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TONIGHT, WE ARE VERY FORTUNATE TO HAVE WITH US AN ARTIST OF INTERNATIONAL FAME. SHE HAS TRAVELLED EXTENSIVELY THROUGHOUT NORTH AMERICA AND EUROPE BRINGING THE BEAUTY OF HER VOICE TO MANY AUDIENCES.

DISTINGUISHED CONDUCTORS HAVE PAID HIGH PRAISE TO HER MUSICAL GENIUS -- AND NOTED COMPOSERS HAVE WRITTEN HUNDREDS OF SONGS, CHAMBER WORKS, AND ORCHESTRAL PIECES FOR HER• THIS EVENING, I AM DELIGHTED THAT HER RARE ARTISTRY WILL BRIGHTEN THE WHITE HOUSE•

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, MISS PHYLLIS CURTIN.

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