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**PRESENTATION OF
THE PRESIDENTIAL MEDALS OF FREEDOM**

THE WHITE HOUSE
MONDAY, JANUARY 10, 1977

CITATIONS FOR
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"Excellence is its own reward—not only to those who strive for it, but also to the free society which encourages it. You are men and women who have used that freedom to achieve excellence. Your outstanding accomplishments have made our lives better, and set stirring examples for others to follow."

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Musician, composer, humanitarian, and patriot, Irving Berlin has captured the fondest dreams and deepest emotions of the American people in the form of popular music. His enormous talent, tireless enthusiasm, and boundless compassion have inspired generations of his countrymen. His songs will inspire generations more. In his life—in his work—we have truly seen God Bless America.

DR. NORMAN E. BORLAUG

Revolutionary scientist and eloquent prophet, he performed miracles with grain and saved untold millions from starvation. His work has pushed back the shadow of hunger on this planet and given us precious time to force its final retreat.

GENERAL OMAR N. BRADLEY

Military hero, courageous in battle and gentle in spirit, friend of the common soldier, General of the Army, first Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, he embodies the best of the American military tradition with dignity, humanity and honor.

ADMIRAL ARLEIGH BURKE

Combat commander, innovative naval strategist and tactician, inspiring leader, first three-term Chief of Naval Operations, he made the sea a place of victory in war, a mighty fortress in peace.

ALEXANDER CALDER

Sculptor, painter, artistic genius and gentleman, Alexander Calder breathed new life into the ancient art of sculpture and added spirit and vitality to his country even as he did to his work. His wit and imagination graced a broad range of disciplines and created a truly public art. The face of America is richer and more beautiful for the many examples of his imagination which cover it.

BRUCE CATTON

Man of letters, preeminent historian of the War Between the States, he made us hear the sounds of battle and cherish peace, see the bleeding wound of slavery and hold man's freedom dear.

ARIEL DURANT

Writer, historian and philosopher, Ariel Durant has combined a sensitive and sweeping vision with unique literary talents. Her lifelong collaboration with her husband, Will, has helped make history accessible, popularizing but never cheapening its lessons. The style and substance of her writings have made the past more vivid, and enriched our lives in the present.

WILL DURANT

Writer, historian and philosopher, Will Durant has provided an open window into the lives and thoughts of past ages. With the collaboration of his wife, Ariel, he has helped lead us through the past to the meaning of the present. An eloquent apostle of social order and individual freedom, he is an enemy of chaos, a friend and an invaluable guide to millions of grateful readers.

MAESTRO ARTHUR FIEDLER

Violinist, conductor and musical innovator, Arthur Fiedler has bridged the gap between popular and classical music and given millions around the world a greater appreciation of America's rich cultural heritage. His spirit and zest for living have made an immeasurable contribution to the quality of American life.

JUDGE HENRY J. FRIENDLY

Honored student and servant of the law, man of intellect and wisdom, he brought a brilliance and a sense of precision to American jurisprudence, sharpening its focus and strengthening its commitment to the high goal of equal and exact justice for every American citizen.

CLAUDIA TAYLOR JOHNSON

As one of America's great First Ladies, she claimed her own place in the hearts and history of the American people. In councils of power or in homes of the poor, she made government human with her unique compassion and her grace, warmth and wisdom. Her leadership transformed the American landscape and preserved its natural beauty as a national treasure.

ARCHIBALD MacLEISH

Poet and playwright, teacher and statesman, Archibald Macleish has combined the vocation of man of letters with that of public spokesman. A poet of realities as well as dreams, his eloquent words are matched by his sensitive social conscience. He seeks truth, inspired by love of his fellow men and of his country; we are proud to recognize his stature as a humanist, an artist and an American.

JAMES A. MICHENER

Author, teacher and popular historian, James Michener has entranced a generation with his compelling essays and novels. From *Tales of the South Pacific* to *Centennial*, the prolific writings of this master storyteller have expanded the knowledge and enriched the lives of millions.

GEORGIA O'KEEFFE

Painter, teacher, author, and artistic pioneer, Georgia O'Keeffe helped to shape and define the history of modern art in America. For over six decades, her sensitivity and skill produced works of striking beauty that span a broad range of contemporary styles. Her country is proud to recognize her as an American of special distinction.

NORMAN ROCKWELL

Artist, illustrator and author, Norman Rockwell has portrayed the American scene with unrivalled freshness and clarity. Insight, optimism and good humor are the hallmarks of his artistic style. His vivid and affectionate portraits of our country and ourselves have become a beloved part of the American tradition.

CATHERINE FILENE SHOUSE

Catherine Filene Shouse has given her country half a century of invaluable voluntary service. A pioneer in job training for women, she herself is an outstanding example of what good taste and intelligence, pragmatism and persistence can accomplish. A working patron of the arts as well as a giving one, her keen interest and involvement have enriched immeasurably our Nation's cultural life.

