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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 His Excellency the Prime Minister of Ireland and Mrs. Cosgrave Wednesday, March 17 at 8:00 PM.

Ben Vereen, singer/dancer/actor, will entertain in the East Room following dinner.

Mrs. Ford has chosen centerpieces which depict "The Winners Circle" of the Kentucky Derby. Bronze sculptures of Kentucky Derby winners will be placed on beds of natural bark covered with moss and hedged with southern smilax and frosted tulip votive candles. Embedded in the moss will be shamrock, ferns and ivy accented by gerbera daisies. Flowering white quince will give the tree affect.

The round tables will be draped with tableclothes of green and white cotton plaid with a ruffled border. Tables will be set with the Johnson China, Monroe vermeil flatwear and the Kennedy Morgantown crystal.

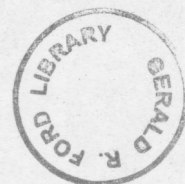
Hanging plants of swedish ivy, tradescantia, begonias and ferns along with ficus trees will be used in the State Dining Room. Apple blossom, flowering pear and crab apple trees will line the Grand Hall. Arrangements of white tulips, pussy willow, apple blossoms and bells of Ireland will be throughout the State Floor.

Robert King and Michael Bonnet, Floral Arts, Inc., of Washington, D.C. have coordinated the decoration. The bronzes have been loaned to the White House by the Kentucky Derby Museum at Churchill Downs in Louisville, Kentucky; Long Gallery in Houston, Texas; and from the private collection of Mr. Paul Mellon.

The menu: Poached Columbia River Salmon; Fleurons; Supreme of Royal Squab Veronique; Wild Rice; Broiled Tomatoes with Artichoke Hearts; Bibb Lettuce Salad; Brie Cheese; Baked Alaska Flambe; Black Cherries with Irish Mist; Irish Coffee.

Wines: Chappellet, Johannisberg Riesling; Saint Michelle, Cabernet Sauvignon; Schramsberg, Blanc de Blancs.

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

Mrs. Ford:

Ben Vereen is sensational.....

My Las Vegas talent scouts say his show puts them all to shame.....I have been considering proposing him to you for one of our after dinner entertainers.....

If you are back from the Roger Steven's gala you might want to take a look or better still if you are interested we might ask WHACA to tape it for a later review....I think it would be worth it....

We will probably have to let WHACA know this afternoon so they can make necessary arrangements....

Please let me know....

Maria



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arts/entertainment

Ben Vereen makes an impressive Satchmo

By Arthur Unger

One of the nation's upcoming superstars, Ben Vereen, gives a virtuoso performance in an unpretentiously expert little film: "Louis Armstrong — Chicago Style" (Sunday, ABC, 9:30-11 p.m., check local listings).



'Upcoming superstar' Vereen in 'Louis Armstrong — Chicago Style'

Television

'American Spirit'

None of this new-fangled bicentennial programming for "Celebration: The American Spirit" (ABC, Sunday, 8-9:30 p.m., check local listings). It is just a good old-fashioned, flag-waving, foot-stomping, square-dancing, fair-going entertainment jubilee.

Williams singing "The Battle Hymn of the Republic" at Arlington National Cemetery; Dionne Warwick singing "The Way We Were" from Monument Valley; Helen Reddy singing "This Is the Life" from San Francisco; Don Ho from Hawaii singing "All Kinds of People"; and a whole batch of regional and

just about every literary cliché about adolescence, grandmas, father-daughter relationships, tough working-girls, small towns, etc., yet it manages to put them all together with such charm that you believe for an hour you are experiencing truth and originality.

It is the fourth in Gail Rock's series of

and advice-to-the-lovelorn column — but much more fun. As long as you do not tune in expecting Eugene O'Neill, it is a pleasant evening's eavesdropping on the Mills family.

'Inside the FBI'

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

DINNER IN HONOR OF
HIS EXCELLENCY
THE PRIME MINISTER OF IRELAND
AND MRS. COSGRAVE

March 17, 1976

8:00 p. m.

Dress: Black tie ... long dresses for the ladies

Prior to
Arrival:

- 7:30 p. m. ... you and Mrs. Ford will be escorted to the East Room where you will pose for a photograph with the White House Military Social Aides.
- After the photograph, you and Mrs. Ford will return to the Family Quarters.

Arrival:

- 8:00 p. m. ... at North Portico Entrance ... Prime Minister and Mrs. Cosgrave, Ambassador and Mrs. Catto.
- You and Mrs. Ford will greet.
- Photo coverage of greeting.

Yellow Oval Room:

- Secretary and Mrs. Kissinger; Minister for Foreign Affairs and Mrs. Garret FitzGerald; American Ambassador and Mrs. Walter J. Curley; Foreign Ambassador John G. Molloy; and Mr. Liam Cosgrave, Jr., son of Prime Minister and Mrs. Cosgrave, will assemble just prior to the 8:00 p. m. arrival of Prime Minister and Mrs. Cosgrave and Ambassador and Mrs. Catto.

NOTE: At this time, the Irish have requested a photograph with the Bicentennial Waterford piece being given to you. This is not the official gift exchange, and will only be photographed by in-house photographers.



- Color Guard will request permission to remove Colors at approximately 8:10 p.m. ... all guests except Prime Minister and Mrs. Cosgrave will depart at this time.

Grand Entrance:

- Approximately 8:12 p.m. ... descend Grand Staircase preceded by Color Guard.
- Pause at foot of staircase for official photograph (Prime Minister Cosgrave to your right ... Mrs. Cosgrave to your left ... then Mrs. Ford).
- Color Guard reforms and procession moves to red carpet facing East Room ... pause for Ruffles and Flourishes and announcement ... take receiving line positions (Prime Minister Cosgrave to your right ... then Mrs. Ford ... then Mrs. Cosgrave).
- Follow Color Guard into East Room when "Hail to the Chief" is played.

Receiving Line:

- Take position just inside door of East Room ... Ambassador Catto will present your guests.
- After receiving line, follow guests into State Dining Room.

Dinner:

- Round tables
- The Army Strolling Strings will play during dessert.
- 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:

- 10:00 p.m. ... guests proceed to parlors for demitasse, liqueurs, and cigars. You and Mrs. Ford will escort Prime Minister and Mrs. Cosgrave to the Blue Room where you will visit informally with your guests.
- 10:05 p.m. ... after-dinner guests will be escorted to the State Floor. You, Mrs. Ford, Prime Minister and Mrs. Cosgrave (Prime Minister Cosgrave to your right ... then Mrs. Ford ... then Mrs. Cosgrave) 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 and Prime Minister and Mrs. Cosgrave.
- You proceed to the stage which will be located at the North End of the East Room and introduce Ben Vereen.

NOTE: Suggested remarks (Tab A).

- At the conclusion of the performance, you and Mrs. Ford will escort Prime Minister and Mrs. Cosgrave to the stage to thank Ben Vereen.

NOTE: There will be press coverage of the entertainment. Photo and mini-camera coverage will be of the last part of the program and of your thanking Ben Vereen.

- After you have thanked Ben Vereen, you and Mrs. Ford will escort Prime Minister and Mrs. Cosgrave to the Grand Foyer and Blue Room where you will mingle informally with your guests.

