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In honor of
His Excellency
The President of the Republic of Zambia
and Mrs. Kaunda

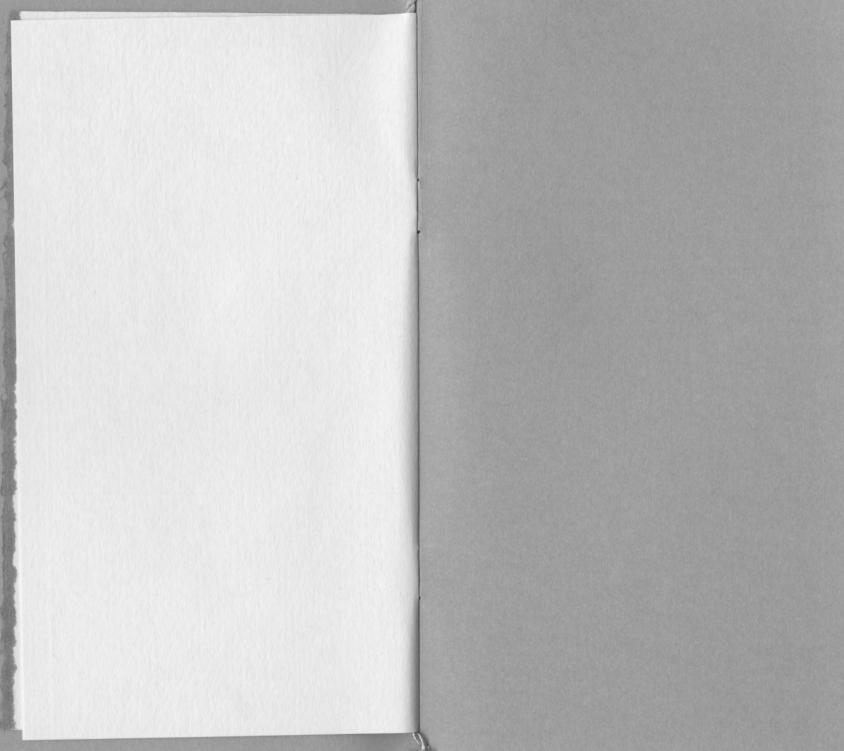
THE WHITE HOUSE Saturday, April 19, 1975

JAMES TOCCO was the first American pianist to win the Munich International Piano Competition in September of 1973. He was born in Detroit, the thirteenth child of Sicilian immigrants. His parents, both great opera lovers, encouraged his piano studies from early childhood, and he was soon winning prizes and scholarships, including a summer of training at the Salzburg Mozarteum in Austria. Advanced studies under Magda Tagliaferro in Paris and Claudio Arrau in New York followed, and Mr. Tocco soon earned a professional reputation in concert appearances and international competitions.

He garnered medals and awards in Brazil, France, Spain, Germany, Canada, Belgium and the Soviet Union. Mr. Tocco has toured extensively in Europe, the Middle East and America. His schedule for the current season includes five engagements with the Chicago Symphony, and guest soloist appearances with the Bavarian State Orchestra, the Amsterdam Philharmonic and the Residentia Orchestra of The Hague. Mr. Tocco is one of 13 young American pianists chosen to commission a solo piano work to be premiered at the Kennedy Center during the Bicentennial Season.

GILAN AKBAR (Mrs. James Tocco), appears this evening as Assisting Pianist. She and her husband first met in Paris while studying under the same teacher and thus were brought together by music. Miss Akbar, a distinguished Iranian pianist, has frequently performed for the Shah and Empress of Iran.







March 24, 1975

Dear Mrs. Ford,

RE: April 19, 1975 and April 22, 1975 Guest Lists President Kaunda of Zambia and King Hassan of Morocco State Dinners Respectively

Attached are two lists of Grand Rapids guest list suggestions. Please indicate which couples you would like to invite to these dinners.

Thank you.

Nancy R.



WASHINGTON

MEMO TO: Nancy Ruwe

Social Secretary

FROM: Dorothy Downton

Personal Secretary to the President

DATE: March 10, 1975

SUBJECT: People to be invited to a State Dinner

The President indicated to me this morning that he would like the following friends invited to a future State Dinner. He would like to have two couples invited at a time.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Holmes Ellis The Waters Mansion 20 South College Grand Rapids, Michigan 49503

Dr. and Mrs. Willard VerMeulen 201 Hillview, N.E. Grand Rapids, Michigan 49503

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert R. Boshoven 302 Lakewood Drive, S.E. Grand Rapids, Michigan 49506

Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Stiles 2663 Beechwood Drive, S.E. Grand Rapids, Michigan 49506

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Cole 3329 Breton Road, S.E. Grand Rapids, Michigan 49508

Would you please alert me as to when these folks are invited so that I may alert the President ahead of time.

Thank you very much.



WASHINGTON

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January 10, 1975

MEMO TO:

Nancy Lammerding

FROM:

Marba Perrott

Suggested persons from Grand Rapids to be included in State Dinner invitations.