LOWELL THOMAS

Pioneer radio and television commentator, war correspondent, author and explorer, Lowell Thomas has lived and fulfilled many dreams. His eloquent voice, his zest for living, his superb professionalism, and his patriotism have left a legacy of excellence with the millions who have seen and heard him over the years.

JAMES D. WATSON

Scholar, teacher, author, and scientific pioneer, James D. Watson has challenged the mysteries of life itself and charted a new path in mankind's endless search for truth. His intellectual courage and relentless pursuit of scientific knowledge have earned him the respect and admiration of his country and a permanent place as one of the great explorers of the twentieth century.

JOSEPH PAUL DiMAGGIO

Superb athlete, coach, author and businessman, Joe DiMaggio stands tall among the ranks of genuine American heroes. Known and revered around the world as the "Yankee Clipper," he contributed many years of style and splendid ability to the sport which has come to be known as our national pastime. His character and grace, both on and off the playing field have been a continuing source of inspiration to Americans of all ages.

NELSON A. ROCKEFELLER

Patriot, philanthropist, patron of the arts, diplomat, Governor of New York, Vice President of the United States, his long years of service to his country have yielded governmental, economic, social and cultural contributions beyond measure.





Luncheon

*San Martin
Pale Dry Sherry*

Turtle Soup

Suprême of Capon Véronique

Rice Pilaff

Baked Celery with Almonds

*Saint Michelle
Chablis
1975*

*Spinach Salad
Trappist Cheese*

*Macaroon Ice Cream Bombe
Petits Fours*

*Beaulieu
Extra Dry
1971*

Demitasse

*The White House
Monday, January 10, 1977*

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

January 7, 1977

PRESENTATION OF MEDALS OF FREEDOM

Monday, January 10, 1977

12:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. (2 hours and 30 minutes)

FROM: MILTON E. MITLER *MEM*



I. PURPOSE

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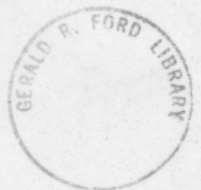
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2. The President selected the 22 recipients for this honor from a larger list produced by his staff and others. Each honoree has contributed greatly to our nation in his or her field of interest and activity.
3. In honoring these individuals, the President also honors the capability of our nation to produce exceptional talents in so many fields of endeavor which cover the sciences, culture, arts, sports, civic responsibilities and the wide expanse of knowledge associated world-wide with the American adventure.

4. For this ceremony, it was decided to have the medal presentation in the East Room followed by a receiving line in the Grand Hall and culminating with a luncheon in the State Dining Room.
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- B. Participants: List attached. (After each name there is an indication whether the principal will be present, a representative will accept the medal or the medal is to be presented at a later date). (TAB B)
(Entire Guest List at TAB C.)
- C. Press Plan: Open Press except for the luncheon.

III. TALKING POINTS: To be prepared by Bob Orben's Office.



SEQUENCE

11:55 a. m.

Depart Oval Office, join Mrs. Ford on second floor and proceed to East Room.

12:00 Noon

Arrive East Room.

Ruffles and Flourishes

"Hail to the Chief"

Seat Mrs. Ford in front row and proceed directly to podium for OPENING REMARKS.

FULL PRESS COVERAGE

12:05 p. m.

Remarks conclude. Move to stage right area while the Military Aide assists in presenting each medal in turn while name and citation are read from off-stage microphone.

12:25 p. m.

After the last presentation (James D. Watson), proceed to the podium for final remarks concluding by advising guests that you, Mrs. Ford, and the Medal recipients will receive the guests in the Great Hall, then join them in the State Dining Room for luncheon.

12:30 p. m.

Receiving line begins.

12:45 p. m.

Receiving line concludes.

12:50 p. m.

Photograph at the foot of the Grand Staircase with Awardees.

12:55 p.m.

Luncheon commences.

1:45 p.m.

Informal Presidential toast honoring
Medal recipients.

1:50 p.m.

Vice Presidential return toast on
behalf of recipients.

2:00 p.m.

Luncheon adjourns.



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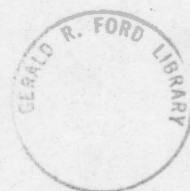
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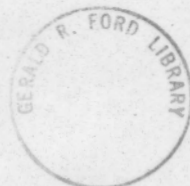
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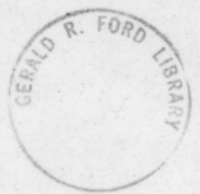
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FOR: MRS. FORD
FROM: MARIA DOWNS
SUBJECT: Presentation of Medals of Freedom and
Luncheon - January 10, 1977 - 12:00 Noon

The following items are attached for your review and information:

1. Briefing Paper
2. Guest List
3. Program
4. Seating Plan for Tables 10 & 11

Thank you.