NOTE: There will be dancing in the Grand Foyer.

Departure:

- You, Mrs. Ford, Ambassador and Mrs. Catto escort Prime Minister and Mrs. Cosgrave to the North Portico.



- You and Mrs. Ford may wish to return for dancing or return to the Family Quarters.
- There will be champagne, mixed drinks and dancing for the guests who remain.

NOTES:

- The dinner and after-dinner guest lists are attached (Tab B).
- A suggested toast is attached (Tab C).
- Military Social Aides will be present.
- Marine Corps Violinist will be playing in the Diplomatic Reception Room as your dinner and after-dinner guests arrive.
- White House photographer will be present.
- Air Force Band will be playing on the South Portico Balcony as your dinner guests arrive.
- The demitasse served after dinner will actually be Irish coffee.

Maria Downs



THE WHITE HOUSE
OFFICE OF THE PRESS SECRETARY TO MRS. FORD

Singer/dancer/actor, Ben Vereen, will entertain at the White House Wednesday evening for the state dinner honoring the Prime Minister of Ireland and Mrs. Cosgrave.

Ben Vereen is perhaps best known for his performance in the Broadway musical "Pippin." He was first recognized for that performance with the Drama Desk Award for Best Actor in a Musical in 1973. He later received the 1973 Tony Award, also for "Pippin," and the CLIO Award for best television commercial in 1974 for Pippin.

Vereen was voted the 1975 "Entertainer of the Year" by the American Guild of Variety Artists for his portrayal of Satchmo in ABC-TV's special "Louis Armstrong-Chicago Style." The Guild also honored him with its "Rising Star" and "Song-and-Dance Star" awards. He is the first performer ever to win all three awards.

Another performance Vereen is noted for, is the role of Judas in Jesus "Christ Superstar" for which he won the Drama Desk Award for Best Actor in a Musical in 1972.

Ben Vereen has also performed in Broadway's "Sweet Charity;" "Golden Boy" in London; "Hair;" and the Mary Tyler Moore Special for CBS-TV. Vereen hosted his own variety show on NBC last summer. His act includes sets, ballet, drama, jazz and magic.

Ben Vereen is 29, was born in Miami, Florida, and reared in Brooklyn, New York. His interest in the performing arts date back to his singing in the church choir at four years of age. He was accepted at the High School of Performing Arts and in his senior year received the Helen Tamiris scholarship for his achievement in dance. During high school, Vereen was a member of Brooklyn's Bernice Johnson Dancers.

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

Mrs. Ford -



Proposed guest list for the dinner to be given by the President and Mrs. Ford in honor of the Prime Minister of Ireland and Mrs. Cosgrave on Wednesday, March 17, 1976 at eight o'clock, The White House. Black tie.

The President and Mrs. Ford

His Excellency The Prime Minister of Ireland
and Mrs. Cosgrave

Balance of official party - 10

Miss Susan Ford

The Vice President and Mrs. Rockefeller

Mr. Justice Brennan and Mrs. Brennan

Cabinet

The Secretary of State and Mrs. Kissinger

The Secretary of the Interior and Mrs. Kleppe

State Department

The Chief of Protocol and Mrs. Catto

Ambassador and Mrs. Walter J. P. Curley, Jr.
American Ambassador to Ireland

Hon. and Mrs. Arthur Hartman
Assistant Secretary of State for European Affairs

Hon. and Mrs. Helmut Sonnenfeldt
Counselor, Dept. of State

Other Government

Hon. and Mrs. Brent Scowcroft
Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs

General and Mrs. George S. Brown, USAF
Chmn., Joint Chiefs of Staff

Hon. William P. Clements, Jr.
Deputy Secretary of Defense



Congress

Senator & Mrs. James A. McClure (Idaho)

Senator Edward W. Brooke (Massachusetts)

Senator & Mrs. Robert J. Dole (Kansas)

Senator & Mrs. Jake Garn (Utah)

Senator & Mrs. Russell B. Long (Louisiana)

Senator & Mrs. Herman E. Talmadge (Georgia)

Senator & Mrs. Edward M. Kennedy (Massachusetts)

Rep. & Mrs. Thomas P. O'Neill, Jr. (Massachusetts)

Rep. James J. Delaney (New York)

Rep. Robert C. Krueger (Texas)

Rep. & Mrs. Robert McClory (Illinois)

Rep. & Mrs. John Young (Texas)

Rep. Paul N. McCloskey, Jr. (California)

Rep. & Mrs. George M. O'Brien (Illinois)

Press

Mr. & Mrs. Howard Benedict
Associated Press

Mr. & Mrs. Joseph McCaffrey
WMAL

Ms. Mary McCrory
Washington Star

Mr. and Mrs. Robert R. Feagin
President & Publisher, Florida Times-Union & Journal, Jacksonville



Business

- Mr. and Mrs. J. Peter Grace (State)
Chmn., W. R. Grace and Company, New York
(has important business interests in Ireland)
- Mr. Edward Ball (State)
Dir., DuPont Foundation, Jacksonville
(donated \$100,000 to endow American studies chair at Univ.
College Dublin; has five companies doing business in Ireland)
- Hon. James Farley (State)
Honorary Chmn., Coca-Cola Export Corporation, New York
(prominent Irish-American)
- Mr. and Mrs. Archie McCardell (Cheney)
Pres. and Chief Operating Officer, Xerox Corporation
- Mr. and Mrs. Nat Ferraro (Cheney)
Pres., Downey Venders, Downey, California
- Hon. and Mrs. James C. Gardner (Cheney)
Parker Management Co., Rocky Mount, North Carolina
- Hon. and Mrs. Thomas Gallagher (Cheney)
Miami, Florida
- Mr. and Mrs. A. J. F. O'Reilly
President, H. J. Heinz Company
- Mr. and Mrs. Laddie F. Hutar (Hartmann)
President, FEMI Corporation, Chicago
Mrs. Pat Hutar is President, National Federation of
Republican Women
- Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Preston
Director, Morgan Guarantee Bank

Labor

- Mr. and Mrs. Thomas F. Murphy (Baroody)
Pres., Bricklayers, Masons & Plasterers
International Union of America



Celebrities/Arts/Sports

Mr. and Mrs. Telly Savalas

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Ford

Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Carson

Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Weaver

Mr. and Mrs. Clint Eastwood

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Majors

Miss Glenda Jackson

Mr. and Mrs. Pat O'Brien

Mr. and Mrs. Steve McQueen (Ali MacGraw)

Mr. and Mrs. Claude Akins)
Mr. and Mrs. Frank Converse) Co-stars, "Movin'-On", NBC television

