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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

January 19, 1976

TO: MRS. FORD

FROM: MARIA DOWNS M

SUBJECT: Governor's Dinner - February 23, 1976

Attached is the guest list from last year's Governor's Dinner. It did include a few who were not Governors or Administration people. It is my understanding that it was the first time we invited other than those two categories.

If you decide to expand, would you care to use a parlor in addition to the State Dining Room -- allowing us to expand generously.

Our after-dinner entertainment is Tony Bennett. We usually invite an additional 100 people for the entertainment part of the evening.

Thank you.



Regrets for dinner Thursday, February 20, 1975

Mrs. Raul Castro - remained in Arizona

The Governor of Arkansas & Mrs. Pryor - no reason The Governor of California - Edmund Brown - no reason The Governor of Delaware and Mrs. Tribbitt - no reason

Mrs. Reubin Askew - ill

The Governor of Louisiana & Mrs. Edwards - prior commitment

The Governor of Nevada and Mrs. O'Callaghan

Mrs. Brendan Byrne - must stay at home with 8 yr. old

The Governor of New York- Hugh Carey - will not be in D. C.

The Governor of Ohio and Mrs. Rhodes - no reason

The Governor of Tennesse and Mrs. Blanton

- The Governor of West Virginia and Mrs. Moore Legislature in session and will be hosting a reception
- The Governor of the Virgin Islands and Mrs. King delivering State of Territory message

The Governor of Puerto Rico and Mrs. Hernandez-Colon - no reason

Mr. Louis Bellson (Pearl Bailey's husband)

Mr. and Mrs. Larry King (Billie Jean King) - she is doing a commercial

Mr. and Mrs. John Wayne - on a cruise

- Mr. and Mrs. Telly Savalas unbreakable commitment (note: in addition to sending telegram, he called his secretary from Amsterdam to make sure the telegram had been sent and to again express his sincere regrets)
- Miss Barbara Eden opening in Mexico City (note: her agent indicated she would be delighted to come another time)

Miss Elizabeth Montgomery - not enough notice

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(note: she was very nice, but indicated it would be just impossible to come at this late date)

- Mr. and Mrs. Robert Goulet (Carol Lawrence) He is performing in Las Vegas and she is at the Palmer House in Chicago
- Mr. and Mrs. Buddy Ebsen rehearsing the Carol Burnett show and taping Fri.
- Mr. and Mrs. Tony Martin both working at the Fairmont Hotel indicated they would be available in March and April and would like very much to come another time
- Mr. and Mrs. Gary Collins (Mary Ann Mobley) short notice and Mrs. is just getting over the flu; was very nice and would like to come another time

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Bean (Mitzi Gaynor) - both taping for a special

GUEST LIST FOR THE DINNER TO BE GIVEN BY THE PRESIDENT AND MRS. FORD IN HONOR OF THE GOVERNORS AND THEIR WIVES ON THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 1975, AT EIGHT O'CLOCK, THE WHITE HOUSE

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The Governor of Pennsylvania and Mrs. Shapp The Honorable Brendan T. Byrne, Governor of New Jersey The Governor of Georgia and Mrs. Busbee The Honorable Ella Grasso, Governor of Connecticut, and Dr. Thomas A. Grasso The Governor of Massachusetts and Mrs. Dukakis The Governor of Maryland and Mrs. Mandel The Governor of South Carolina and Mrs. Edwards The Governor of New Hampshire and Mrs. Thomson The Governor of Virginia and Mrs. Godwin The Governor of North Carolina and Mrs. Holshouser The Governor of Rhode Island and Mrs. Noel The Governor of Vermont and Mrs. Salmon The Governor of Kentucky and Mrs. Carroll The Governor of Indiana and Mrs. Bowen The Governor of Mississippi and Mrs. Waller The Governor of Illinois and Mrs. Walker The Governor of Alabama and Mrs. Wallace The Governor of Maine and Mrs. Longley The Governor of Missouri and Mrs. Bond The Governor of Michigan and Mrs. Milliken The Honorable Reubin O'D. Askew, Governor of Florida The Governor of Texas and Mrs. Briscoe The Governor of Iowa and Mrs. Ray The Governor of Wisconsin and Mrs. Lucey The Governor of Minnesota and Mrs. Anderson The Governor of Oregon and Mrs. Straub The Governor of Kansas and Mrs. Bennett The Governor of Nebraska and Mrs. Exon The Governor of Colorado and Mrs. Lamm The Governor of North Dakota and Mrs. Link The Governor of South Dakota and Mrs. Kneip The Governor of Montana and Mrs. Judge The Governor of Washington and Mrs. Evans The Governor of Idaho and Mrs. Andrus The Governor of Wyoming and Mrs. Herschler The Governor of Utah and Mrs. Rampton The Governor of Oklahoma and Mrs. Boren The Governor of New Mexico and Mrs. Apodaca The Honorable Raul Castro, Governor of Arizona The Governor of Alaska and Mrs. Hammond The Governor of Hawaii and Mrs. Ariyoshi The Governor of Guam and Mrs. Bordallo The Governor of American Samoa and Mrs. Ruth The Vice President and Mrs. Rockefeller



