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MRS. FORD'S REMARKS

ELLINGTON-AILEY OPENING NIGHT

~~July~~ 10, 1976  
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New York City, New York

IN THIS VERY SPECIAL YEAR,

WE HONOR THOSE ORIGINAL AND DARING DREAMERS

WHO CREATED AND WON

OUR FIRST REVOLUTION.

THIS MARRIAGE

OF THE MUSIC OF DUKE ELLINGTON

AND THE DANCE OF THE ALVIN AILEY COMPANY

CELEBRATES WHAT AMERICA CHERISHES MOST-----

THOSE WHO REACH FOR THE STARS.

IN MUSIC,

IN DANCE,

IN ALL OF LIFE----

IT IS THE REVOLUTIONARIES

WHO CHART NEW TERRITORY

FOR US TO EXPLORE.

I Am delighted to be A small part of this exciting program

+ I KNOW WE ARE IN

FOR A MARVELOUS JOURNEY TONIGHT.

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PROPOSED REMARKS

Duke Ellington Concert Drop-By, New York City, April 29, 1976

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---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. Do have a wonderful time.

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