

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

DINNER IN HONOR OF  
HIS EXCELLENCY THE PRESIDENT OF THE ITALIAN REPUBLIC  
AND MRS. LEONE

September 25, 1974

8:00 p. m.

Dress: Black tie ... long dresses for the ladies

Arrival:

- 8:00 p. m. ... at North Portico Entrance ... President and Mrs. Leone and Ambassador and Mrs. Catto
- You and Mrs. Ford will greet
- Photo coverage of greeting

Yellow Oval Room:

- Secretary and Mrs. Kissinger, American Ambassador and Mrs. Volpe, Minister of Foreign Affairs Aldo Moro, and Foreign Ambassador and Mrs. Ortona will assemble just prior to the 8:00 p. m. arrival of President and Mrs. Leone and Ambassador and Mrs. Catto
- Color Guard will request permission to remove Colors at approximately 8:10 p. m. ... all guests except President and Mrs. Leone will depart at this time

Grand Entrance:

- Approximately 8:12 p. m. ... descend Grand Staircase preceded by Color Guard
- Pause at foot of staircase for official photograph (President Leone to your right ... Mrs. Leone to your left ... then Mrs. Ford)



- Color Guard reforms and procession moves to red carpet facing East Room ... pause for Ruffles and Flourishes and announcement ... take receiving line positions (President Leone to your right ... then Mrs. Ford ... then Mrs. Leone)
- Follow Color Guard into East Room when "Hail to the Chief" is played

Receiving Line:

- Take position just inside door of East Room ... Ambassador Catto will present your guests
- After receiving line, follow guests into State Dining Room

Dinner:

- Round tables and rectangular head table
- Strolling Strings will play during dessert
- No press coverage of dinner; toasts will be piped to the press ... transcripts will be released to the press

After Dinner:

- 10:00 p. m. ... guests proceed to parlors for coffee, liqueurs and cigars. You and Mrs. Ford will escort President and Mrs. Leone to the Blue Room where you will visit informally with your guests
- 10:05 p. m. ... after-dinner guests will be escorted to the State Floor. You, Mrs. Ford, President and Mrs. Leone (President Leone to your right ... then Mrs. Ford ... then Mrs. Leone) will receive the after-dinner guests from a position in the Grand Hall between the Blue Room and Green Room doors -- a Military Social Aide will present your guests -- guests will proceed to the East Room and take their seats



Entertainment:

-- After the guests are seated, you will enter the East Room through the center door and seat Mrs. Ford and President and Mrs. Leone

-- You proceed to the stage which will be located along the north end wall and introduce the New England Conservatory Ragtime Ensemble

NOTE: Suggested remarks (Tab A)

-- At the conclusion of the performance, you and Mrs. Ford go forward to thank the Ensemble and Mr. Gunther Schuller, President of the New England Conservatory of Music and Director of the Ensemble

NOTE: There will be press coverage of the entertainment  
-- Photo Pool Coverage

-- After you have thanked Mr. Schuller and the Ensemble, you and Mrs. Ford will escort President and Mrs. Leone to the Grand Hall for dancing

Departure:

-- You and Mrs. Ford, Ambassador and Mrs. Catto escort President and Mrs. Leone to the North Portico

-- You and Mrs. Ford may wish to return for dancing or return to the Family Quarters

-- There will be champagne and dancing for the guests who remain

NOTES:

-- The dinner and after-dinner guest lists are attached (Tab B)

-- A suggested toast is attached (Tab C)

-- There will be interpreters

-- Military Social Aides will be present



-- The United States Air Force Band will be playing on the  
South Portico as your dinner guests arrive

-- An Army Harpist will be playing in the Diplomatic  
Reception Room as your after-dinner guests arrive

Lucy Winchester

