

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

DINNER IN HONOR OF
THEIR MAJESTIES
THE EMPEROR AND EMPRESS OF JAPAN

October 2, 1975

8:00 p. m.

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

Arrival:

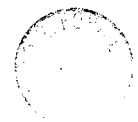
- 8:00 p. m. . . . at North Portico Entrance . . . Their Majesties The Emperor and Empress of Japan, Ambassador and Mrs. Catto
- You and Mrs. Ford will greet
- Photo coverage of greeting including live via satellite coverage to Japan. There will also be live via satellite coverage to Japan of you and Mrs. Ford escorting Their Majesties The Emperor and Empress of Japan to the elevator.

Yellow Oval Room:

- Secretary and Mrs. Kissinger; Deputy Prime Minister Fukuda; American Ambassador and Mrs. Hodgson; and Foreign Ambassador and Mrs. Yasukawa will assemble just prior to the 8:00 p. m. arrival of Their Majesties The Emperor and Empress of Japan and Ambassador and Mrs. Catto.
- Color Guard will request permission to remove Colors at approximately 8:10 p. m. . . . all guests except Their Majesties The Emperor and Empress of Japan 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 and live via satellite coverage to Japan (His Majesty The Emperor of Japan to your right ... Her Majesty The Empress of Japan 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 (His Majesty The Emperor of Japan ... then Mrs. Ford ... then Her Majesty The Empress of Japan).
- 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.
- There will be press pool coverage of the receiving line including live via satellite coverage to Japan.
- After receiving line, follow guests into State Dining Room.
- There will be live via satellite coverage to Japan of you and Mrs. Ford escorting Their Majesties The Emperor and Empress of Japan to the State Dining Room.

Dinner:

- E-shape table
- No press coverage of dinner; live via satellite coverage to Japan of your entrance and seating for the dinner ... toasts will be piped to the press ... transcripts will be released to the press ... there will be mini-camera coverage of the toasts with a small photo pool including live via satellite coverage to Japan.

After-Dinner:

- 10:00 p.m. ... guests proceed to parlors for demitasse, liqueurs, and cigars. You and Mrs. Ford will escort Their Majesties The Emperor and Empress of Japan to the Blue Room where you will visit informally with your guests.

- No press coverage in the Blue Room.
- 10:05 p. m. . . . after-dinner guests will be escorted to the State Floor. You, Mrs. Ford, Their Majesties The Emperor and Empress of Japan (His Majesty The Emperor of Japan to your right . . . then Mrs. Ford . . . then Her Majesty The Empress of Japan) 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 Their Majesties The Emperor and Empress of Japan.
- You proceed to the stage which will be located at the North End of the East Room and introduce Van Cliburn.

NOTE: Suggested remarks (Tab A).

- At the conclusion of the performance, you and Mrs. Ford will escort Their Majesties The Emperor and Empress of Japan to the stage to thank Mr. Cliburn.

NOTE: There will be live via satellite coverage to Japan of your escorting Mrs. Ford and Their Majesties The Emperor and Empress of Japan to their seats. There will be press coverage including live via satellite coverage to Japan of the entire entertainment program.

- After you have thanked Van Cliburn, you and Mrs. Ford will escort Their Majesties The Emperor and Empress of Japan to the Grand Foyer and Blue Room where you will mingle informally with your guests.

NOTE: Members of the Howard Devron Orchestra will provide music for the dancing in the Grand Foyer.

Departure:

- You, Mrs. Ford, Ambassador and Mrs. Catto escort Their Majesties The Emperor and Empress of Japan to the North Portico.

- You and Mrs. Ford may wish to return for dancing or return to the Family Quarters.
- There will be champagne, mixed drinks 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).
- Military Social Aides will be present.
- The Navy Band will be playing on the South Balcony as your dinner guests arrive.
- An Army Violinist will be playing in the Diplomatic Reception Room as your dinner and after-dinner guests arrive.
- White House photographer will be present.
- There will be interpreters.
- The Air Force Strolling Strings will play during dessert.

Pat Howard

