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For immediate release  
Wednesday, Dec. 4, 1974

THE WHITE HOUSE  
Office of the Press Secretary to Mrs. Ford

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The President will host a stag dinner this evening in honor of The Right Honorable Pierre Elliott Trudeau, Prime Minister of Canada, at 8 p.m.

About 28 guests are expected for the black-tie dinner, which will be preceded by a reception in the Red Room. The dinner will be served in the Blue Room at a 30' rectangular table.

The centerpieces on the table are six vermeil knights, borrowed from the White House collection on display in the Vermeil Room. Two of the knights are on horseback and measure about 13 1/2" in height. The other four statuettes are armored knights, standing on a pierced design pedestal. They measure about 11" in height. The vermeil pieces are English and European and are dated at the beginning of the 19th Century. They are part of a collection bequeathed to the White House in 1957 by the late Mrs. Margaret Thompson Biddle. Vermeil is gold-dipped silver.

Surrounding the vermeil knights will be an assortment of greens, including boxwood and needlepoint ivy. A rope of ivy will join the centerpieces together down the center of the table.

The dinner menu: Romaine soup and cheese straws; Roast prime ribs of beef, Onion and celery amandine and Broccoli timbale; Endive and watercress salad and Brie cheese; and Hazelnut mousse for dessert. Demitasse will also be served.

Wines to be used are Robert Mondavi Pinot Noir and Mirassou au Naturel.

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DINNER

Romaine Soup  
Cheese Straws

Roast Prime Ribs of Beef  
Onion and Celery Amandine  
Broccoli Timbale

Endive and Watercress Salad  
Brie Cheese

Mirassou  
au Naturel  
1970

Hazelnut Mousse

Demitasse

The White House  
Wednesday, December 4, 1974



THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

Vermail pieces  
come from  
Biddle Collection  
in Vermeil Room  
(Knights) - Twede  
Dinner



THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

~~Donald Dredin (Post)~~

~~will hold~~

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

larger  
2 knights on  
horses European,  
early 19th c.

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- from Siddle  
collection

located in  
Vermeil Room

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6 pieces



THE EVENING STAR, January 17, 1958, p. B-5

#### WHITE HOUSE GETS FAMED COLLECTION

The White House is now putting to use a new and fabulous gift. The late Mrs. Margaret Thompson Biddle in her will requested that her entire silver-gilt collection of several hundred pieces be left to the United States Government for use in the White House.

According to the Associated Press the collection is valued at \$100,000. Mrs. Morton Downey, wife of the singer and daughter of Mrs. Biddle,



NEW YORK TIMES, January 5, 1957, p. L 19

#### U. S. WILL ACCEPT TABLEWARE GIFT

A bequest of \$100,000 worth of gold-dipped silverware for use in the White House will be accepted by the Government, it was learned yesterday. The gift was left by the late Mrs. Margaret Thompson

**GUEST LIST FOR THE DINNER TO BE GIVEN BY THE PRESIDENT  
IN HONOR OF THE RIGHT HONORABLE PIERRE ELLIOTT TRUDEAU,  
PRIME MINISTER OF CANADA, ON WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 4, 1974,  
AT 7:30 O'CLOCK, THE WHITE HOUSE**

**The Right Honorable Pierre Elliott Trudeau**  
Prime Minister of Canada

**The Honorable Allan J. MacEachen**  
Secretary of State for External Affairs

**His Excellency Marcel Cadieux**  
Ambassador of Canada

**Mr. Jack Austin**  
Principal Secretary to the Prime Minister

**Mr. Ivan Head**  
Special Assistant to the Prime Minister

**Mr. A. J. Andrew**  
Assistant Under Secretary of State for External Affairs

**The Honorable J. Russell McKinney**  
Minister of Canada to the United States

**Mr. J. S. Nutt**  
Director General, Western Hemisphere Affairs,  
Department of External Affairs

**The Honorable Henry A. Kissinger**  
Secretary of State

**The Honorable William E. Simon**  
Secretary of the Treasury

**The Honorable James R. Schlesinger**  
Secretary of Defense

**The Honorable Rogers C. B. Morton**  
Secretary of the Interior

**The Honorable Earl L. Butz**  
Secretary of Agriculture

**The Honorable Frederick B. Dent**  
Secretary of Commerce

**The Honorable George D. Aiken, U. S. Senate (Vermont)**

**The Honorable Gale W. McGee, U. S. Senate (Wyoming)**

**The Honorable Robert C. McEwen, House of Representatives (New York)**

**General George S. Brown, USAF**  
Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff

**The Honorable William J. Porter**  
American Ambassador to Canada

**The Honorable William D. Eberle**  
Special Representative for Trade Negotiations

**The Honorable L. William Seidman**  
Assistant to the President for Economic Affairs

**The Honorable Arthur A. Hartman**  
Assistant Secretary of State for European Affairs

**The Honorable Helmut Sonnenfeldt**  
Counselor, Department of State

**The Honorable Robert F. Ellsworth**  
Assistant Secretary of Defense

**Lieutenant General Brent Scowcroft, USAF**  
Deputy Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs

**Mr. Richard D. Vine**  
Deputy Assistant Secretary of State

**The Honorable Stuart W. Rockwell**  
Deputy Chief of Protocol

**Mr. A. Denis Clift**  
National Security Council

DECEMBER 4, 1974

Office of the White House Press Secretary

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THE WHITE HOUSEA TOAST BY THE PRESIDENT  
IN HONOR OF  
PRIME MINISTER PIERRE ELLIOTT TRUDEAU  
THE BLUE ROOM

