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MRS. FORD'S REMARKS
DUKE ELLINGTON CONCERT

April 29, 1976
New York City

I KNOW THIS EVENING OF MUSIC

COMPOSED BY DUKE ELLINGTON

IS GOING TO BE AS BEAUTIFUL

AS THIS CATHEDRAL ITSELF.

I'M ONE OF THE MANY, MANY FANS

OF HIS MUSIC,

WHICH WILL LIVE AS LONG

AS MUSIC IS PLAYED.

I GREW UP WITH THE SOUND OF JAZZ,

AND I TRULY APPRECIATE

THE SPIRITUAL QUALITY OF ITS BACKGROUND.

I STUDIED ITS INFLUENCE ON DANCE----

AND CONTINUE TO LOVE IT.

ALTHOUGH JAZZ IS UNIQUELY AMERICAN,
ITS APPEAL IS INTERNATIONAL.

HOW GRAND TO COMBINE A TRIBUTE TO DUKE
WITH A BENEFIT FOR CUTTINGTON COLLEGE!

THIS CONCERT REACHES ACROSS THE OCEAN
IN A WAY I'M SURE WOULD PLEASE THE DUKE.

THANKS FOR LETTING ME STOP BY.

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DO HAVE A WONDERFUL TIME.

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