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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

NATIONAL SYMPHONY BALL

SHOREHAM AMERICANA HOTEL

Friday - December 6, 1974

Departure: 8:00 p.m.

Dress: White Tie

From: Terry O'Donnell ¹⁰⁰

BACKGROUND:

You and Mrs. Ford will attend the 1974 Symphony Ball at the Shoreham Americana Hotel, departing the White House at 8:00 p.m. The Ball is one of the principal fund-raising activities for the National Symphony, and you and Mrs. Ford have agreed to serve as Patrons. You are not expected to make remarks. Ambassador Zahedi of Iran will serve as Honorary Chairman and Mrs. George C. McChes is Chairman.

You will attend an informal reception hosted by the William Whytes prior to the Ball in the Shoreham West Apartments. This will be a private function with no press coverage.

Seating diagram for your table at the Ball is attached at TAB A.

SEQUENCE:

8:00 p.m.

You and Mrs. Ford board motorcade and depart South Grounds en route Shoreham West Apartments.

8:10 p.m.

Arrive Shoreham West Apartments where you will be met by Mr. Whyte and escorted to VIP Reception Suite L-418 for a private reception of about 20 guests.

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8:55 p. m.

Proceed to the Regency Ballroom escorted by Ambassador Zahedi and Mrs. McGhee. Pause for announcement.

NOTE: Other reception guests will have preceded you and Mrs. Ford to the Ballroom.

9:00 p. m.

Announcement.

You proceed to Mr. and Mrs. Whyte's table and are seated. Your entrance officially opens the Ball, and dancing to the music of Peter Duchin's Orchestra begins soon after your entry.

9:01 p. m.

Dinner begins.

10:00 p. m.

Mrs. McGhee gives short welcoming remarks.

NOTE: You are not expected to respond.

10:01 p. m.

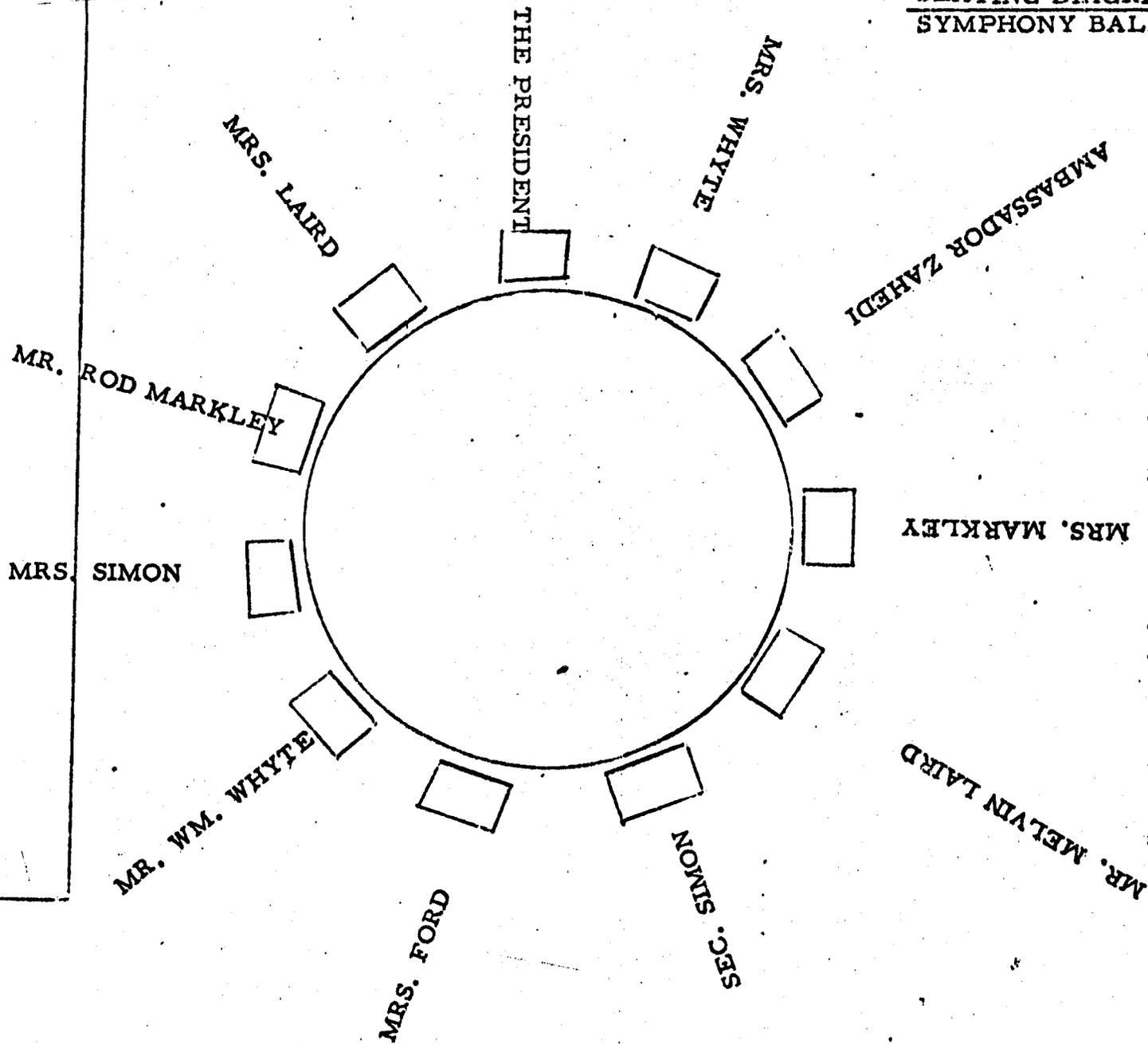
Dancing resumes.

