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THE PRESIDENT HAS SEEN. *g.*

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

December 4, 1974

MEMORANDUM FOR: DONALD RUMSFELD
VIA: WILLIAM HENKEL, JR. *WH*
FROM: RED CAVANEY *RC*
SUBJECT: THE PRESIDENT'S ATTENDANCE AT
THE NATIONAL SYMPHONY BALL
Shoreham Americana Hotel
Friday, December 6, 1974

Attached at TAB A is the proposed schedule for the President and Mrs. Ford's attendance at the National Symphony Ball. Attire for the evening is White Tie. The President and Mrs. Ford will be guests of the William Whytes.

Approve *RC* Disapprove _____

BACKGROUND

The President and Mrs. Ford have agreed to serve as Patrons of the 1974 Symphony Ball. His Excellency Ardeshir Zahedi, Ambassador of Iran, will serve as Honorary Chairman; while Mrs. George C. McGhee is Chairman. This ball is one of the principal fund-raising activities of the year for the National Symphony. Approximately 850 persons will be in attendance.

INFORMAL RECEPTION

As has been the case in the past, the President and Mrs. Ford will attend an informal reception hosted by the William Whytes prior to the ball. This will be a private function with no press coverage. The tenor of this activity and the subsequent ball is "social" rather than "official."

NATIONAL SYMPHONY BALL

The event will be held in the Regency Ballroom with guests seated at "rounds" of from 10-12 persons. The tables will encircle a dance floor, where guests may dance to the music of Peter Duchin's Orchestra, both during and after dinner. Tentative guests joining the President and Mrs. Ford at Table 62 are as follows:

Mr. and Mrs. William Whyte
Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Markley
Mr. and Mrs. Mel Laird
Mr. and Mrs. George McGhee
Ambassador Zahedi and guest