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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

DINNER IN HONOR OF
HIS EXCELLENCY
THE PRESIDENT OF THE FRENCH REPUBLIC
AND MRS. GISCARD D'ESTAING

May 17, 1976

8:00 p. m.

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

Arrival:

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

Yellow Oval Room:

- Vice President and Mrs. Rockefeller; Secretary and Mrs. Kissinger; Foreign Minister Jean Sauvagnargues; American Ambassador and Mrs. Kenneth Rush; and Foreign Ambassador and Mrs. Jacques Kosciusko-Morizet will assemble just prior to the 8:00 p. m. arrival of President and Mrs. Giscard d'Estaing 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. Giscard d'Estaing 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 Giscard d'Estaing to your right ... Mrs. Giscard d'Estaing 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 Giscard d'Estaing to your right ... then Mrs. Ford ... then Mrs. Giscard d'Estaing.)
- 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 (State Dining Room and Red Room)
- The Army 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 ... there will be mini-camera coverage of the toasts with a small photo pool.

After-Dinner:

- 10:00 p.m. ... guests proceed to parlors for demitasse, liqueurs, and cigars. You and Mrs. Ford will escort President and Mrs. Giscard d'Estaing 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. Giscard d'Estaing (President Giscard d'Estaing to your right ... then Mrs. Ford ... then Mrs. Giscard d'Estaing) 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. Giscard d'Estaing.

-- You proceed to the stage which will be located along the center of the east wall and introduce Earl "Fatha" Hines.

NOTE: Suggested remarks (Tab A).

-- At the conclusion of the performance, you and Mrs. Ford will escort President and Mrs. Giscard d'Estaing to the stage to thank Earl "Fatha" Hines.

NOTE: There will be press coverage of the entertainment. Photo and mini-camera coverage will be of the first and last parts of the program and of your thanking Earl "Fatha" Hines.

-- After you have thanked Earl "Fatha" Hines, you and Mrs. Ford will escort President and Mrs. Giscard d'Estaing to the Blue Room where you will mingle informally with your guests.

NOTE: There will be dancing in the Grand Foyer.

Departure:

-- You and Mrs. Ford, Ambassador and Mrs. Catto escort President and Mrs. Giscard d'Estaing 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.
- Marine Corps Harpist will be playing in the Diplomatic Reception Room as your dinner and after-dinner guests arrive.
- White House photographer will be present.
- The U. S. Army Band will be playing on the South Portico Balcony as your dinner guests arrive.

Maria Downs



DINNER

Robert Mondavi
Pinot Chardonnay
1973

Columbia River Salmon
Sauce Verte

Louis Martini
Cabernet Sauvignon
1971

Filet of Beef
Artichokes Saint Germain
Mushrooms Provencale

Bibb Lettuce Salad
Brie Cheese

Schramsberg
Blanc de Blanc
1971

Basket Grand Marnier
Petits Fours

Demitasse

The White House
Monday, May 17, 1976



THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

ATTENDANCE AT THE SOUND AND LIGHT PRESENTATION

Mt. Vernon, Virginia
Wednesday - May 19, 1976

Departure: 8:25 p.m.

From: Terry O'Donnell **TO D**

BACKGROUND

Departing the South Grounds at 8:25 p.m., you and Mrs. Ford go to Blair House, proceed inside, and after being greeted by President and Mrs. Giscard d'Estaing, you and President Giscard d'Estaing board your car and Mrs. Ford and Mrs. Giscard d'Estaing board a second car, and you depart for the Sound and Light Presentation at Mt. Vernon (Driving Time: 25 minutes).

Mills E. Godwin, Jr., Governor of Virginia; Mrs. Thomas T. Cooke, Regent, Mt. Vernon Ladies Association; Ambassador Henry Catto; and Mr. Charles C. Wall, Resident Director, Mt. Vernon, will meet you when you arrive. The First Ladies will be escorted to their seats; you and the French President will be escorted by Mrs. Cook to the Speakers' Platform on the Bowling Green. At the termination of the flag ceremony and the playing of the National Anthems, the French President will present you with a certificate of the Bicentennial gift of the French nation to the United States. You will reciprocate with remarks, then present Mrs. Cook with the certificate. You will then be escorted to the seating area for the 47-minute Sound and Light Show.

