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REMARKS OF PRESIDENT GERALD R. FORD  
INTRODUCING EUGENE FODOR, GUEST VIOLINIST  
STATE DINNER FOR PRIME MINISTER RABIN  
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 1974

I AM PLEASED TO WELCOME TO THE WHITE HOUSE TONIGHT A  
BRILLIANT YOUNG AMERICAN. THIS SUMMER, HE BECAME THE FIRST  
AMERICAN TO SHARE TOP HONORS IN THE WORLD-FAMOUS VIOLIN COMPETI-  
TION IN MOSCOW. INDEED, OUR GUEST ARTIST IS ALSO THE FIRST  
WESTERNER TO WIN SUCH RECOGNITION.

I AM REFERRING TO EUGENE FODOR (PRONOUNCED FOE-DER)  
OF COLORADO. EUGENE'S GREAT-GREAT-GRANDFATHER FOUNDED A CONSERVA-  
TORY OF MUSIC IN HUNGARY. THE FAMILY BROUGHT THIS GREAT TALENT  
TO AMERICA. ALL AMERICANS SHARE PRIDE IN EUGENE'S MOST RECENT  
ACHIEVEMENT.

HE IS NOT ONLY A DISTINGUISHED VIOLINIST. HE ALSO  
JOGS FOUR MILES A DAY, IS A SCUBA DIVER, A SKIER, AND RIDES  
SPIRITED HORSES. HE OBVIOUSLY SHARES MY ENTHUSIASM FOR PHYSICAL  
EXERCISE. I WISH I SHARED EVEN A LITTLE OF HIS MUSICIANSHIP.  
I AM VERY GLAD HE HAS AGREED TO PLAY FOR OUR DISTINGUISHED GUESTS  
TONIGHT IN THE WHITE HOUSE.

SINCE OUR GUESTS ARE FROM ISRAEL, A NATION THAT LIKED  
THE SHOW "FIDDLER ON THE ROOF", I KNOW THAT YOU WILL LOVE ONE OF  
AMERICA'S OWN FINEST FIDDLERS UNDER THE ROOF OF THE WHITE HOUSE.

MAY I PRESENT A GREAT ARTIST, EUGENE FODOR.

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