Mr. Norman Rockwell
Artist

Mr. and Mrs. Gregor Piatigorsky
World-famous cellist

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Harvey
News commentator

Mr. and Mrs. Gene Littler
Golfer

Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Miller
Golfer

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Gifford
Sportscaster



Others

Dr. and Mrs. Robert Gerard Cullen Agricultural Attache, Irish Embassy (Mrs. Cullen is the sister of Mrs. Cosgrave)	(State)
Hon. and Mrs. Raymond Guest Former Ambassador to Ireland	(State)
Mr. and Mrs. Bertram Firestone Waterford, Va. (owns stud farms in Ireland)	(State)
Mr. and Mrs. Parker Poe Thomasville, Ga. (owns stables in Ireland)	(State)
Mr. and Mrs. John W. Galbreath Galloway, Ohio (owns stables in Ireland)	(State)
Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Mellon Evans New York, New York (owns stables in Ireland)	(State)
Mr. and Mrs. Daniel G. Van Clief Esmont, Va. (owns stables in Ireland)	(State)
His Eminence Patrick Cardinal O'Boyle Former Catholic Archbishop of Washington	(State)
Mr. and Mrs. William F. Buckley, Jr. Prominent author and Irish-American Editor-in-Chief, The National Review	(State)
Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Rahilly Grand Rapids, Michigan	(President)
Mr. and Mrs. Peter Pelham Pres., Mt. Vernon College	(Mrs. Ford)
Mr. Luis Estevez Designer, Los Angeles, California	(Mrs. Ford)
Mr. and Mrs. Kent McGough State Chairman, Republican State Central and Executive Committee of Ohio	(Hartmann)



Alternates

Hon. John McCormack

Former Speaker of the House

Mayor and Mrs. Richard Daley
Mayor of Chicago

(State)

Dr. and Mrs. Shepard Krech, Jr.
Easton, Maryland

(Morton) —

Rep. and Mrs. John Murphy

(Morton)

Rep. and Mrs. Barber Conable

(Morton)

Mr. and Mrs. Thaddeus Beal
Herrick, Smith, Donald Farley and Ketchum, Boston

(Cheney)

Mr. and Mrs. John Bugas
Personal Investments, Southfield, Michigan

(Cheney)

Mr. and Mrs. William Kilroy
Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, Kilroy Oil
Company of Texas, Inc., Houston

(Cheney)

The Rev. Andrew M. Greeley
Dir., Center for the Study of American Pluralism,
University of Chicago

(Baroody)

Dr. and Mrs. Eoin McKiernan
The Irish American Cultural Institute, St. Paul

(Baroody)

Dr. and Mrs. James Q. Wilson
Department of Government, Harvard University
(Dr. Wilson is of Irish extraction)

(Goldwin)

Dr. and Mrs. John J. McMullen
Chmn., John J. McMullen Associates, Inc., New York

(Hartmann)

The Secretary of Agriculture and Mrs. Butz

Miss Zsa Zsa Gabor

Mr. and Mrs. Sean Connery

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Schultz
Creator of "Peanuts" comic strip and TV specials

Mr. and Mrs. Charlton Heston

Social Office tentatively has Mrs. Lil Godwin in
Count



THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

ARRIVAL CEREMONY FOR HIS EXCELLENCY THE PRIME
MINISTER OF IRELAND AND MRS. LIAM COSGRAVE

WEDNESDAY - MARCH 17, 1976

The South Grounds

From: Terry O'Donnell **TOD**

SEQUENCE:

10:28 a.m.

You depart Oval Office and proceed to Diplomatic Reception Room where Mrs. Ford will join you.

Following announcement and "Ruffles and Flourishes", you and Mrs. Ford proceed out the Diplomatic Reception Room entrance, cross the driveway, and take your positions facing the entrance to the Diplomatic Reception Room.

10:31 a.m.

Prime Minister and Mrs. Cosgrave arrive and are introduced to you and Mrs. Ford by Chief of Protocol, Henry E. Catto, Jr. You then introduce Prime Minister and Mrs. Cosgrave to Secretary of State and Mrs. Kissinger and the Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff and Mrs. Brown.

You and Prime Minister Cosgrave move to the platform. Mrs. Ford and Mrs. Cosgrave move to right of platform.

10:33 a.m.

National Anthems and 19-gun salute.



2.

Inspection of troops - you and Prime Minister guided by Commander of Troops.

NOTE: Your cue for escorting Prime Minister Cosgrave down to the Commander of Troops to inspect the troops will be the Commander's report, "Sir, the Honor Guard is formed."

Return to platform. U.S. Army Fife and Drum Corps passes in review.

10:40 a.m.

After the Commander of Troops reports, "Sir, this concludes the Honors", you usher Prime Minister Cosgrave to your right to stand adjacent to you on the podium while you deliver welcoming remarks.

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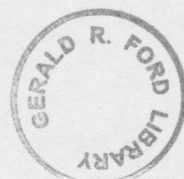
Prime Minister Cosgrave will respond.

At the conclusion of the Prime Minister's remarks, he is going to pin some shamrocks on your lapel.

10:45 a.m.

You and Prime Minister Cosgrave and Mrs. Ford and Mrs. Cosgrave ascend the right outside staircase to the South Portico balcony.

You will pause at the center of the South Portico balcony for a photograph and then enter the Blue Room where you will be joined by Secretary and Mrs. Kissinger and General and Mrs. Brown, members of the official party (list attached at TAB A), and members of the welcoming committee.



3.

NOTE:

There will be a Waterford crystal vase filled with Shamrocks in the Blue Room.

10:50 a.m.

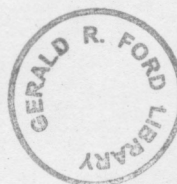
Following a brief visit, you, Prime Minister Cosgrave, and Secretary Kissinger depart en route the Oval Office for private meeting.

NOTE:

The members of the Official Party and the Welcoming Committee remain in the Blue Room for coffee.

10:55 a.m.

Your meeting with Prime Minister Cosgrave begins.



MEMBERS OF THE OFFICIAL IRISH PARTY

His Excellency Liam Cosgrave
Prime Minister of Ireland

Mrs. Cosgrave

His Excellency Dr. Garrett FitzGerald
Minister of Foreign Affairs
(Williamsburg, Washington, Philadelphia
and Chicago Only)

His Excellency Justin Keating
Minister for Industry and Commerce
(New York and Boston Only)

Mrs. Keating (New York and Boston Only)

His Excellency John G. Molloy
Ambassador of Ireland to the United States

Mr. Paul J.G. Keating
Secretary-General, Department of Foreign
Affairs

Mr. Dermot Nally
Assistant Secretary, Department of the Taoiseach
(Prime Minister)

Mr. Ted Nealon
Head of Government Information Services

Lieutenant Colonel Sean Daly
Aide-de-Camp to the Prime Minister

Mrs. Daly

Mr. Frank Murray
Private Secretary to the Prime Minister

Mr. Liam T. Cosgrave, Jr.



THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

March 4, 1976

FOR: MRS. FORD

FROM: MARIA DOWNS

SUBJECT: Proposed Menus - State Dinner in
Honor of Prime Minister of Ireland
and Mrs. Cosgrave - March 17, 1976

Attached for your review and selection are two proposed
menus for the Irish State Dinner.

Thank you.