- His Excellency Alejandro Orfila, Ambassador of the Argentine Republic (Escort of Miss Barbara Walters)
- The Secretary of Defense and Mrs. Schlesinger
- The Honorable James T. Lynn, Director, Office of Management and Budget, and Mrs. Lynn
- The Honorable Robert T. Hartmann, Counsellor to the President, and Mrs. Hartmann
- The Honorable Donald H. Rumsfeld, Assistant to the President, and Mrs. Rumsfeld
- The Honorable Ronald H. Nessen, Press Secretary to the President, and Mrs. Nessen
 - The Honorable L. William Seidman, Assistant to the President for Economic Affairs, and Mrs. Seidman
 - The Honorable Kenneth R. Cole, Jr., Assistant to the President for Domestic Affairs, and Mrs. Cole

- The Honorable James M. Cannon and Mrs. Cannon Mr. Cannon is Assistant to the President-designate for Domestic Affairs Dr. James Cavanaugh, Deputy Director, Domestic Council, and Mrs. Cavanaugh Mr. James Falk, Associate Director, Domestic Council,
 - and Mrs. Falk

Miss Pearl Bailey, Northridge, California

-Mr. Charles Byrley, Washington, D. C.

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Mr. Byrley is Director, National Governors Conference Miss Susan Byrne, Princeton, New Jersey

Daughter of Governor Brendan Byrne

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Harmon, Los Angeles, California Mr. Harmon is a sportscaster

Mr. and Mrs. Roger Mudd, Washington, D. C. Mr. Mudd is with CBS News

Miss Vivian Przondo, Arlington, Virginia (Guest of Mr. Charles Byrley)

Miss Barbara Walters, New York, New York NBC

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FACT SHEET Mrs. Ford's Office

| Event DINNER | ۰. |
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| Group In Honor of Governors and Their Spouses | |
| DATE/TIME February 23, 1976 8:00 p.m. | |
| Contact Pat Howard Phone 2927 | |
| Contact Pat Howard Phone 2927 Sumber of guests: Total 100 - A-DinneWomen x Men x Children | |
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| and their spouses while they are in Wash., D. C. for the Governor | 's Conf. |
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| REOUIREMENTS | |

Guest list (Social Entertainments Office will distribute) Social: Programs yes Menus yes Invitations yes Refreshments Dinner Format Entertainment yes yes Decorations/flowers Music yes Social Aides yes Coat check yes Dress Black Tie Other --Reporters yes Press: Photographers yes TV Crews yes White House Photographers yes yes Color Mono. Other --Technical PA Other Rooms yes ? Support: Microphones yes Recording yes Lights yes Transportation cars (enter thru SW Gate) Parking South Grounds Housing - --Other (Risers, stage, platforms) yes ---Project Co-ordinator Pat Howard 2927

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THE WHITE HOUSE WASHINGTON

February 11, 1976

FOR: MRS. FORD

FROM: MARIA DOWNS

SUBJECT: Proposed Menus for the Governors Dinner February - February 23, 1976

Attached for your review and selection are tow proposed menus for the Governors Dinner.

monday Feb. 23, 1976

GOVERNOR'S DINNER

Filet of Mountain Trout Meuniere Fleurons

Chateaubriand Bearnaise
Potato Croquettes
Baked Celery with Almonds

Tossed Green Salad Bel Paese Cheese

OR

Bibb Lettuce Salad Brie Cheese

Hazelnut Ice Cream Bomb Chocolate Sauce Petits fours

te Michelle Chenin Blanc 1974 Beringer Cabernet Sauvignon 1970 The Thompson Pere Marquette Brut

* The trout is split -- skin is taken off -- dipped in egg -- sauteed in lemon and butter.

GOVERNORS DINNER

Fish

<u>Green Turtle Soup</u> Cheese Twists

Roast Sirloin of Beef Eggplant Fermiere * Cauliflower in Butter

Trappist Cheese Watercress & Mushroom Salad

Washington Cream Pie

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Souffle Grand Marnier Petits Fours

lmaden Dry Sherry e Michelle Cabernet Sauvignon he Thompson Pere Marquette Brut

> * Eggplant will be garnished with carrots, cauliflower, small fried potatoes, etc. ** Martha Washington Cream Pie is a Boston Cream Pie with red currant jelly.

THE WHITE HOUSE

February 20, 1976

| FOR: | MRS. FORD |
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| FROM: | MARIA DOWNS |
| SUBJECT: | Governors Dinner - Feb. 23, 1976 |

Would you like to have Susan included in the entrance? If so, do you want her escort to join her in the East Room? What are your thoughts about her receiving with you and the President (she sure would have one lonely date). If possible, we would like her escort's name for the dinner guest list which will be distributed to the press.

Please let me know if you particularly would want someone at your table. Governor Ray will be seated to your right as head of the Governor's Association.

We will be sending you a copy of the President's briefing paper as soon as it is sent to us by Domestic Council.

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

DINNER IN HONOR OF THE GOVERNORS AND THEIR SPOUSES

February 23, 1976 8:00 p.m.

Dress:

Black tie ... long dresses for the ladies

Yellow Oval Room:

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8:09 p.m. ... you and Mrs. Ford will be escorted to the outside entrance of the Yellow Oval Room.

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Color Guard will request permission to remove Colors at approximately 8:10 p.m.

Grand Entrance:

Approximately 8:12 p.m. ... descend Grand Staircase preceded by Color Guard.

- Pause at foot of staircase for official photograph.

- -- Color Guard reforms and procession moves to red carpet facing East Room ... pause for Ruffles and Flourishes and announcement ... take receiving line position.
 - Follow Color Guard into East Room when "Hail to the Chief" is played.

