

LUNCHEON FOR QUEEN MARGRETHE II

President and Mrs. Ford will give a luncheon at the White House in honor of Her Majesty Queen Margrethe II of Denmark and His Royal Highness Prince Henrik tomorrow, May 11, 1976. As announced by the Government of Denmark last November, Her Majesty will be paying a visit to the United States beginning today on the occasion of the U. S. Bicentennial year. Following their stay in Washington, Queen Margrethe II and Prince Henrik will travel extensively throughout the United States. No meeting apart from the luncheon is planned.

FYI:

The Queen is the Head of State. Denmark is a constitutional monarchy in which we understand the Queen has largely ceremonial duties. In consultation with Parliamentary leaders, she appoints the Prime Minister.

Her Majesty ascended the throne on January 14, 1972, on the death of her father, King Frederik IX. END FYI.