Wednesday
March 17, 1976

STATE DINNER

Prime Minister Ireland

* Filet of Halibut Duglere
Fleurons

Supreme of Royal Squab Smitane
Wild Rice
Fresh Asparagus

Endive & Bibb Lettuce Salad
Irish Cheddar Cheese

Strawberry Mousse OR Lemon Mousse with Strawberries

Demi Tasse OR Irish Coffee

Chappellet Johannisberg Riesling 1973
Ste Michelle Cabernet Sauvignon 1968
Schramsberg Blanc de blancs 1973

* Filet of Halibut Duglere -- Filet of Halibut with white wine sauce -- laced
with tomatoes Julienne and glazed under the broiler.



Wednesday
March 17, 1976

STATE DINNER

Prime Minister - Ireland

Detty Ford
ab.

Poached Columbia River Salmon
Fleurons

Supreme of Royal Squab Veronique
Wild Rice

Artichokes St. Germain OR Broiled Tomatoes with Artichoke
Hearts

Bibb Lettuce Salad

Brie Cheese

Baked Alaska Flambee
Black Cherries w/ Irish Mist

Demi Tasse OR Irish Coffee

Chappellet Johannisberg Riesling 1973
Ste Michelle Cabernet Sauvignon 1968
Schramsberg Blanc de blancs 1973



THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

NANCY/CAROLYN

THE PRESIDENT ASKED US TO
RETURN THIS TO MRS. FORD.

NELL

March 2, 1976



Proposed guest list for the after-dinner entertainment Wednesday, March 17, 1976 at 10:00 p.m. following the dinner in honor of the Prime Minister of Ireland and Mrs. Cosgrave of Ireland:

Embassy of Ireland

3 couples

Department of State

Mr. & Mrs. James G. Lowenstein
Deputy Assistant Secretary for European Affairs

Mr. & Mrs. Richard D. Vine
Deputy Assistant Secretary for European Affairs

Mr. & Mrs. John J. Crowley, Jr.
Director, Office of Northern European Affairs

Mr. Charles Schaller
Desk Officer, Ireland--Office of Northern European Affairs

Unofficial Irish party - 10



Congressional (Friedersdorf)

Mr. & Mrs. Sherwood L. Boehlert
Admin. Asst. to Rep. Don Mitchell

Mr. & Mrs. David L. Batt
Admin. Asst. to Rep. Joe Waggoner

Miss Rita DiSimone
Legis. Asst. to Rep. Al Johnson

Mr. Donald K. Anderson
Majority Mgr. of Telephones, House Democratic Cloakroom

Mr. Carl W. Noller
General Counsel, House Democratic Research Organization

Mr. & Mrs. Edmund L. Henshaw
Clerk of the House

Mr. & Mrs. Rogers Wade
Admin. Asst. to Sen. Herman Talmadge

Mr. & Mrs. William C. Wohlford
Admin. Asst. to Sen. Bob Dole

Mr. Elwin L. Skiles
Admin. Asst. to Sen. John Tower

Mrs. Suzanne Oetting
Secretary to Minority Whip of the Senate (Bob Griffin)

White House

Mr. & Mrs. Warren Gulley
Military Office

Mr. & Mrs. Bob Mead
Television Advisor to the President

Mr. & Mrs. John Shlaes
Co-Director for WH Conferences

Col. & Mrs. Len Riley
WHCA

Miss Mary Bourke
Secy. to Robert Goldwin



NSC

Mr. & Mrs. Dennis Clift
Senior Staff Member

Mr. & Mrs. William Hyland
Deputy Asst. to the President for National Security Affairs

(Mr. & Mrs. Robert Gates
Staff Member

or:

Mr. & Mrs. John H. Murphy
Staff)

Press (Nessen)

Mr. & Mrs. Ed O'Brien
St. Louis Globe Democrat

Mr. & Mrs. Walt Rogers
AP Radio

Mr. & Mrs. Harry Kelly
Chicago Tribune

Mr. & Mrs. Jerry O'Leary
Washington Star

Business

Mr. Albert L. McDermott (Hartmann)
Attorney, McDermott & Russell, Washington, D. C.

Mr. & Mrs. Roger Kelley (Baroody)
Vice President, Caterpillar Tractor Co., Peoria, Ill.

Mr. & Mrs. William J. McGowan (Baroody)
Exec. V.P. for Executive Recruitment, Natl. Alliance of Businessmen

Mr. & Mrs. John J. Daly (Baroody)
Vice President, Direct Mail Marketing Assn., Washington, D. C.



Arts/Celebrities

Mr. & Mrs. Patrick Hayes (State)
President, Washington Performing Arts Society

Mr. Richard Kiley
Miss Jan Minor
Actor, actress in "The Heiress", JFK Center

Nicol Williamson
Penny Fuller
Acting in "Rex", JFK Center

Others

Mr. & Mrs. Leslie P. Schultz (Stiles)
McLean, Virginia (pool donors)

Gen. & Mrs. Harold K. Johnson (Stiles)
Arlington, Virginia (pool donors)

Mr. & Mrs. Felix Grant
Radio personality, WMAL

Mr. & Mrs. John Cosgrove (Baroody)
President, Irish American Foundation, Washington, D.C.

Mr. & Mrs. James O'Connor (Baroody)
President, Irish Fellowship Club of Chicago



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THE OFFICIAL VISIT
OF
HIS EXCELLENCY THE PRIME MINISTER OF IRELAND
AND MRS. COSGRAVE
TO
THE UNITED STATES

MARCH 17-22, 1976

SUMMARY SCHEDULE

TUESDAY
MARCH 16, 1976

3:50pm His Excellency the Prime Minister of Ireland and Mrs. Cosgrave arrive the United States at Patrick Henry International Airport, Newport News via Air Lingus flight #IN 2105.

4:00 pm Depart airport enroute Colonial Williamsburg.

pm Horse drawn tour of Colonial Williamsburg.

8:00 pm Dinner hosted by Mr. Carlisle H. Humelsine at Carter's Grove Plantation.

Dress: Informal

Overnight: Colonial Williamsburg

WEDNESDAY
MARCH 17, 1976

9:20 am Depart Colonial Williamsburg via U.S. Presidential Helicopters.

10:30 am White House Arrival Ceremony.

11:00 am Meeting with President Ford at the White House.

11:00am Coffee with Mrs. Ford at the White House.

12:30pm Prime Minister Cosgrave addresses Joint Meeting of Congress at U.S. Capitol.

1:15pm Luncheon hosted by Senate Foreign Relations and House International Relations Committee in Room S-207, U.S. Capitol.



SUMMARY SCHEDULE

WEDNESDAY
MARCH 17, 1976

5:00pm Mass at St. Patrick's Church
619 10th Street, N.W.

8:00pm President and Mrs. Ford give an official dinner
in honor of Prime Minister and Mrs. Cosgrave at
the White House.

Dress: Black Tie

Overnight: Blair House

THURSDAY
MARCH 18, 1976

7:00-9:00am Prime Minister Cosgrave appears on the "Today
Show" NBC Studios, 4100 Nebraska Avenue, N.W.

10:30am Wreath-laying Ceremony at Arlington National
Cemetery, Tomb of the Unknown Soldier.

10:50am Visit to the Kennedy Gravesite, Arlington
National Cemetery.

11:00-11:45am Driving tour by Lincoln and Jefferson Memorials.

