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THE PRESIDENT HAS SEEN

PRESIDENT'S INTRODUCTION FOR SHERRILL MILNES STATE DINNER HONORING PRIME MINISTER FRASER JULY 27, 1976

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TONIGHT WE ARE PRIVILEGED TO HAVE FOR OUR

ENTERTAINMENT THE GREAT METROPOLITAN OPERA BARITONE,

MR. SHERRILL MILNES. MR. MILNES IS A STRIKING EXCEPTION

TO THE OLD RULE THAT EUROPE IS THE ONLY STEPPING-STONE TO

AMERICAN OPERATIC SUCCESS.

NOT FAR FROM HERE, WITH THE BALTIMORE CIVIC OPERA.

IN ADDITION TO PERFORMING IN NEW YORK AND OTHER

AMERICAN CITIES, SHERRILL MILNES HAS BEEN ACCLAIMED

IN LONDON, HAMBURG, MILAN AND VIENNA.

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HE HAS BEEN HAILED BY AUDIENCES AND CRITICS AROUND THE

WORLD AS AN ELOQUENT SINGER AND A MAGNETIC PERFORMER OF

THE VERY HIGHEST CALIBER. WE ARE FORTUNATE TO HAVE HIM

SHARE HIS TALENTS WITH US TONIGHT.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN -- MR. SHERRILL MILNES.

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