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THE PRESIDENT HAS SEEN . . .

INTRODUCTION OF PEARL BAILEY

SADAT STATE DINNER

OCTOBER 27, 1975

THE PRESIDENT HAS SEEN...

AS YOU CAN SEE FROM YOUR PROGRAMS, JOHNNY CASH

WAS TO BE OUR FEATURED GUEST TONIGHT. UNFORTUNATELY, THIS

WILL NOT BE POSSIBLE. I UNDERSTAND THAT JOHNNY IS SUFFERING

FROM EXHAUSTION AND HIS DOCTOR HAS TOLD HIM TO CANCEL HIS

APPEARANCES FOR THE IMMEDIATE FUTURE.

I'M SORRY HE WON'T BE WITH US TONIGHT, BUT I HOPE THAT A
SPEEDY RECOVERY WILL MAKE A FUTURE VISIT POSSIBLE.

TONIGHT IN THE TIME-HONORED TRADITION OF SHOW

BUSINESS, ANOTHER SUPERSTAR HAS GRACIOUSLY CHANGED HER

PLANS SO SHE COULD BE WITH US. YOU ALL KNOW HER AND HAVE

ENJOYED HER EXCEPTIONAL TALENT. OF COURSE, I'M TALKING

ABOUT THE ONE AND ONLY PEARL BAILEY.

PEARL, WHO RECEIVED A TONY AWARD FOR HER TITLE
ROLE IN "HELLO DOLLY" ON BROADWAY, HAS REVIVED THE SHOW
AND CURRENTLY IS PLAYING IN BOSTON. TONIGHT, SHE HAS
WITH HER SOME OF THE "HELLO DOLLY" CAST.

IT IS PARTICULARLY APPROPRIATE THAT PEARL BAILEY

SHARE HER ARTISTRY WITH US TONIGHT WHEN OUR DISTINGUISHED

GUEST IS THE PRESIDENT OF EGYPT. PEARL RECEIVED THE FIRST

ORDER OF ARTS AND SCIENCE OF EGYPT FROM PRESIDENT SADAT WHEN

SHE VISITED THERE IN 1974.

AT THE SAME TIME, MRS. SADAT PRESENTED PEARL A GOLD

MYSHALLAH (MA-SHAW-AHLAH) -- A VERY PERSONAL GESTURE OF

FRIENDSHIP OF WHICH PEARL IS UNDERSTANDABLY PROUD.

PEARL HAS PERFORMED THROUGHOUT THE WORLD --

AND WHILE IN EGYPT, SHE CHARMED AUDIENCES AT THE

SPHINX IN CAIRO.

TONIGHT, ONE OF PEARL'S NUMBERS WILL BE A

VERY POPULAR EGYPTIAN FOLKSONG -- "BLADI BLADI."

(BLAH-DEE BLAH-DEE)

AND, IN HONOR OF OUR GUESTS,

SHE WILL SING IT IN ARABIC.

HER CLOSING NUMBER -- ALSO VERY APPROPRIATE THIS

EVENING -- WILL BE "PEACE ON EARTH."

PRESIDENT SADAT, MRS. SADAT -- AND ALL OUR

DISTINGUISHED GUESTS -- I KNOW YOU WILL ENJOY THE

PEARL BAILEY SHOW.

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