1:00pm Secretary & Mrs. Kissinger give a luncheon in
honor of Prime Minister and Mrs. Cosgrave at the
Department of State, Ben Franklin Room.

afternoon Possible meetings with U.S. Cabinet Officers and
Members of Congress.

5:00pm Prime Minister receives Mayor Washington at
Blair House.

5:30-7:30pm Reception hosted by Ambassador John G. Molloy
at the Embassy of Ireland Residence.

8:00pm Prime Minister and Mrs. Cosgrave host a dinner in
honor of Vice President and Mrs. Rockefeller at
the Madison Hotel, Dolly Madison Room.

Dress: Black Tie

Overnight: Blair House



SUMMARY SCHEDULE

FRIDAY
MARCH 19, 1976

9:50am Depart Blair House enroute Washington Monument Grounds.

10:00am Depart Washington Monument Grounds via U.S. Presidential Helicopters enroute Andrews Air Force Base.

10:20am Depart Andrews Air Force Base via USAF VC-9 enroute Philadelphia.

11:00am Prime Minister Cosgrave arrives Philadelphia International Airport.

11:15am Ceremony at the Liberty Bell Pavilion.

11:30am Wreath Laying Ceremony at Monument of Commodore John Barry Statue at Independence Square.

12:00-1:00pm Reception hosted by the Irish Consul General Gearóid O'Clerigh in honor of Prime Minister and Mrs. Cosgrave at Independence Hall.

1:00pm Luncheon hosted by Mayor Frank Rizzo at The Bellevue Stratford Hotel.

2:30pm Prime Minister Cosgrave departs Philadelphia enroute Philadelphia International Airport.

2:45pm Prime Minister Cosgrave departs Philadelphia via USAF VC-9 enroute Chicago.

Flying Time: 1 hr. 30 mins. (Approx.)

Time Change: -1 hr.

3:30pm Prime Minister Cosgrave arrives O'Hare International Airport, Chicago, Illinois.

4:00pm Arrive Drake Hotel.

5:00-6:30pm Irish Consul General Thomas Lyons hosts a reception in honor of Prime Minister and Mrs. Cosgrave at the Drake Hotel, _____ Room.



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FRIDAY
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7:00pm Dinner hosted by Mayor and Mrs. Daley in honor of Prime Minister and Mrs. Cosgrave at the Palmer House, Grand Ballroom.

Dress: Black Tie

Overnight: Drake Hotel

SATURDAY
MARCH 20, 1976

9:00am Depart Drake Hotel enroute airport.

9:30am Depart Chicago enroute New York via USAF VC-9.

Flying Time: 1 hr. 40 mins.

11:10am Arrive New York's LaGuardia Airport.

1:00pm Luncheon hosted by Irish International Airlines and Irish Tourist Board at the St. Regis Hotel, 2 East 55th Street.

5:30-7:00pm Reception hosted by Consul General O'Clerigh in honor of Prime Minister and Mrs. Cosgrave at the St. Regis Hotel.

7:00pm Dinner hosted by Ireland-United States Council for Commerce and Industry at the Metropolitan Club, 1 East 60th Street.

Dress: Black Tie

Overnight: Plaza Hotel

SUNDAY
MARCH 21, 1976

11:00am Prime Minister Cosgrave attends Mass at St. Patrick's Cathedral, Fifth Avenue.

12:00noon Luncheon

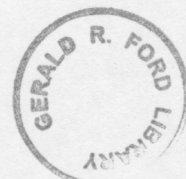
6:00-8:00pm Governor Carey hosts a reception in honor of Prime Minister and Mrs. Cosgrave at the American-Irish Historical Society.



SUMMARY SCHEDULE

MONDAY
MARCH 22, 1976

10:30am	Prime Minister Cosgrave visits the United Nations. Meeting with Secretary General Kurt Waldheim at the United Nations.
12:00noon	Irish Industrial Development Authority hosts a luncheon in honor of Prime Minister and Mrs. Cosgrave at the New York Yacht Club.
3:30pm	Prime Minister Cosgrave departs LaGuardia Airport enroute Logan International Airport, Boston, Mass.
4:15pm	Arrive Logan International Airport. Proceed to Ritz Carlton Hotel.
6:30pm	Reception and dinner hosted by Mayor Kevin H. White at the Museum of Fine Art.
10:00pm	Depart Logan International Airport enroute Ireland.



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Wife of the Prime Minister

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HIS EXCELLENCY DR. GARRET FITZGERALD
Minister for Foreign Affairs

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MR. DERMOT NALLY

Assistant Secretary, Department of the Taoiseach
(Prime Minister)

Pronunciation: DER-mutt NAL-lee

Form of Address: Mr. Nally

Place Card: Mr. Nally

MR. TED NEALON

Head of Government Information Services

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LIEUTENANT-COLONEL SEAN DALY

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Pronunciation: Shawn DAY-lee

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Place Card: Colonel Daly

MRS. DALY

Wife of the Aide-de-Camp to the Prime Minister

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Pronunciation: COS-grave

Form of Address: Mr. Cosgrave

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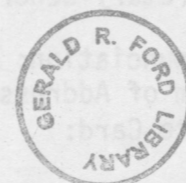
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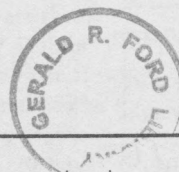
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Ireland

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OFFICIAL NAME: Ireland

GEOGRAPHY AND PEOPLE

The country of Ireland, which occupies about five-sixths of the island of Ireland, is also referred to as the

"Irish Republic." It is located in the Atlantic Ocean, west of Great Britain and at the extreme west of Europe, and is separated from Great Britain by the Irish Sea. With an area of 27,136

square miles, its greatest length is 302 miles and its greatest width is 171 miles.

Relatively mild and free from extremes, temperatures average 40°F in winter and 60°F in summer and rarely fall below freezing or rise higher than 75°F. Rain and dampness are common. May, June, and September are usually the sunniest months.

The people are predominately of Celtic origin, with an English minority. English is the common language, but Gaelic is still spoken in some areas, and the government encourages its use.

PROFILE

Geography

AREA: 27,136 sq. mi. (slightly larger than West Virginia). CAPITAL: Dublin (pop. 680,000). OTHER CITIES: Cork (224,000), Limerick (140,000).

People

POPULATION: 3 million (1973 est.). ANNUAL GROWTH RATE: 1.1% (1971 est.). DENSITY: 108 per sq. mi. ETHNIC GROUPS: Celtic, with English minority. RELIGIONS: Roman Catholic (94%), Episcopalians (4%). LANGUAGES: English, Irish (Gaelic). LITERACY: 99%. LIFE EXPECTANCY: Men 68.6 yrs.; women 72.9 yrs.

Government

TYPE: Parliamentary republic. INDEPENDENCE: 1921. DATE OF CONSTITUTION: December 29, 1937.

BRANCHES: *Executive*—President (Chief of State), Prime Minister (Head of Government), Cabinet. *Legislative*—Senate, House of Representatives. *Judicial*—Supreme Court.

POLITICAL PARTIES: Fianna Fail, Fine Gael, Labour Party. SUFFRAGE: Universal adult. POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS: 26 counties.