Receiving Line:

Take position just inside door of East Room ... Military Social Aide will present your guests.

After receiving line, follow guests into the State Dining Room.

Dinner:

Round tables

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Army Strolling Strings will play during dessert.

After dessert, you will rise and propose a toast ... Governor Ray of Iowa, Chairman of the National Governors Conference will respond to your toast.

No press coverage of dinner; toasts will be piped to the press ... transcripts will be released to the press ... there will be mini-camera coverage of the toasts with a small photo pool.

After-Dinner:

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10:00 p.m. ... guests proceed to parlors for demitasse, liqueurs, and cigars. You and Mrs. Ford will mingle informally with your guests.

10:05 p.m. ... after-dinner guests will be escorted to the State Floor. You and Mrs. Ford will receive the after-dinner guests from a position in the Grand Hall between the Blue Room and Green Room doors -- a Military Social Aide will present your guests -- guests will proceed to the East Room and take their seats.

Entertainment:

After the guests are seated, you will enter the East Room through the center door and seat Mrs. Ford.

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You proceed to the stage which will be located at the North End of the East Room and introduce Tony Bennett.

NOTE: Suggested remarks (Tab A).

At the conclusion of the performance, you and Mrs. Ford will go to the stage to thank Tony Bennett. NOTE: There will be press coverage of the entertainment. Photo and mini-camera coverage will be of the first and last parts of the program and of your thanking Tony Bennett.

After you have thanked Tony Bennett, you will escort Mrs. Ford to the Grand Foyer for dancing.

Departure:

You and Mrs. Ford will bid farewell to your guests and return to the Family Quarters.

There will be champagne and mixed drinks for the guests who remain.

NOTES:

- A suggested toast is attached (Tab B).
- The dinner and after-dinner guest lists are attached (Tab C).
- Military Social Aides will be present.
- A Marine Harpist will be playing in the Diplomatic Reception Room as your dinner and after-dinner guests arrive.
- White House photographer will be present.
- -- Briefing paper is attached (Tab D).

Maria Downs

GUEST LIST FOR THE DINNER TO BE GIVEN BY THE PRESIDENT AND MRS. FORD IN HONOR OF THE GOVERNORS AND THEIR SPOUSES ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 1976, AT EIGHT O'CLOCK, THE WHITE HOUSE:

The Governor of Delaware and Mrs. Tribbitt The Governor of New Jersey and Mrs. Byrne The Governor of Georgia and Mrs. Busbee The Honorable Michael S. Dukakis, Governor of Massachusetts The Governor of Maryland and Mrs. Mandel The Governor of South Carolina and Mrs. Edwards The Governor of New Hampshire and Mrs. Thomson The Governor of Virginia and Mrs. Godwin The Honorable Hugh L. Carey, Governor of New York The Governor of North Carolina and Mrs. Holshouser The Governor of Rhode Island and Mrs. Noel The Governor of Vermont and Mrs. Salmon The Governor of Kentucky and Mrs. Carroll The Governor of Tennessee and Mrs. Blanton The Governor of Mississippi and Mrs. Finch The Governor of Maine and Mrs. Longley The Governor of Missouri and Mrs. Bond The Honorable David H. Pryor, Governor of Arkansas The Governor of Michigan and Mrs. Milliken The Governor of Florida and Mrs. Askew The Governor of Texas and Mrs. Briscoe The Governor of Iowa and Mrs. Ray The Governor of Wisconsin and Mrs. Lucey The Governor of Minnesota and Mrs. Anderson The Governor of Oregon and Mrs. Straub The Governor of Kansas and Mrs. Bennett The Governor of West Virginia and Mrs. Moore The Governor of Nebraska and Mrs. Exon The Governor of Colorado and Mrs. Lamm The Governor of North Dakota and Mrs. Link The Governor of South Dakota and Mrs. Kneip The Governor of Montana and Mrs. Judge The Governor of Washington and Mrs. Evans The Governor of Idaho and Mrs. Andrus The Governor of Wyoming and Mrs. Herschler The Governor of Utah and Mrs. Rampton The Governor of New Mexico and Mrs. Apodaca The Governor of Arizona and Mrs. Castro The Honorable J. S. Hammond, Governor of Alaska The Governor of Hawaii and Mrs. Ariyoshi *The Governor of Guam and Mrs. Bordallo The Governor of the Virgin Islands and Mrs. King The Governor of American Samoa and Mrs. Ruth

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The Honorable Carla A. Hills, Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, and The Honorable Roderick M. Hills The Honorable Robert T. Hartmann and Mrs. Hartmann Counsellor to the President The Honorable John O. Marsh, Jr. and Mrs. Marsh Counsellor to the President The Honorable Rogers C. B. Morton and Mrs. Morton Counsellor to the President The Honorable James T. Lynn and Mrs. Lynn Director, Office of Management and Budget The Honorable James M. Cannon and Mrs. Cannon Assistant to the President for Domestic Affairs The Honorable Frank G. Zarb and Mrs. Zarb Administrator, Federal Energy Administration The Honorable James H. Cavanaugh and Mrs. Cavanaugh Deputy Director, Domestic Council The Honorable John G. Carlson and Mrs. Carlson Deputy Press Secretary to the President The Honorable David Gergen and Mrs. Gergen Special Assistant to the President The Honorable Paul H. O'Neill and Mrs. O'Neill Deputy Director, Office of Management and Budget The Honorable Douglas P. Bennett and Mrs. Bennett Director, Presidential Personnel Offices The Honorable Stephen G. McConahey and Mrs. McConahey Special Assistant to the President for Intergovernmental Affairs Mr. and Mrs. Terrence O'Donnell Aide to the President Mr. and Mrs. William Gorog Deputy Director, Economic Policy Board Mr. and Mrs. Byron M. Cavaney. Jr. Director of the Advance Office Mr. and Mrs. Patrick J. Delanev Associate Director, Domestic Council The Honorable Raymond P. Shafer and Mrs. Shafer Vice President's Office Mr. and Mrs. Tony Bennett Entertainer Mr. John Dukakis Guest of Governor Michael S. Dukakis of Massachusetts Mr. and Mrs. Stephen B. Farber Director, National Governors' Conference Miss Susan Ford Mr. Stewart Spencer Deputy Chairman, President Ford Committee