NOTE: The Orchestra will perform until midnight. However, you may leave any time after the meal. The Chairman is hopeful that you will be able to remain until at least 11:00 p. m.

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SEATING DIAGRAM
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DANCE FLOOR



↓ PRESS AREA ↓

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Suzy Says

Between the Book Ends

AFTER THE GAIETY of Spanish Week in New York (and Philippine Week right after it), the Cornelius Vanderbilt Whitneys said "Adios" or something like that and went off to hibernate at their horse farm in Kentucky.

Marylou Whitney, as you've heard a dozen times, is putting the finishing touches on her book, which will be published in the fall by Farrar, Straus & Giroux, while Cornelius, Sonny to the world, is busy writing his autobiography. They do just about everything together.

When the hibernation palled, the Whitneys flew off to Washington to the National Symphony Ball, Marylou aglitter in ruby earrings and white chiffon. At their table were such as the Spanish Ambassador and Mrs. Jaime Alba, the Caspar Weinbergers and the Arthur Burnses of the Federal Reserve Burnses, of course.

Marylou and Mrs. Gerald Ford laughed



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— Associated Press Wirephoto

DANCING COUPLE — President and Mrs. Ford danced a foxtrot at the National Symphony Ball last night. The event, chaired by Iranian Ambassador Ardeshir Zahedi, was held at a Washington hotel.

Fords to Attend Symphony Ball On Dec. 6

President and Mrs. Gerald Ford will attend the annual Symphony Ball Dec. 6 at the Shoreham Hotel.

Vice President Designate and Mrs. Nelson Rockefeller will not be able to attend the ball, as previously planned, due to her recent surgery for

First Couple Attend Benefit Ball

WASHINGTON (AP) — President and Mrs. Ford attended a lavish white-tie

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SATURDAY, DECEMBER

The President Steps Out

*By Donnie Radcliffe
and Jeannette Smyth*

As much as he might have wanted to be just another dancer at last night's annual Symphony Ball in the Shoreham Americana, there had to be some concessions to the fact that Gerald Ford is the President of the United States.

So when the Fords — veterans of the ball from Mr.