FLAG: Three vertical bands, green, white, and orange, from left to right. Green represents the Gaelic and Norman-Irish tradition; orange refers to the role of William

of Orange and the more recent Protestant tradition; and white symbolizes peace and understanding between the two communities.

Economy

GROSS NATIONAL PRODUCT (GNP): \$6.3 billion (1973 est.). ANNUAL GROWTH RATE: 7% (1973). PER CAPITA INCOME: \$2,180.

AGRICULTURE: Land 16% tilled. Labor 23%. Products—cattle and dairy products, potatoes, barley, sugarbeets, turnips, hay.

INDUSTRY: Labor 31%. Products—tobacco, food processing, vehicle assembly, metals, textiles, chemicals, brewing.

NATURAL RESOURCES: Zinc, lead, silver.

TRADE: Exports—\$2.1 billion (1973 est.): livestock, food, beverages, machinery and transport equipment, textiles, garments. Partners—U.K. 55%, other EC 19%, U.S. 10%. Imports—\$2.7 billion (1973 est.): grains, foodstuffs, coal, machinery, electrical goods, vehicles, textiles, petroleum products, wood, timber, chemicals. Partners—U.K. 50.8%, other EC 21%, U.S. 7%.

OFFICIAL EXCHANGE RATE: Fluctuates around 2.40 pounds=US\$1

MEMBERSHIP IN INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS: U.N. and many of its specialized agencies, Council of Europe, European Communities (EC), European Economic Community (EEC), Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD), General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT).

HISTORY

The Celts, who invaded Ireland from the European Continent about 200 B.C., introduced the use of iron into the country and had formed five permanent kingdoms before the Christian era. After the arrival of St. Patrick in A. D. 432, Christianity spread rapidly. Before the end of the sixth century, Ireland became the principal European center of Latin learning. The Anglo-Norman invasion of 1170 was the beginning of centuries of strife. Successive English kings sought to impose their will on both Gael and Norman-Irish. The Irish cause was defeated in 1602, after which Ireland was subjected to varying degrees of suppression and foreign control.

From 1800 to 1921 Ireland was an integral part of the United Kingdom. Religious freedom was recovered in 1829, but armed struggle for political emancipation continued into the 20th century. The Anglo-Irish treaty of



1921 established the Irish Free State of 26 counties within the Commonwealth of Nations and recognized the partition of Ireland. The six predominantly Protestant counties of north-east Ulster chose to remain a part of the United Kingdom with limited self-government. A significant minority of Irishmen repudiated the treaty settlement and advanced the concept of "external association" with the Commonwealth as an alternative to dominion status. Their opposition led to a limited civil war (1921-22), won by the Free Staters. Gradually the constitutional links between Ireland and the United Kingdom were removed by the Irish Dail (House of Representatives).

It was not necessary to change Ireland's Constitution of 1937 when the Irish Government repealed the External Relations Act in 1948. The government formally declared Ireland to be a Republic on Easter Monday, 1948. However, it does not use the term "Republic of Ireland," which tacitly acknowledges the partition, but refers to the country simply as "Ireland."

GOVERNMENT

The Irish Republic is a sovereign, independent, democratic state with a parliamentary system of government. The President is elected for a term of 7 years and can be reelected only once. In carrying out certain of his constitutional powers and functions, he is aided by the Council of State, a purely advisory body. On the advice of the Prime Minister, he also summons and dissolves the House of Representatives.

The President appoints as Prime Minister the leader of the political party, or coalition of parties, that wins the most seats in the House of Representatives. Executive power is vested in a Cabinet whose Ministers are nominated by the Prime Minister and approved by the House of Representatives.

The bicameral National Parliament (Oireachtas) consists of a Senate (Seanad Eireann) and a House of Representatives (Dail Eireann). The Senate is composed of 60 members—11 nominated by the Prime Minister, 6

elected by the National University of Ireland and the University of Dublin, and 43 elected from panels of candidates established on a vocational basis. The Senate has power to veto legislative proposals and is allowed 90 days to consider and amend bills sent to it by the Dail. The House of Representatives wields actual power in the National Parliament. It has 144 members popularly elected under a complicated system of proportional representation to a maximum term of 5 years.

The administration of justice closely resembles the British system. Judges are appointed by the President and can be removed from office only for misbehavior or incapacity and then only by resolution of both Houses of Parliament. The ultimate court of appeal is the Supreme Court, consisting of the Chief Justice and five other Justices.

Local government is administered by elected county councils, and in the cities of Dublin, Cork, Limerick, and Waterford, by county borough corporations. In practice, however, effective authority remains with the central government.

Principal Government Officials

President—Erskine Childers
Prime Minister—Liam Cosgrave
Deputy Prime Minister—Brendan Corish

Cabinet Ministers
Finance—Richie Ryan
Labor—Michael O'Leary
Transport and Power—Peter Barry
Agriculture and Fisheries—Mark Clinton
Industry and Commerce—Justin Keating
Local Government—James Tully
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Foreign Affairs—Garret FitzGerald
Defense—Patrick Donegan
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Justice—Patrick Cooney
Education—Richard Burke

Leader of Parliamentary Opposition;
President of Fianna Fail—Jack Lynch

Ambassador to the U.S.—John Molloy
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POLITICAL CONDITIONS

In the general election of February 28, 1973, the Fine Gael Party headed by Liam Cosgrave won 54 seats and formed a coalition government with the Labour Party, which gained 19 seats, thus giving Prime Minister Cosgrave effective control of 73 of the 144 seats in the Dail.

The former ruling party, Fianna Fail, with 69 seats, now forms the opposition with former Prime Minister Jack Lynch as leader. Two independents were also elected.

In the Presidential election of May 1973, however, the opposition Fianna Fail candidate, Erskine Childers, won, succeeding Eamon de Valera, who has retired from public life and resides near Dublin.

TRAVEL NOTES

Clothing: Because the climate is cool and damp, woolen clothing is worn most of the year.

Health: There are competent specialists in all fields of medicine and dentistry. Community sanitation is generally good; tap water is potable.

Telecommunications: Telephone and telegraph services are on a par with those in the U.S.

Transportation: There are regular flights from the U.S. to Dublin via Shannon or London. Excellent direct commercial service exists between Dublin and most major European cities.

The continuing problem of Northern Ireland remains the key political issue in Ireland today. The six counties of Northern Ireland, an integral part of the United Kingdom, comprise about one million Protestants and about one-half million Catholics. Conflicting aspirations and traditions—Nationalist, predominantly Catholic, and Unionist, predominantly Protestant—make the search for a solution to forming a government which enjoys the support of all the people of Northern Ireland a difficult problem.

Civil rights marches in Northern Ireland in 1968 led to violence, the introduction of British troops in a local security role the following year, and to internment without trial in 1971. As of September 1974, over 1,070 people had died as a result of the violence.

In December 1973 the Irish and British Governments, with representatives of the Northern Ireland Government, drew up an agreement at Sunningdale, England, which confirmed that the Northern Ireland Government would consist of both Catholics and Protestants, freely elected, and that a Council of Ireland would be established to facilitate institutional links between Northern Ireland and the Irish Republic. While considerable progress was made, extremists on both sides attacked these arrangements, known as the Sunningdale Agreement, and a strike by Protestant workers in May 1974 led to its collapse. Great Britain resumed direct rule of Northern Ireland.