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Guest List for AFTER-DINNER ENTERTAINMENT to be given by the President and Mrs. Ford in honor of the GOVERNORS and their spouses on MONDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 1976, at 10:00 p.m., The White House:

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Anderson Executive Director, Advisory Committee on Intergovernmental Relations Mr. and Mrs. Joe Bartlett Minority Clerk of the House Mr. and Mrs. Benton L. Becker Potomac, Maryland Mr. and Mrs. Justin D. Bowersock Middleburg, Virginia (pool donors) Mr. and Mrs. A. Smith Bowman Sunset Hills, Virginia (pool donors) Mr. and Mrs. E. DeLong Bowman Plains, Virginia (pool donors) Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Bratti Administrator for National Affairs, American Subcontractors Assn. Mr. and Mrs. David Broome American Bankers Assn. Dr. and Mrs. Berkley G. Burrell President, National Business League Mr. and Mrs. James Cary Copley News Service Dr. and Mrs. William H. Chambers Dr. Marjorie Chambers -- President, American Assn. of University Women The Honorable James R. Cowan and Mrs. Cowan Assistant Secretary of Defense for Health & Environment *The Honorable Curtis C. Crawford and Mrs. Crawford Vice Chairman, U.S. Board of Parole, Department of Justice Mr. and Mrs. James Denson Executive Director, Chamber of Commerce of Washington, D.C. Mr. and Mrs. Robert W. Dudley Washington, D.C. (pool donors) The Honorable Arthur A. Fletcher and Mrs. Fletcher Deputy Assistant to the President for Urban Affairs *Mr. and Mrs. William Geimer Director, Intergovernmental, Regional & Special Programs, Federal Energy Administration Miss Elizabeth Goltra WH Spokesmen's Office Mr. and Mrs. Ralph E. Griffith Executive Director, Republican Governors Assn. Mr. and Mrs. Aubrey A. Gunnels Staff Assistant, Subcommittee on Treasury, Postal Service, General Government

Mr. and Mrs. David G. Hanes Executive Assistant to the Administrator, Federal Energy Administration Mr. and Mrs. Ray Hanzlik Consultant, Domestic Council *Miss Judith L. Harbaugh Director of Scheduling, President Ford Committee Mrs. Earl J. Helmbreck Guest of Mrs. Wakelee R. Smith Mr. Warren K. Hendriks; Jr. WH Spokesmen's Office The Honorable Creighton Holden and Mrs. Holden Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Tourism Mr. and Mrs. Peter Holmes Administrative Assistant to Senate Minority Whip The Honorable Roger Hooker and Mrs. Hooker Assistant Secretary of Transportation for Congressional and Intergovernmental Affairs Mr. and Mrs. Gary G. Hymel Executive Assistant to the House Majority Leader Dr. and Mrs. Thomas F. Johnson Director of Research, American Enterprise Institute The Honorable Robert W. Kasten, Jr. (guest of Elizabeth Goltra) House of Representatives, escort of Miss Goltra *Mr. Richard Kiley Actor, "The Heiress", JFK Center *Mr. and Mrs. J.S. Kimmitt Majority Secretary of the Senate Mr. and Mrs. Don Larrabee Griffin-Larrabee News Service Commander Walter T. Leland, USN, and Mrs. Leland Military Aide to the Secretary of Transportation *Mr. and Mrs. Mac MacGarry WMAL-TV Mr. and Mrs. Paul J. Myer Reston, Virginia *Miss Barbara Norris Director of Correspondence, President Ford Committee Mr. and Mrs. Charles Osolin Cox Newspapers Mr. and Mrs. John Post Executive Director, The Business Roundtable The Honorable Larry L. Pressler House of Representatives, escort of Miss Tutweiler

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Mr. and Mrs. Arthur F. Quern Deputy Director of the Domestic Council for Policy & Planning *Mr. and Mrs. Ara Sahagian Mrs. -- Administrative Assistant to Senate Majority Leader Mr. and Mrs. David Schoumacher WMAL-TV Anchorman Mr. and Mrs. Wallace O. Sellers V.P. & Director of Research Division, Merrill, Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith. New York Mrs. Wakelee R. Smith President General, Daughters of the American Revolution Miss Margaret Tutweiler Regional Coordinator, Scheduling Office, President Ford Committee *Mr. and Mrs. Robert P. Visser General Counsel, President Ford Committee Mr. and Mrs. Ed Walker WMAL-TV Mr. and Mrs. Charles L. Ward Administrative Assistant to the Speaker Mr. and Mrs. Vincent T. Wasilewski President, National Assn. of Broadcasters Mr. and Mrs. Laurence N. Woodworth Chief of Staff, Joint Committee on Internal Revenue Taxation *Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Bailar

Postmaster General, U.S. Postal Service

REGRETS for the Governors' Dinner, February 23, 1976:

The Vice President and Mrs. Rockefeller (speaking in Boston) The Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare

and Mrs. Mathews

The Governor of Alabama and Mrs. Wallace Mrs. Jay S. Hammond

Wife of the Governor of Alaska

The Honorable Edmund G. Brown, Jr.