Mr. Prime Minister, Gentlemen:

It is a great pleasure to welcome you here as the leader of a Nation we hold in deep respect and fond affection. I am also very pleased that it has been possible for us to arrange our meeting at this early date. It underlines the importance that we in the United States attach to our relations with Canada.

We share a peaceful border as exemplary as it is extensive. As friends, as allies and as trading partners we have many ties. The bonds between our two countries are strong and reflect our traditionally close and friendly association as free peoples.

Coming from Michigan, I know the U.S. -Canadian border well. Crossing that border marked my first foreign trip. And I have spent many happy hours skiing in the Canadian Laurentians. Mr. Prime Minister, I know that you share my passion for skiing and for many other athletic activities. In fact, I believe it is a safe assumption that we are the only two heads of government ever to be photographed on trampolines in the same year. As next door neighbors, there is an informality in our association which lets us assess our common interests and concerns with an ease unique in the conduct of foreign affairs. It is, therefore, most appropriate that our first meeting should be a working visit.

As is often the case with friends and neighbors, we have our honest differences. At the same time, Mr. Prime Minister, we have an excellent record of disagreeing without being disagreeable, of resolving differences by discussion and negotiation. You may be sure that I look forward to continuing that tradition as we work together to strengthen U.S. -Canadian relations.

In our meeting earlier today, we reaffirmed the commitment of the United States and Canada to cooperate fully in meeting the challenges and opportunities that lie before us. Earlier this year, our Governments signed the Declaration on Atlantic Relations, marking the 25th Anniversary of NATO. That Declaration provides a fresh statement of purpose for the Alliance -- an Alliance which plays an essential role in our efforts to further detente and the prospects for peace.

As we continue to work for peace, the problems of finance, of energy, of food and resources will require our most careful attention and that of all nations if they are to be dealt with in our best interests and those of the world community. It is important, then, that our two nations -- both highly industrialized, both culturally and socially attuned, both similarly motivated -- should work together in close consultation and cooperation.

(MORE)



Mr. Prime Minister, a few weeks ago, I met with your Ambassador to receive a set of Olympic coins commemorating the forthcoming Montreal Olympics. I noted then that the Olympics would be taking place at the same time as the United States Bicentennial Celebration -- and that both our countries could look forward to many, many visitors back-and-forth across our borders. We look forward to this prospect with the greatest of pleasure.

And now, to express our great friendship to you, Mr. Prime Minister, and to the Canadian people, I raise my glass in toast to the Queen of Canada.

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December 4, 1974  
Office of the White House Press Secretary

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NOTICE TO THE PRESS

Following are the arrangements for press coverage of the events involving the visit of His Excellency Pierre Elliott Trudeau, Prime Minister of Canada:

2:45 P. M.      Arrival of the Prime Minister, South Portico.  
Full Press Coverage

3:00 P. M.      Meeting of the President with the Prime Minister,

                 OVAL OFFICE  
Hand-held film cameras, still photographers, and  
writing pool as posted.

4:00 P. M.      Departure of the Prime Minister from the Oval Office,  
South Drive.

Full press coverage

7:15 P. M.      Arrival of the Prime Minister for Stag Dinner,  
North Portico.

Full press coverage

7:45 P. M.      Black Tie Stag Dinner

                 BLUE ROOM

Hand-held film cameras, still photographers, and writing  
pool as posted.

NOTE: Photographers and reporters should wear dark  
suits.

9:00 P. M.      Exchange of Toasts

                 BLUE ROOM

No photo coverage. Remarks piped into Family Theatre and  
Press Room.

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*Sheila W.*

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

DINNER IN HONOR OF  
THE RIGHT HONORABLE PIERRE ELLIOTT TRUDEAU  
PRIME MINISTER OF CANADA

December 4, 1974

7:30 p. m.

Dress: Black Tie

Arrival:

-- 7:30 p. m. ... Your guests will arrive through the Diplomatic Reception Room and will be escorted to the Red Room for cocktails.

-- 7:40 p. m. ... You will be escorted via elevator to the North Portico where you will greet Prime Minister Trudeau.

NOTE: Photo coverage of greeting.