Plans are now being made to hold new elections in Northern Ireland for delegates to a constitutional assembly. The assembly—to be composed of both Protestants and Catholics—would make proposals on ways to end this centuries-old dispute.

With the exception of terrorist bombings in Dublin and Monaghan in May 1973, Northern Ireland's violence has not spread to the Republic.

The Irish Government contends that an end to the partition of Ireland is the only ultimately satisfactory solution to the problems of Northern Ireland but has repeatedly stressed that it seeks reunification solely by peaceful means. Public sympathy in Ireland and the United States for the minority Catholic community in Northern Ireland has led to some clandestine aid to the provisional wing of the Irish Republican Army (IRA), a terrorist organization which seeks to end partition through violence. However, the Irish Government has repeatedly denounced the IRA, imprisoned its members, and appealed for a moderate, peaceful approach. The IRA and its policies have been rejected in elections over the years in the Republic and in Northern Ireland.

ECONOMY

Ireland has long been considered poor in mineral resources. However, in recent years substantial deposits of zinc and lead have been found, and the deposits may prove to be the largest in Western Europe. Offshore petroleum exploration has produced finds of oil and gas, but the extent of the deposits is not known. Small deposits of zinc, lead, and copper are mined commercially at present.

Agriculture has traditionally been the mainstay of the Irish economy, but industry and services are steadily increasing their share of the GNP, and the percentage of the labor force engaged in agriculture is steadily declining.

In recent years Irish industries have grown, and their orientation is increasingly directed toward the export market. Manufactured goods comprise a growing percentage of total exports. For example, in 1973 exports of

machinery and transport equipment totaled about \$205 million, or nearly one-tenth of Ireland's total exports.

The Irish Government is concerned with expansion of agricultural production, acceleration of industrial development, and integration into the European Communities (EC). The Industrial Development Authority (IDA) is active in attracting industry to Ireland through a system of incentives, while the Irish Export Board is seeking new markets abroad. The primary object of the IDA is the creation of jobs in Ireland. Tourism has been an important "invisible" earner for Ireland.

A large part of Ireland's exports, principally agricultural and livestock products, still goes to the United Kingdom, and the United Kingdom remains Ireland's principal supplier. However, since Ireland became a member of the European Economic Community (EEC), an increasing percentage of Irish trade has been with other EEC countries. The Irish economy has benefited enormously from the expanded market and rising prices for primary products.

Foreign direct investment in Ireland, much of it American, has increased since EEC entry and has led to the expansion of Irish industry and technology. The results are a steadily increasing standard of living, new employment opportunities, and lower emigration.

Ireland's monetary and banking system is closely allied to the British system. The Irish pound is on a par with the British pound. British currency is accepted in Ireland, but Irish currency is not generally accepted in the United Kingdom.

FOREIGN RELATIONS

Since gaining independence in 1921, Ireland has played an active role in international affairs, first as a member of the League of Nations and, since 1955, as a member of the United Nations. Relaxing international tension and ways of arms limitation have been key objectives of Irish foreign policy. Ireland has contributed officers and men of its Defense Forces to U.N. peacekeeping units in the Middle East,

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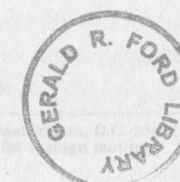
Political Officer - Robert W. Dubose, Jr.

Public Affairs Officer (USIS) - Joseph Krene

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West New Guinea, the Congo, and Cyprus.

Irish foreign aid to the developing countries is about \$6 million a year.

Neutrality forms the basis of Ireland's security policy. Ireland was neutral in World War II, and in 1949 it refused to join NATO. More recently, however, Foreign Ministers have referred to the prospect of possible Irish membership in an independent European defense force in the more distant future.

Since joining the EC in 1973, Irish foreign policy has shifted from a concentration on relations with Great Britain to relations with Europe in general. A strong supporter of the ideals of European unity, the Irish have worked to strengthen the powers and democratic processes of the European Parliament at Strasbourg.

U.S.-IRELAND RELATIONS

U.S. relations with Ireland are based on common ancestral ties and on generally similar values and political views. The United States seeks to maintain and strengthen the friendly relations which traditionally have existed between the peoples of Amer-

ica and Ireland and to encourage Irish participation in international affairs.

The United States has specifically avoided direct involvement in the situation in Northern Ireland, since no useful purpose could be served by U.S. intervention. However, the United States as a nation has close ties of friendship and kinship to all those involved—Irish and British. The United States does not regard the problem in Northern Ireland as merely an internal affair of Great Britain nor as a struggle based primarily on religious differences. The problem is basically political, and the United States has tried to offer support and encouragement to those on all sides who are working to build a peaceful, just society.

Violence has, of course, caused vast suffering to the Irish people. The Government of Ireland has repeatedly and strongly requested that Americans refrain from contributing any money to organizations that support violence in Ireland. Contributions can be made if they are sent through channels designated by the Irish Government, for example, through the Red Cross or major church organizations.

Relations between Ireland and the United States have taken on a new

dimension with Ireland's entry into the EC. Traditional bilateral relations remain close, but there is also an opportunity for U.S. firms based in Ireland to enter the large European market. U.S. investment in Ireland is estimated at over \$400 million and continues to grow.

The principal economic problem between the United States and Ireland for a number of years was landing rights for U.S. airlines at Dublin. This problem was resolved in June 1973, and TWA now provides a regular air service from the U.S. to Dublin via Shannon.

Principal U.S. Officials

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Economic/Commercial Officer—Bryan H. Baas
Administrative Officer—Samuel E. Lupo
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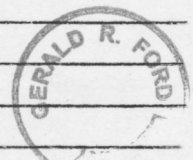
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 DATE/TIME Wednesday, March 17, 1976 8:00 p.m.
 Contact Pat Howard Phone 2927
 Number of guests: Total Dinner - 120
A-Dinner-110 Women x Men x Children _____
 Place State Floor
 Principals involved President and Mrs. Ford
 Participation by Principal yes (Receiving line) yes
 Remarks required yes
 Background --

REQUIREMENTS

Social: Guest list yes (Social Entertainment's Office will distribute)
 Invitations yes Programs yes Menus yes
 Refreshments State Dinner Format
 Entertainment yes
 Decorations/flowers yes
 Music yes
 Social Aides yes
 Dress Black Tie Coat check yes- DRR
 Other --

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 Transportation cars (enter thru SW Gate)
 Parking South Grounds
 Housing --
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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

DINNER IN HONOR OF
HIS EXCELLENCY
THE PRIME MINISTER OF IRELAND
AND MRS. COSGRAVE

March 17, 1976

8:00 p.m.

Dress: Black tie . . . long dresses for the ladies

Prior to
Arrival:

- 7:30 p.m. . . . you and Mrs. Ford will be escorted to the East Room where you will pose for a photograph with the White House Military Social Aides.
- After the photograph, you and Mrs. Ford will return to the Family Quarters.