Governor of California

The Honorable Ella T. Grasso, Governor of Connecticut

and Dr. Thomas A. Grasso (not attending Conference) The Governor of Illinois and Mrs. Walker (campaigning)

The Governor of Indiana and Mrs. Bowen (legislative session)

The Governor of Louisiana and Mrs. Edwards (won't be in D. C.)

The Governor of Nevada and Mrs. O'Callaghan

The Governor of Ohio and Mrs. Rhodes

The Honorable David L. Boren

Governor of Oklahoma

The Governor of Pennsylvania and Mrs. Shapp (won't be in D. C.) The Governor of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico

and Mrs. Hernandez-Colon (not attending Conference)

Mrs. Stewart Spencer

Wife of the Deputy Chairman of the President Ford Committee Mrs. Michael S. Dukakis

Wife of the Governor of Massachusetts

The Secretary of Commerce

and Mrs. Richardson



Miss Mary Austin (working on N. H. primary) Assistant to the Chairman, President Ford Committee Mr. and Mrs. Donald Clusen (in Boston) Mrs. -- President, League of Women Voters of the U.S. Mr. and Mrs. John Curley Gannett News Service Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Davis (wife out of town) Administrative Assistant to Senate Minority Floor Leader Mr. William F. Hildenbrand Minority Secretary of the Senate Mr. and Mrs. Richard H. Lukstat Special Assistant, Dir. of Public Affs., Dept. of Labor Mr. and Mrs. Robert Mead (in San Francisco) TV Advisor to the President Mr. and Mrs. Christopher Perry Alexandria, Virginia Mr. and Mrs. Willard Scott (conflicts with work) WRC-TV Weatherman Mr. and Mrs. Dennis J. Taylor Legislative Counsel to the House Minority Leader Mr. and Mrs. John F. Weidert Administrative Assistant to the Secretary of Agriculture Mr. John J. Williams Staff Director for the House Minority Leader Miss Dorothy Height (out of country) President, National Council of Negro Women

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| a | a | The Governor of Iowa and Mrs. Ray State Capitol Des Moines, Iowa 50319 | (Robert D.) |
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| | | The Governor of Kansas and Mrs. Bennett State House Topeka, Kansas 66612 | (Robert F.) |
| a | a | The Governor of Kentucky and Mrs. Carroll State Capitol Frankfort, Kentucky 40601 | (Julian M.) |
| R | R | The Governor of Louisiana and Mrs. Edwards State Capitol won't he in D.C. Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70804 | (Edwin) |
| a | a | The Governor of Maine and Mrs. Longley State House Augusta, Maine 04330 | (James B.) |
| a | a | The Governor of Maryland and Mrs. Mandel State House Annapolis, Maryland 21404 | (Marvin) |
| a | a | The Governor of Massachusetts and Mrs. Dukakis State House Boston, Massachusetts 02133 | (Michael S.) |
| a | a | The Governor of Michigan and Mrs. Milliken State Capitol Lansing, Michigan 48903 | (William G.) |
| a | a | The Governor of Minnesota and Mrs. Anderson State Capitol St. Paul, Minnesota 55155 | (Wendell R.) |
| | | The Governor of Mississippi and Mrs. Finch State Capitol Jackson, Mississippi 39205 | (Charles C.) |
| a | a | The Governor of Missouriand Mrs. Bond State Capitol Jefferson City, Missouri 65101 | (Christopher S.) |
| a | ,a | The Governor of Montana and Mrs. Judge State Capitol Helena, Montana 59601 | (Thomas L.) |
| a | a | The Governor of Nebraska and Mrs. Exon State Capitol Lincoln, Nebraska 68509 | (J. James) |
| R | R | The Governor of Nevada and Mrs. O'Callaghan State Capitol Carson City, Nevada 89701 | (Mike) |
| a | a | The Governor of New Hampshire and Mrs. Thomson State House Concord, New Hampshire 03301 | (Meldrim, Jr.) |
| | | The Governor of New Jersey and Mrs. Byrne State House Trenton, New Jersey 08625 | (Brendan T.) |
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| a | a | The Governor of New Mexico and Mrs. Apodaca State Capitol Santa Fe, New Mexico 87503 | (Jerry) |
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| | • | The Honorable Hugh L. Carey Governor of New York State Capitol Albany, New York 12224 | |
| a | a | The Governor of North Carolina and Mrs. Holshouser Administration Building Raleigh, North Carolina 27611 | (James E., Jr |
| a | a | The Governor of North Dakota and Mrs. Link State Capitol Bismarck, North Dakota 58505 | (Arthur A.) |
| | | The Governor of Ohio and Mrs. Rhodes State House Columbus, Ohio 43215 | (James A.) |
| | | The Honorable David L. Boren Governor of Oklahoma State Capitol Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73105 | (David L.) |
| a | a | The Governor of Oregon and Mrs. Straub State Capitol Salem, Oregon 97310 | (Robert W.) |
| | | The Governor of Pennsylvania and Mrs. Shapp State Capitol Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17120 | (Milton J.) |
| a | a | The Governor of Rhode Island and Mrs. Noel State House Providence, Rhode Island 02903 | (Philip W.) |
| a | a | The Governor of South Carolina and Mrs. Edwards State House Columbia, South Carolina 29211 | (James B.) |
| | | The Governor of South Dakota and Mrs. Kneip State Capitol Pierre, South Dakota 57501 | (Richard F.) |
| a | a | The Governor of Tennessee and Mrs. Blanton State Capitol Nashville, Tennessee 37219 | (Ray) |
| a | a | The Governor of Texas and Mrs. Briscoe State Capitol Austin, Texas 78711 | (Dolph) |
| a | a | The Governor of Utah and Mrs. Rampton State Capitol Salt Lake City, Utah 84114 | (Calvin L.) |
| a | a | The Governor of Vermont and Mrs. Salmon State House Montpelier, Vermont 05602 | (Thomas P.) |
| ia | a | The Governor of Virginia and Mrs. Godwin State Capitol Richmond, Virginia 32319 | (Mills E., Jr. |

