the Ball in the Shoreham West Apartments. This will be a private function with no press coverage.

Seating diagram for your table at the Ball is attached at TAB A.

SEQUENCE:

- 8:00 p.m. You and Mrs. Ford board motorcade and depart South Grounds en route Shoreham West Apartments.
- 8:10 p.m. Arrive Shoreham West Apartments where you will be met by Mr. Whyte and escorted to VIP Reception Suite L-418 for a private reception of about 20 guests.

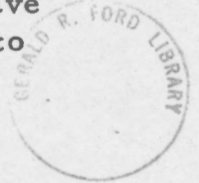
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8:55 p. m.

Proceed to the Regency Ballroom escorted by Ambassador Zahedi and Mrs. McGhee. Pause for announcement.

NOTE: Other reception guests will have preceded you and Mrs. Ford to the Ballroom.



9:00 p. m.

Announcement.

You proceed to Mr. and Mrs. Whyte's table and are seated. Your entrance officially opens the Ball, and dancing to the music of Peter Duchin's Orchestra begins soon after your entry.

9:01 p. m.

Dinner begins.

10:00 p. m.

Mrs. McGhee gives short welcoming remarks.

NOTE: You are not expected to respond.

10:01 p. m.

Dancing resumes.

NOTE: The Orchestra will perform until midnight. However, you may leave any time after the meal. The Chairman is hopeful that you will be able to remain until at least 11:00 p. m.

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SEATING DIAGRAM  
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DANCE FLOOR

MR. ROD MARKLEY

MRS. SIMON

MR. WM. WHYTE

MRS. FORD

MRS. LAIRD

THE PRESIDENT

MRS. WHYTE

AMBASSADOR ZAHEDI

MRS. MARKLEY

MR. MELVIN LAIRD

SEC. SIMON

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