Mr and Mrs John Milanowski 18 Worcester NE Grand Rapids 49503 458-9812

Mr and Mrs Walter J. Russell 1144 Iroquois Dr. SE Grand Rapids 49506 243-8903

Mr and Mrs Britton L. Gordon 2929 Bonnell SE Grand Rapids 49506 949-1441

Mr and Mrs Peter Secchia 2833 Bonnell SE Grand Rapids 49506 949-6221

Mr and Mrs Jay Van Andel bus address: 7575 East Fulton Ada 49301

bus phone: 676-6000

Mr and Mrs Richard DeVos bus address: 7575 East Fulton Ada 49301

bus phone: 676-6000

Mr and Mrs Frederick Stiles 2663 Beechwood SE Grand Rapids 49506 949-3326

Mr and Mrs Edward J. Frey 180 Greenwich NE Grand Rapids 49506 949-1705

Mr and Mrs Lou M. Dexter 239 Lakeside SE Mr and Mrs Peter C. Cook 2152 Osceola SE Grand Rapids 49506 245-1514

Mr and Mrs Paul Goebel Sr 2310 Jefferson SE Grand Rapids 49507 243-5941

Willard B. VerMeulen DDS and Mrs Ver Meulen

201 Hillview NE Grand Rapids 49503 459-2377

Mr and Mrs Robert G. Howlett 2910 Oak Hollow SE Grand Rapids 49506 949-5411

Mr and Mrs David Hunting Sr. 2820 Pioneer Rd. SE Grand Rapids 49506 949-0767

Mr and Mrs John D. Hibbard 2807 Pioneer Club Rd. SE Grand Rapids 49506 949-6537

Mr and Mrs Hal Weed (former Mrs. Ella Koeze)

Naples, Florida

Table 1

Rep. Talcott

Mrs. Fredericks

Mr. Wilkins

Mrs. Mayberry

Mr. Kobelinski

Gen. Scowcroft

Mrs. Burton

Dr. Meebelo

Mrs. Wyeth

Mr. Anderson

Table 2

Rep. Giaimo

Mrs. Blair

Chief of Protocol

Mrs. Wasserman

T.H. Mulikita

Mrs. Talcott

Mr. Chisanga

Miss Nelson

Mr. Kenna

Mrs. MacGregor

Table 3

Sen. McClure

Mrs. Kobelinski

Mr. Edwards

Adm. Holloway

Mrs. Giaimo

Mr. Lishomwa

Mrs. Kondracke

Prof. Rotoerg

Mr. Fredericks

Mrs. Walker

Table 4

Rep. Burton

Mrs. Scowcroft

.Dr. Walker

Mr. Graham

Mrs. Mashek

Rep. Rangel

Mrs. Foley

Mr. Masaninga

Mr. Mason

Mrs. Keating

Table 5

Sen. Bartlett

Mrs. Davis

Mr. Mashek

Rep. Foley

Mrs. McClure

Mr. Chona

Mr. Scott

Mrs. Rotberg

Mr. Van Andel

Mrs. Kenna

Table 6

Secretary of State

Lady Nancy Keith

Mr. Wasserman

Mrs. Anderson

Mr. Keating

Mrs. Shouse

Mr. Cochran

Mrs. Crawford

Mr. Gerstacker

Mrs. Wilkins

Table 7

Mrs. Kissinger

Minister of For. Affs.

Mrs. Akston

Mr. Wyeth

Mrs. Cosell

Mr. Platt

Mrs. Palmer

Mr. Tocco

Mrs. Gerstacker

Mr. Bunshaft

Table 8

Sen. Johnston

Amb. Wilkowski

Mr. Lombe

Mr. Davis

Mrs. Bartlett

T.H. Chikwanda

Mrs. Graham

Mr. Sachs

Mrs. Bonfighli

Mr. Kondracke

Table 9

Sen. Packwood

Mrs. Rangel

Mr. Beardsley

Mrs. Owen

Prof. Mayberry

Mrs. Johnston

H. E. Chinambu

Mrs. Ries

Mr. Mollenhoff

Mrs. Edwards

Table 10

THE PRESIDENT

Mrs. Kaunda

Justice Powell

Duchess d'Uzes

Mr. Akston

Mrs. Bunshaft

Mr. Nesbitt

Mrs. Tocco

Mr. Cosell

Mrs. Mwale

Table 11

MRS. FORD

Pres. of Zambia

Mrs. Coleman

Mr. Robbins

Mrs. Van Andel

Mr. Chorlton

Mrs. Sachs

Mr, Blair

Mrs. Packwood

T.H. Mulemba

Table 12

Mrs. Powell

Amb. of Zambia

Mr. MacGregor

Mrs. Chorlton Mr. Ries

Secy of Transportation

Mrs. Holloway

Mr. Owen

Mrs. Catto

Mr. Kaunda





WASHINGTON

March 14, 1975

Dear Mrs. Ford,

RE: Telegram to Mr. Frank Blair

For your information, attached is a copy of the telegram that was sent to Mr. Blair from you and the President.

Thank you.

Nancy R.



TELEGRAM

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(STRAIGHT TELEGRAM)

NIGHT LETTER

The Mhite House Mashington

March 14, 1975

Mr. Frank Blair
NBC News
30 Rockefeller Plaza
New York, New York 10020

NOW THAT YOU ARE COMFORTABLY RETIRED, MAY WE BRING SOME NEWS TO YOU? AFTER YOU DROP YOUR ALARM CLOCK FROM THE 19th FLOOR, BUT BEFORE YOU LEAVE ON A CRUISE OR WORLD TOUR--WE WOULD LOVE TO HAVE YOU AND YOUR WIFE AS OUR GUESTS AT THE NEXT STATE DINNER IN MID-APRIL AT THE WHITE HOUSE. A FORMAL INVITATION WILL FOLLOW.

WITH WARMEST REGARDS TO YOU AND MRS. BLAIR,

BETTY and JERRY FORD