The Sound and Light Show, called "The Father of Liberty", was produced by Mr. Gaston Papelous; Mr. Gastombonheur is the writer of the text. It evokes the life and times of George Washington and his French and



American compatriots in arms. The medium of sound and light, which uses colored lights and multiple channel sound system to animate Washington's home environment was perfected in France in 1952 at Versailles. The drama highlights Washington's long career as a farmer, military leader and President. The showing also observes Washington's domestic life with Martha and their family, the friendships with Lafayette and others which forged durable bonds between France and the other countries of the Old World.

At the conclusion of the show, the two Presidents and First Ladies will form a receiving line in the center hall of the mansion and receive the 150 guests; then proceed to the Piazza and tent area for a reception.

At approximately 11:05 p.m., you and Mrs. Ford depart for the South Grounds. President and Mrs. Giscard d'Estaing take a separate motorcade to Blair House.

SEQUENCE:

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| 8:25 p.m. | You and Mrs. Ford board motorcade on South Grounds and depart en route Blair House. |
| 8:27 p.m. | Arrive Blair House and proceed inside where you will be greeted by President and Mrs. Giscard d'Estaing. |
| 8:33 p.m. | You and Mrs. Ford and President and Mrs. Giscard d'Estaing proceed to motorcade for boarding. |

NOTE: You and President Giscard d'Estaing will ride in the first limousine and Mrs. Ford and Mrs. Giscard d'Estaing will ride in the second.

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| 8:35 p.m. | Motorcade departs Blair House en route Mt. Vernon, Virginia. |
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(Driving Time: 25 minutes)

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| 9:00 p.m. | Motorcade arrives Mt. Vernon, Virginia. |
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CLOSED ARRIVAL



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The motorcade proceeds slowly up Mansion Driveway en route Mt. Vernon Mansion.

Military Fanfare.

Motorcade arrives Mt. Vernon Mansion.

PRESS POOL COVERAGE

You and Mrs. Ford and President and Mrs. Giscard d'Estaing will be met by:

Mills E. Godwin, Jr., Governor of Virginia

Mrs. Thomas T. Cooke, Regent, Mt. Vernon

Ladies Association

Ambassador Henry Catto

Mr. Charles C. Wall, Resident Director, Mt. Vernon

9:01 p.m.

You and President Giscard d'Estaing, escorted by Madame Regent Cooke, proceed to the speakers' platform.

Mrs. Ford and Mrs. Giscard d'Estaing, escorted by Ambassador Catto, proceed directly to their seats.

Military Fanfare.

9:03 p.m.

You and President Giscard d'Estaing arrive speakers' platform and remain standing.

9:04 p.m.

Presentation of flags.

9:05 p.m.

National Anthems.

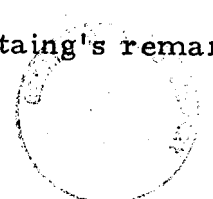
9:08 p.m.

You and President Giscard d'Estaing move to the two standup microphones.

9:08 p.m.

Remarks and presentation of the certificate of the Sound and Light Show by President Giscard d'Estaing.

NOTE: President Giscard d'Estaing's remarks will be in English.



9:11 p.m.

PRESIDENTIAL ACCEPTANCE REMARKS.
You then present the certificate to Madame
Regent Cooke as a gift to Mt. Vernon.

OPEN PRESS COVERAGE

9:15 p.m.

You and President Giscard d'Estaing, escorted by
Ambassador Catto and Madame Regent Cooke,
depart platform en route seating area.

9:16 p.m.

You and President Giscard d'Estaing take your seats.

9:17 p.m.

Sound and Light Show begins.

10:04 p.m.

Sound and Light Show concludes.

You and Mrs. Ford and President and Mrs. Giscard
d'Estaing, escorted by Ambassador Catto and
Madame Regent, proceed to Mt. Vernon Mansion.

