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AMB. SHIRLEY TEMPLE BLACK

Q: What are Amb. Black's qualification to be Chief of Protocol? Isn't this just a ceremonial job?

A: I believe the biographic sheet on Amb. Black goes into her background.

I would like to add that the President feels Amb. Black has served with distinction and handled herself in an exemplary fashion as our Ambassador to Ghana.

The position of Chief of Protocol has always been more than a ceremonial job but is particularly important in this bicentennial year. The Chief of Protocol is the President's representative to deal with the many heads of State and Government who will be visiting the U.S. in the coming months. Amb. Black's experience as a member of the US delegation to the United Nations and her distinguished record in Africa lend to her qualifications to be the Chief of Protocol.