-- You will escort Prime Minister Trudeau to the Red Room where you will join your guests for cocktails.

Dinner:

-- Rectangular table

-- 8:00 p. m. ... You will escort Prime Minister Trudeau to the Blue Room for Dinner.

NOTE: There will be a press photo opportunity as soon as your guests are seated.

-- At the conclusion of dinner, you will rise and propose a toast  
--- Prime Minister Trudeau will respond.

NOTE: Suggested toast is attached (Tab A).

NOTE: No press coverage of toasts; toasts will be piped to the Press Room and Family Theatre and transcripts will be released to the press.



After Dinner:

- You will escort Prime Minister Trudeau to the Red Room -- guests will proceed to the Red Room.
- Demitasse, liqueurs and cigars will be served to your guests.

Departure:

- You will escort Prime Minister Trudeau to the North Portico.
- You may wish to mingle with your guests or return to the Family Quarters.

NOTES:

- Guest list is attached (Tab B).
- Army String Ensemble will be playing in the Grand Hall.
- White House photographer will be present.
- Military Social Aides will be present.

Nancy Lammerding



THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

SUBJECT: Instructions for Social Aides

EVENT: Working Dinner for Prime Minister Trudeau

Date/Time: Dec 4, 1974 (7:30 p.m.) No. of Guests: 28

Uniform: Black Tie Parking: South Grounds

In-Place Time for Aides: 6:30 p.m. (Library)

In-Place Time for OIC: 6:00 p.m. (Duty Aide)

Duty Aide: LCDR T. S. Todd, USN

First Family Participation: The President

The following Social Aides will attend:

LCDR T. E. Grabowsky, USN  
Lt(jg) Joseph R. Cherry, USCG  
Capt Stephen M. Bauer, USA  
Capt Carl E. Linke, USA

\* Major David Van Poznak, USAF  
Capt John D. Power, USAF  
Major Henry W. Buse, USMC  
Capt John R. Harris, USMC

\*Officer in Charge

Music: USMC String Ensemble with Piano (7:00) (East Gate)

Remarks:

Staff Mess will feed Aides

3 Doormen from MDW

1 Doorman from Garage T. STEPHEN TODD

w/tickets Lieutenant Commander, U. S. Navy

Call system in effect Naval Aide to the President

DISTRIBUTION:

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Visitor's Office

Band

Usher's Office

White House Garage

White House Staff Mess

Mr. O'Donnell

White House Police (7)



FACT SHEET  
Mrs. Ford's Office

Event Working Stag Dinner Honoring Canadian Prime Minister Trudeau  
Group ----  
DATE/TIME Dec. 4, 1974 - 7:30 p.m.  
Contact Pat Howard Phone 2927  
Number of guests: Total 28 Women \_\_\_\_\_ Men x Children \_\_\_\_\_  
Place State Floor  
Principals involved President  
Participation by Principal yes (Receiving line) yes  
Remarks required yes  
Background The President will be receiving Prime Minister Trudeau in an office meeting and working stag dinner on Dec. 4, 1974.

REQUIREMENTS

Social: Guest list yes  
Invitations yes Programs no Menus yes  
Refreshments Dinner Format  
Entertainment no  
Decorations/flowers yes  
Music yes  
Social Aides yes  
Dress Black Tie Coat check yes  
Other --  
Press: Reporters (TO BE RESOLVED)  
Photographers \_\_\_\_\_  
TV Crews \_\_\_\_\_  
White House Photographers yes Color yes Mono. \_\_\_\_\_  
Other \_\_\_\_\_  
Technical Support: Microphones yes (recording purpose) PA Other Rooms no  
Recording yes  
Lights no  
Transportation by cars  
Parking South Grounds  
Housing --  
Other -- (Risers, stage, platforms) no

Project Co-ordinator Pat Howard Phone 2927

Site diagrams should be attached if technical support is heavy.

# Going Stag at the White House

By Henry Mitchell

President Gerald Ford pointed to the six knights prancing down the White House dinner table last night—figurines made of silver gilt—and Prime Minister Pierre Elliott Trudeau of Canada grinned and said something lost forever to posterity since both he and the President can speak without giving any clues to lip-readers.

The Canadian prime minister was in the capital on a private visit and had two long sessions with the President. Both men said the talks were marked by full candor and included exchanges of views on the Canadian oil cutbacks to the United States and questions of beef imports. Each of the chiefs observed, in after-dinner toasts, that good neighbors and friends can have differences and, as the President put it, can disagree without being disagreeable.

The prime minister arrived at the North Portico of the White House in a dashing sky-blue top coat.

Ordinary formal dinner clothes were revealed when he took it off, to the disappointment of any who have

See STAG, B3, Col. 4



By Harry Naltchayan—The Washington Post

From left, William E. Simon, Secretary of the Treasury; Canadian Prime Minister Pierre Elliott Trudeau; and President Ford.