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THE PRESIDENT HAS SEEN....

PRESIDENT'S INTRODUCTION FOR SHERRILL MILNES
STATE DINNER HONORING PRIME MINISTER FRASER

JULY 27, 1976

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TONIGHT WE ARE PRIVILEGED TO HAVE FOR OUR
ENTERTAINMENT THE GREAT METROPOLITAN OPERA BARITONE,
MR. SHERRILL MILNES. MR. MILNES IS A STRIKING EXCEPTION
TO THE OLD RULE THAT EUROPE IS THE ONLY STEPPING-STONE TO
AMERICAN OPERATIC SUCCESS.
RAISED ON A FARM IN ILLINOIS, HE MADE HIS MAJOR DEBUT NOT FAR FROM HERE, WITH THE BALTIMORE CIVIC OPERA.

IN ADDITION TO PERFORMING IN NEW YORK AND OTHER AMERICAN CITIES, SHERRILL MILNES HAS BEEN ACCLAIMED IN LONDON, HAMBURG, MILAN AND VIENNA.

HE HAS BEEN HAILED BY AUDIENCES AND CRITICS AROUND THE WORLD AS AN ELOQUENT SINGER AND A MAGNETIC PERFORMER OF THE VERY HIGHEST CALIBER. WE ARE FORTUNATE TO HAVE HIM SHARE HIS TALENTS WITH US TONIGHT.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN -- MR. SHERRILL MILNES.

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