

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

DINNER IN HONOR OF
THE HONORABLE
THE PRIME MINISTER OF AUSTRALIA
AND MRS. FRASER

July 27, 1976

8:00 p. m.

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

Arrival:

- 8:00 p. m. ... at North Portico Entrance ... Prime Minister and Mrs. Fraser, Ambassador Black.
- You and Mrs. Ford will greet.
- Photo coverage of greeting.

Yellow Oval Room:

- Secretary and Mrs. Kissinger; Minister for Foreign Affairs Andrew Peacock; American Ambassador and Mrs. James W. Hargrove; and Foreign Ambassador and Mrs. Nicholas F. Parkinson will assemble just prior to the 8:00 p. m. arrival of Prime Minister and Mrs. Fraser and Ambassador Black.
- Color Guard will request permission to remove Colors at approximately 8:10 p. m. ... all guests except Prime Minister and Mrs. Fraser 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 (Prime Minister Fraser to your right ... Mrs. Fraser 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 (Prime Minister Fraser to your right ... then Mrs. Ford ... then Mrs. Fraser).
- Follow Color Guard into East Room when "Hail to the Chief" is played.

Receiving Line:

- Take position just inside door of East Room ... Ambassador Black will present your guests.
- After receiving line, proceed to the Grand Hall to the elevator ... walk through the Ground Floor Hall and through the Diplomatic Reception Room ... follow guests into the Rose Garden.

Dinner:

- Rectangular head table ... round tables
- No press coverage of dinner ... toasts will be piped to the press ... transcripts will be released to the press -- there will be press photo pool coverage and mini-camera coverage.

After-Dinner:

- 10:00 p. m. ... guests proceed from the Rose Garden through the driveway and up the steps to the South Portico Balcony to the parlors for demitasse, liqueurs, and cigars. You and Mrs. Ford will escort Prime Minister and Mrs. Fraser up the steps to the South Portico Balcony and into the Red 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, Prime Minister and Mrs. Fraser (Prime Minister Fraser to your right ... then Mrs. Ford



... then Mrs. Fraser) 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, Prime Minister and Mrs. Fraser.

-- You proceed to the stage which will be located along the center of the east wall of the East Room and introduce Mr. Sherrill Milnes.

NOTE: Suggested remarks (Tab A).

-- At the conclusion of the performance, you and Mrs. Ford will escort Prime Minister and Mrs. Fraser to the stage to thank Mr. Sherrill Milnes.

NOTE: There will be press coverage of the entertainment, including mini-camera coverage of your introduction, first and last portions of the program, and of your thanking Mr. Sherrill Milnes. Also, there will be photo coverage.

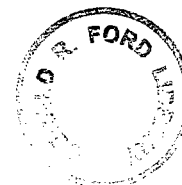
-- After you have thanked Mr. Sherrill Milnes, you and Mrs. Ford will escort Prime Minister and Mrs. Fraser to the State Dining Room for dancing.

Departure:

-- You, Mrs. Ford and Ambassador Black escort Prime Minister and Mrs. Fraser 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.
- White House photographer will be present.
- Army String Ensemble will be playing in the East Wing Garden Room as your dinner and after-dinner guests arrive.
- Marine Harpist will be playing in the Ground Floor Hall area as your dinner guests arrive.
- Marine String Ensemble, Woodwind Quintet and Harpist will be playing in the west end of the Rose Garden during dinner.
- Army Chorus will sing during dessert.
- Marine String Ensemble will be playing in the Grand Hall while your dinner guests are being served demitasse, liqueurs and cigars and during the time you are receiving your after-dinner guests.
- Marine Dance Combo will be playing in the State Dining Room.

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