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| | The Governor of Washington and Mrs. Evans State Capitol | (Daniel J.) |
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| 00 | The Governor of West Virginia and Mrs. Moore State Capitol | (Arch A., Jı |
| rn | - Charleston, West Virginia 25305 | |
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| aver | Madison, Wisconsin 53702 | |
| | The Governor of Wyoming and Mrs. Herschler | (Ed) |
| aa | State Capitol Cheyenne, Wyoming 82002 | • |
| ing the second se | The Governor of American Samoa and Mrs. Ruth | (Earl B.) |
| aja | Government House Pago Pago, American Samoa 96799 | |
| | The Governor of Guam and Mrs. Bordallo | (Ricardo J.) |
| | Executive Chambers Agana, Guam 96910 | |
| | The Governor of Commonwealth of Puerto Rico | (Rafael) |
| | and Mrs. Hernandez-Colon | |
| RR | , La Fortaleza San Juan, Puerto Rico 00902 | |
| | The Governor of the Virgin Islands and Mrs. King | (Cyril E.) |
| aa | Government House Charlotte Amalie, St. Thomas, Virgin Islands 00801 | |
| | Mr. and Mrs. Tony Bennett - to remind | |
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THE WHITE HOUSE WASHINGTON

February 23, 1976

FOR: MRS. FORD

FROM: Maria Downs

Subject: After-Dinner Guest List - Governors Dinner

After-dinner guest list includes two prominent radio celebrities and one television anchorman. Do not believe the President is aware of this.

Mac McGarry (WRC) and Ed Walker (WMAL) -- President has met both at recent Inauguration of National Press Club President.

Television anchorman is David Schoumacher (WMAL - TV) -- he is the one I mentioned Milt Friedman had problems with on a recent interview.

THE WHITE HOUSE WASHINGTON

February 23, 1976

FOR: MRS. FORD

FROM: MARIA DOWNS

SUBJECT: Governors Dinner - February 23, 1976

For your review and approval, the following items are attached:

Up-to-date Dinner Guest List
Briefing Paper
Seating Plan
FYI Copy of my Memo to Susan

Thank you.

GUEST LIST FOR THE DINNER TO BE GIVEN BY THE PRESIDENT AND MRS. FORD IN HONOR OF THE GOVERNORS AND THEIR SPOUSES ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 1976, AT EIGHT O'CLOCK, THE WHITE HOUSE:

The Governor of Delaware and Mrs. Tribbitt The Governor of New Jersey and Mrs. Byrne The Governor of Georgia and Mrs. Busbee The Honorable Michael S. Dukakis, Governor of Massachusetts The Governor of Maryland and Mrs. Mandel The Governor of South Carolina and Mrs. Edwards The Governor of New Hampshire and Mrs. Thomson The Governor of Virginia and Mrs. Godwin The Honorable Hugh L. Carey, Governor of New York The Governor of North Carolina and Mrs. Holshouser The Governor of Rhode Island and Mrs. Noel The Governor of Vermont and Mrs. Salmon The Governor of Kentucky and Mrs. Carroll The Governor of Tennessee and Mrs. Blanton The Governor of Mississippi and Mrs. Finch The Governor of Maine and Mrs. Longley The Governor of Missouri and Mrs. Bond The Honorable David H. Pryor, Governor of Arkansas The Governor of Michigan and Mrs. Milliken The Governor of Florida and Mrs. Askew The Governor of Texas and Mrs. Briscoe The Governor of Iowa and Mrs. Ray The Governor of Wisconsin and Mrs. Lucey The Governor of Minnesota and Mrs. Anderson The Governor of Oregon and Mrs. Straub The Governor of Kansas and Mrs. Bennett The Governor of West Virginia and Mrs. Moore The Governor of Nebraska and Mrs. Exon The Governor of Colorado and Mrs. Lamm The Governor of North Dakota and Mrs. Link The Governor of South Dakota and Mrs. Kneip The Governor of Montana and Mrs. Judge The Governor of Washington and Mrs. Evans. The Governor of Idaho and Mrs. Andrus The Governor of Wyoming and Mrs. Herschler The Governor of Utah and Mrs. Rampton The Governor of New Mexico and Mrs. Apodaca The Governor of Arizona and Mrs. Castro The Honorable J. S. Hammond, Governor of Alaska The Governor of Hawaii and Mrs. Ariyoshi