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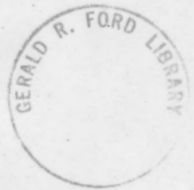
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Mrs. Will Durant

Maestro Arthur Fiedler



THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

December 29, 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR MRS. FORD

FROM: JOY CHILES *J*

SUBJECT: Medals of Freedom Ceremony



The Medals of Freedom Ceremony is scheduled to take place Monday, January 10 at 12:00 noon in the East Room.

~~You had indicated to Maria that you would like to have a luncheon for the recipients and their families. Maria mentioned that if there are 20 recipients as hoped, the seating capacity of 120 in the State Dining Room would not allow the recipients many guests.~~

~~Maria suggests that perhaps you would like to have the ceremony in the East Room at noon, proceed to the State Dining Room for a reception for the recipients and their families and then to proceed to the Yellow Oval Room for a luncheon for the recipients and their spouses. This would allow the families to share in the ceremony and afford a special luncheon for the recipients.~~

change in format

ACCEPTED:

I.W. Abel - Labor
Norman Borlaug - Agricultural Scientist
General Omar Bradley
Admiral Arlie Burke
Alexander Calder (Posthumously) - *need yet to locate widow*
Bruce Catton - Writer
Judge Henry Friendly
Lady Bird Johnson
James Michener - Writer
Vice President Nelson Rockefeller
James Dewey Watson - Bio-Chemist
~~Ariel and Lynn Durant (unable to come)~~
Arthur Fiedler
Lowell Thomas

note: proposal would now be to have ceremony in East Room to be followed by luncheon ~~in the~~ for recipients and families in State Dining Room.

pm

REGRETS:

Irving Berlin - is quite ill, however does not want anyone to know that he is ill and therefore does not want his wife to accept the medal in his name

← John Bordine - is out of the country in India and would not be able to be back in the States in time.

Joe DiMaggio - have not been able to contact Mr. DiMaggio.

← Archibald MacLeish - is out of the country.

Georgia O'Kieffe - said that she couldn't do it, she is ill and rather old.

← Norman Rockwell - is ill, in his 90's and would be difficult for him.

~~Lowell Thomas - is in Asia.~~

← the Durants - unable to come

You had indicated Bob Hope, and in checking, Bob Hope is a former recipient of the Medal of Freedom.

Also, Maria said that you wanted especially for Alexander Calder, Kay Shouse, and Bill Marriott to be included on the list. Alexander Calder has been approved on the list that went to the President for his consideration, however Kay Shouse and Bill Marriott were not signed off on to be contacted.

to be resolved:

□ whether it is to be a luncheon or dinner

□ the question of kay shouse & bill marriott

□ on those who regret- should they be named recipients with someone else accepting the award for them?



JANUARY 1, 1977

Mrs. Ford, FYI.
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The President will present the Medal of Freedom to twenty one persons on January tenth at noon. This will be the fifth presentation of the Medal of Freedom. The recipients are:

I. W. Abel, of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, President, United Steelworkers of America.

John Bardeen, of Champaign, Illinois, physicist, co-recipient of the Nobel Prize in Physics in 1956 and 1972.

Irving Berlin, of New York, New York, composer.

Norman Ernest Borlaug, of Mexico City, Mexico, agricultural scientist and Nobel Prize winner in 1970.

Omar Nelson Bradley, of New York, New York, retired Army Officer (Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff).

Arleigh Albert Burke, of Bethesda, Maryland, retired Naval Officer (Chief of Naval Operations).

Alexander Calder, deceased; sculptor.

Bruce Catton, of New York, New York, writer and editor.

Joseph Paul Dimaggio, of Atlanta, Georgia, retired baseball player for the New York Yankees.

Ariel Durant, of Los Angeles, California, writer and Pulitzer prize winner, 1968.

William James Durant, of Los Angeles, California, writer and Pulitzer prize winner, 1968.

Henry Jacob Friendly, of New York, New York, judge, U. S. Circuit Court of Appeals.

Lady Bird Johnson, of Stonewall, Texas.

Archibald MacLeish, of Conway, Massachusetts, poet and Pulitzer prize winner in 1932 and 1959.

James Albert Michener, of Pipersville, Pennsylvania, author, Pulitzer prize winner, 1947.

Georgia O'Keefe, of Abiquiu, New Mexico, artist.

Nelson Aldrich Rockefeller, of Tarrytown, New York.

Norman Rockwell, of Stockbridge, Massachusetts, illustrator.

Jouett Shouse, of Washington, D. C., donor, Wolf Trap Farm Park for the Performing Arts, for her contribution to the theatrical arts.

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Lowell Thomas, of Pawling, New York, author, radio and T. V. commentator.

James Dewey Watson, of Cold Spring Harbor, New York, educator and biochemist; recipient of the Nobel prize in medicine and physiology, 1962.

The recipients are selected by the President.

The Medal of Freedom was established by Executive Order on February 22, 1963. The award which was originally established in 1945 to award meritorious and war-connected acts of service was expanded in 1963 to honor those persons for meritorious contribution to the areas of security or national interest of the U. S., world peace or cultural or other significant public or private endeavors.

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