Arrival:

- 8:00 p.m. . . . at North Portico Entrance . . . Prime Minister and Mrs. Cosgrave, Ambassador and Mrs. Catto.
- You and Mrs. Ford will greet.
- Photo coverage of greeting.

Yellow Oval Room:

- Secretary and Mrs. Kissinger; Minister for Foreign Affairs and Mrs. Garret FitzGerald; American Ambassador and Mrs. Walter J. Curley; Foreign Ambassador John G. Molloy; and Mr. Liam Cosgrave, Jr., son of Prime Minister and Mrs. Cosgrave, will assemble just prior to the 8:00 p.m. arrival of Prime Minister and Mrs. Cosgrave and Ambassador and Mrs. Catto.

NOTE: At this time, the Irish have requested a photograph with the Bicentennial Waterford piece being given to you. This is not the official gift exchange, and will only be photographed by in-house photographers.



- Color Guard will request permission to remove Colors at approximately 8:10 p.m. ... all guests except Prime Minister and Mrs. Cosgrave will depart at this time.

Grand Entrance:

- Approximately 8:12 p.m. ... descend Grand Staircase preceded by Color Guard.
- Pause at foot of staircase for official photograph (Prime Minister Cosgrave to your right ... Mrs. Cosgrave to your left ... then Mrs. Ford).
- Color Guard reforms and procession moves to red carpet facing East Room ... pause for Ruffles and Flourishes and announcement ... take receiving line positions (Prime Minister Cosgrave to your right ... then Mrs. Ford ... then Mrs. Cosgrave).
- Follow Color Guard into East Room when "Hail to the Chief" is played.

Receiving Line:

- Take position just inside door of East Room ... Ambassador Catto will present your guests.
- After receiving line, follow guests into State Dining Room.

Dinner:

- Round tables
- The Army Strolling Strings will play during dessert.
- 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:

- 10:00 p.m. ... guests proceed to parlors for demitasse, liqueurs, and cigars. You and Mrs. Ford will escort Prime Minister and Mrs. Cosgrave to the Blue Room where you will visit informally with your guests.
- 10:05 p.m. ... after-dinner guests will be escorted to the State Floor. You, Mrs. Ford, Prime Minister and Mrs. Cosgrave (Prime Minister Cosgrave to your right ... then Mrs. Ford ... then Mrs. Cosgrave) 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 and Prime Minister and Mrs. Cosgrave.
- You proceed to the stage which will be located at the North End of the East Room and introduce Ben Vereen.

NOTE: Suggested remarks (Tab A).
- At the conclusion of the performance, you and Mrs. Ford will escort Prime Minister and Mrs. Cosgrave to the stage to thank Ben Vereen.

NOTE: There will be press coverage of the entertainment. Photo and mini-camera coverage will be of the last part of the program and of your thanking Ben Vereen.
- After you have thanked Ben Vereen, you and Mrs. Ford will escort Prime Minister and Mrs. Cosgrave to the Grand Foyer and Blue Room where you will mingle informally with your guests.

NOTE: There will be dancing in the Grand Foyer.

Departure:

- You, Mrs. Ford, Ambassador and Mrs. Catto escort Prime Minister and Mrs. Cosgrave to the North Portico.



-- You and Mrs. Ford may wish to return for dancing or return to the Family Quarters.

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

NOTES:

-- The dinner and after-dinner guest lists are attached (Tab B).

-- A suggested toast is attached (Tab C).

-- Military Social Aides will be present.

-- Marine Corps Violinist will be playing in the Diplomatic Reception Room as your dinner and after-dinner guests arrive.

-- White House photographer will be present.

-- Air Force Band will be playing on the South Portico Balcony as your dinner guests arrive.

-- The demitasse served after dinner will actually be Irish coffee.

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

ARRIVAL CEREMONY FOR HIS EXCELLENCY THE PRIME
MINISTER OF IRELAND AND MRS. LIAM COSGRAVE

WEDNESDAY - MARCH 17, 1976

The South Grounds

From: Terry O'Donnell *TOD*

SEQUENCE:

10:28 a.m.

You depart Oval Office and proceed to Diplomatic Reception Room where Mrs. Ford will join you.

Following announcement and "Ruffles and Flourishes", you and Mrs. Ford proceed out the Diplomatic Reception Room entrance, cross the driveway, and take your positions facing the entrance to the Diplomatic Reception Room.

10:31 a.m.

Prime Minister and Mrs. Cosgrave arrive and are introduced to you and Mrs. Ford by Chief of Protocol, Henry E. Catto, Jr. You then introduce Prime Minister and Mrs. Cosgrave to Secretary of State and Mrs. Kissinger and the Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff and Mrs. Brown.

You and Prime Minister Cosgrave move to the platform. Mrs. Ford and Mrs. Cosgrave move to right of platform.

10:33 a.m.

National Anthems and 19-gun salute.



2.

Inspection of troops - you and Prime Minister guided by Commander of Troops.

NOTE: Your cue for escorting Prime Minister Cosgrave down to the Commander of Troops to inspect the troops will be the Commander's report, "Sir, the Honor Guard is formed."

Return to platform. U.S. Army Fife and Drum Corps passes in review.

10:40 a.m.

After the Commander of Troops reports, "Sir, this concludes the Honors", you usher Prime Minister Cosgrave to your right to stand adjacent to you on the podium while you deliver welcoming remarks.

FULL PRESS COVERAGE

Prime Minister Cosgrave will respond.

At the conclusion of the Prime Minister's remarks, he is going to pin some shamrocks on your lapel.

10:45 a.m.

You and Prime Minister Cosgrave and Mrs. Ford and Mrs. Cosgrave ascend the right outside staircase to the South Portico balcony.

You will pause at the center of the South Portico balcony for a photograph and then enter the Blue Room where you will be joined by Secretary and Mrs. Kissinger and General and Mrs. Brown, members of the official party (list attached at TAB A), and members of the welcoming committee.



3.

NOTE:

There will be a Waterford crystal vase filled with Shamrocks in the Blue Room.

10:50 a.m.

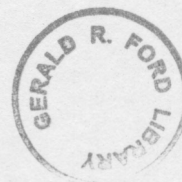
Following a brief visit, you, Prime Minister Cosgrave, and Secretary Kissinger depart en route the Oval Office for private meeting.

NOTE:

The members of the Official Party and the Welcoming Committee remain in the Blue Room for coffee.

10:55 a.m.

Your meeting with Prime Minister Cosgrave begins.



MEMBERS OF THE OFFICIAL IRISH PARTY

His Excellency Liam Cosgrave
Prime Minister of Ireland

Mrs. Cosgrave

His Excellency Dr. Garrett FitzGerald
Minister of Foreign Affairs
(Williamsburg, Washington, Philadelphia
and Chicago Only)

His Excellency Justin Keating
Minister for Industry and Commerce
(New York and Boston Only)

Mrs. Keating (New York and Boston Only)

His Excellency John G. Molloy
Ambassador of Ireland to the United States

Mr. Paul J.G. Keating
Secretary-General, Department of Foreign
Affairs

Mr. Dermot Nally
Assistant Secretary, Department of the Taoiseach
(Prime Minister)

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