The Governor of the Virgin Islands and Mrs. King The Governor of American Samoa and Mrs. Ruth

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The Honorable Carla A. Hills, Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, and The Honorable Roderick M. Hills The Honorable Robert T. Hartmann Counsellor to the President The Honorable John O. Marsh, Jr. and Mrs. Marsh Counsellor to the President The Honorable Rogers C.B. Morton and Mrs. Morton Counsellor to the President The Honorable James T. Lynn and Mrs. Lynn Director, Office of Management and Budget The Honorable James M. Cannon and Mrs. Cannon Assistant to the President for Domestic Affairs The Honorable Frank G. Zarb and Mrs. Zarb Administrator, Federal Energy Administration The Honorable James H. Cavanaugh and Mrs. Cavanaugh Deputy Director, Domestic Council The Honorable John G. Carlson and Mrs. Carlson Deputy Press Secretary to the President The Honorable David Gergen and Mrs. Gergen Special Assistant to the President The Honorable Paul H. O'Neill and Mrs. O'Neill Deputy Director, Office of Management and Budget The Honorable Douglas P. Bennett and Mrs. Bennett Director, Presidential Personnel Offices The Honorable Stephen G. McConahey and Mrs. McConahey Special Assistant to the President for Intergovernmental Affairs Mr. and Mrs. Terrence O'Donnell Aide to the President Mr. and Mrs. William Gorog Deputy Director, Economic Policy Board Mr. and Mrs. Byron M. Cavaney, Jr. Director of the Advance Office Mr. and Mrs. Patrick J. Delaney Associate Director, Domestic Council The Honorable Raymond P. Shafer and Mrs. Shafer Vice President's Office Mr. and Mrs. Tony Bennett Entertainer Mr. John Dukakis Guest of Governor Michael S. Dukakis of Massachusetts Mr. and Mrs. Stephen B. Farber Director, National Governors' Conference Miss Susan Ford Mr. Bert Meem Escort of Miss Susan Ford

The Honrable Howard H. Callaway and Mrs. Callaway Chairman, President Ford Committee

Mr. Bruce Johnson

Director, Museum of American Folk Art, New York Mrs. Barbara Johnson

President, Board of Trustees, Museum of American Folk Art

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REGRETS for the Governors' Dinner, February 23, 1976:

The Vice President and Mrs. Rockefeller (speaking in Boston) The Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare and Mrs. Mathews The Governor of Alabama and Mrs. Wallace Mrs. Jay S. Hammond Wife of the Governor of Alaska The Honorable Edmund G. Brown, Jr. Governor of California The Honorable Ella T. Grasso, Governor of Connecticut and Dr. Thomas A. Grasso (not attending Conference) The Governor of Illinois and Mrs. Walker (campaigning) The Governor of Indiana and Mrs. Bowen (legislative session) The Governor of Louisiana and Mrs. Edwards (won't be in D. C.) The Governor of Nevada and Mrs. O'Callaghan The Governor of Ohio and Mrs. Rhodes The Honorable David L. Boren Governor of Oklahoma The Governor of Pennsylvania and Mrs. Shapp (won't be in D. C.) The Governor of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico and Mrs. Hernandez-Colon (not attending Conference) Mrs. Stewart Spencer Wife of the Deputy Chairman of the President Ford Committee Mrs. Michael S. Dukakis Wife of the Governor of Massachusetts The Secretary of Commerce and Mrs. Richardson Mrs. Robert Hartmann (ill) Mr. Stewart Spencer Deputy Chairman, President Ford Committee

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

February 21, 1976

WHITE HOUSE DINNER WITH GOVERNORS AND THEIR SPOUSES

Monday, February 23, 1976 8:00 p.m. State Dining Room

From: Jim Cannon

I. PURPOSE

To continue a traditional White House event for the Governors and their spouses during their annual Winter Meeting.

II. BACKGROUND, PARTICIPANTS AND PRESS PLAN

A. Background

Since 1967 it has become traditional for the President or Vice President to host a dinner for both Governors and their spouses during their annual Mid-Winter Conference.

You will have opened the General Session Monday morning with one-half hour of remarks. Jim Lynn, Secretaries Simon, Richardson, Butz, Hills, Coleman and Usery, Attorney General Levi and Administrator Zarb will have participated in various work shops during the day as a follow-up to the commitment given by you to the Governors at their State of the States presentation with the Cabinet on December 18.

In addition to these working sessions, there was a special meeting between the White House Staff and Governors Andrus (D-Idaho), Carey (D-NY), Byrne (D-NJ) Shapp (D-PA) and Lucey (D-Wisconsin) on the subject of welfare reform as a response to the telegram sent to you by these Governors in December. Steve McConahey will have had breakfast with the Republican Governors on Monday morning. You have met in working meetings with all of the Governors including the most recently elected, Cliff Finch (D-Mississippi). In the 50 States, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico and the three Terriroties, there are 37 Democrats, 14 Republicans, 2 Independents and 1 Popular Democrat.

B. Participants

To be submitted by a separate memorandum.

C. Press Plan

III TALKING POINTS

To be submitted by a separate memorandum.

R. FORA

THE PRESIDENT (to his right:) Mrs. Robert D. Ray (wife of Gov. from Iowa) Gov. Reubin O'D. Askew (Fla.) Mrs. Richard D. Lamm (wife of Gov. from Colo.) Gov. Calvin L. Rampton (Utah) Mrs. Ray Blanton (wife of Gov. from Tenn.) Gov. William G. Milliken (Michigan) Mrs. Patrick J. Lucey (wife of Gov. from Wisc.) Gov. James Holshouser, Jr. (N.C.) Mrs. Tony Bennett

MRS. FORD (to her right:) Gov. Robert D. Ray (Iowa) Mrs. Cecil D. Andrus (wife of Gov. from Idaho) Gov. Dolph Briscoe (Texas) Mrs. Robert F. Bennett (wife of Gov. from Kansas) Gov. James B. Longley (Maine) Mrs. George Busbee (wife of Gov. from Georgia) Gov. Daniel J. Evans (Washington) Mrs. Julian M. Carroll (wife of Gov. from Ky.) Mr. Tony Bennett MISS SUSAN FORD (to her right:) Mr. Bert Meem (Miss Ford's escort) Mrs. Christopher S. Bond (wife of Gov. from Missouri) Gov. Richard D. Lamm (Colorado) Mrs. George R. Ariyoshi (wife of Gov. from Hawaii) Dr. James H. Cavanaugh (Deputy Dir., Domestic Council) Mrs. J. James Exon (wife of Gov. from Nebraska) Gov. Charles C. Finch (Mississippi) Mrs. James T. Lynn (wife of Dir., Office of Management & Budget) Mr. John Dukakis (son of Gov. from Massachusetts) February 23, 1976

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FROM: MARIA DOWNS

SUBJECT: Governors Dinner - February 23, 1976

For your review and information, the following items are attached:

- 1. Scenario
- 2. Briefing Paper
- 3. Dinner and After-Dinner Guest Lists
- 4. Seating Plan

Thank you.

R. FORD

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For Immediate Release Friday, February 20, 1976

> THE WHITE HOUSE OFFICE OF THE RESS SECRETARY TO MRS. FORD

The President and Mrs. Ford have asked singer Tony Bennett to entertain at the black-tie dinner honoring the Governors of the States and Territories and their wives, February 23 at 8:00 PM.

Mr. Bennett previously performed at the White House during the Johnson Administration at a State dinner honoring the Prime Minister of Japan. He also has had two command performances before the Queen of England.

Tony Bennett has been a popular singing star for more than two decades. After singing with various military bands during World War II, he got his first big professional break when he won a spoton the Arthur Godfrey television show. That performance led to a tour with Bob Hope, who gave Bennett his stage name, and to his first recording contract. A series of hits in the 1950s placed him among the front ranks of American male vocalists.

His recording of "I Left My Heart in San Francisco" in 1962 has become an American classic, and he has been active on the concert tour. Today he performs about 45 weeks of the year.

He was born Anthony Dominick Benedetto in Long Island City, New York in 1926. His father died when Tony was eight, and for the next 17 years his mother worked as a seamstress in the garment industry. He began his career as a teen-ager as a singing waiter. Before the war, he enrolled at the Manhattan's School of Industrial Art and planned a career as a commerical artist. When his plans were interrupted by three years service in the United States Army, he changed his interest to music.

He and his wife Sandi have three children, two sons and a daughter. They live in Englewood, New Jersey, where Bennett continues his interest in art by painting oils and watercolors.

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THE WHITE HOUSE Office of the Press Secretary to Mrs. Ford

The President and Mrs. Ford will host a black tie dinner honoring governors of the 50 states, the Commonwealth of Peurto Rico, and the three United States territories (Guam, the American Samoa and the Virgin Islands) at 8:00 P.M. on Monday, February 23, 1976.

Dinner will be followed by toasts by the President and Governor Robert D. Ray of Iowa, Chairman of the National Governor's Conference. After dinner, guests will be entertained by popular singer Tony Bennett, followed by dancing in the Grand Hall to the music of the Marine Dance Band.

Mrs. Ford has chosen a classical folk art theme, "The Peaceable Kingdom" for the decor of the State Floor. Much of the inspiration for the decorations comes from the paintings of Pennsylvania artist Edward Hicks (1780-1849), which depict the Biblical concept of unity -- wild and domestic animals living together in tranquility. In his paintings he often integrate the idea of the peaceful coexhistence of Western civilized man with native American Indians.

Hand-crafted animals and birds will be used as centerpieces. Each an American antique, the carvings are made of wood, stone, metal and fabric, and will be placed in a natural setting of multi-colored spring flowers. Candleholders are fashioned of antique wooden spools used in the mills of New England from the turn of the century through 1945. The wood has a shine created from the lanolin of the yarn which was deposited on the wood. Some of the candleholders are trimmed in brass and others in pewter.

The round tables will be draped with taffeta and antique satin tableclothes in shades of bright pinks. Tables will be set with the Johnson China, vermeil flatwear, and the Morgantown crystal.

The decorations are being coordinated by Jack Bangs, chief designer for the Gazebo of New York, who is donating his services. The Museum of American Folk Art is supplying the centerpieces, most of which are from private collections.

The menu: Filet of Mountain Trout Meuniere, Fleurons, Roast Sirloin of Beef, Eggplant Fermiere, Cauliflower with Parsley, Watercress and Muschroom Salad, Trappist Cheese, Grand Marnier Souffle with Sauce Sabayon, Demitasse.

Wines: Gold Seal Pinot Chardonnay; Beringer Cabernet Sauvignon; The Thompson Pere Marquette.

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