10:06 p.m.

You and Mrs. Ford and President and Mrs. Giscard
d'Estaing arrive Mansion Hall and sign guest book.

10:08 p.m.

You and Mrs. Ford and President and Mrs. Giscard
d'Estaing form receiving line as follows:

Ambassador Catto
Madame Regent
President Giscard d'Estaing
President Ford
Mrs. Giscard d'Estaing
Mrs. Ford

10:10 p.m.

Receiving line begins.

10:30 p.m.

Receiving line concludes.



NOTE: At the conclusion of the receiving line, President and Mrs. Giscard d'Estaing may wish a short tour of the Mansion, in which case, you and Mrs. Ford may wish to accompany them.

10:30 p.m.

You and Mrs. Ford and President and Mrs. Giscard d'Estaing proceed to Piazza and tent area for reception.

PRESS POOL COVERAGE (WRITERS ONLY)
ATTENDANCE: 150

10:31 p.m.

You and Mrs. Ford and President and Mrs. Giscard d'Estaing arrive reception area and greet guests informally.

11:00 p.m.

You and Mrs. Ford, escorted by President and Mrs. Giscard d'Estaing, Ambassador Catto, and Madame Regent Cooke, proceed to motorcade.

11:05 p.m.

You and Mrs. Ford bid farewell and board motorcade.

NOTE: President and Mrs. Giscard d'Estaing will take a separate motorcade to the Blair House.

Motorcade departs Mt. Vernon en route South Grounds.

11:30 p.m.

Arrive South Grounds.





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Washington, D.C. 20520

TO BE RELEASED: Monday, May 17, 1976
8:30 p.m.

OFFICIAL GIFT EXCHANGE ON THE OCCASION OF
THE VISIT OF HIS EXCELLENCY THE PRESIDENT OF THE FRENCH REPUBLIC
AND MRS. GISCARD D'ESTAING
MAY 17, 1976

Gifts Accepted by the President and Mrs. Ford from His Excellency
the President of the French Republic and Mrs. Giscard d'Estaing
FOR THE AMERICAN PEOPLE:
Antique printing press (photograph attached)

To Mrs. Ford: Hermes handbag and scarf (off-white leather bag, gold clasp)
To Miss Susan Ford: Hermes leather photo album
To Mr. Jack Ford: skis

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and Mrs. Ford:

Bronze cast of the William Rush bust of Marquis de
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of the similar pronunciation of Mrs. Giscard d'Estaing's
first name, Anne-Aymone, and "anemone", it is one of her
favorites.) (photograph attached)

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1757-1834

Statesman, soldier

William Rush

1970 casting after 1824 plaster

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THE CHIEF OF PROTOCOL
DEPARTMENT OF STATE
WASHINGTON

April 23, 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT AND MRS. FORD.

SUBJECT: Official Gift Exchange during the Visit of
His Excellency the President of France and
Mrs. Giscard d'Estaing, May 17, 1976

During their upcoming visit to Washington, the President of France and Mrs. Giscard d'Estaing will be presenting an antique printing press to you and Mrs. Ford. Arrangements will be made for this working printing press to be assembled before it is presented to you.

Attached is a photograph of the bronze cast of the William Rush bust of Marquis de Lafayette that Mrs. Ford approved as the gift to be presented to the President and Mrs. Giscard d'Estaing. It is a bronze cast of the bust that William Rush created during Lafayette's visit to the United States in 1824-1825. The original of this sculpture is in the Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts. This sculpture has been donated to you for presentation by Mrs. Arthur K. Watson, widow of our former Ambassador to France and by our former Ambassadors to France: John Irwin, Amory Houghton, David K.E. Bruce, Douglas Dillon and Ambassador Kenneth Rush.

Also as a personal gesture, I would like to suggest that Mrs. Ford present a Cybis porcelain sculpture of an anemone to Mrs. Giscard d'Estaing. Because of the similar pronunciation of Mrs. Giscard d'Estaing's first name, Anne-Aymone, and "anemone" it is one of her favorites. Cybis has donated this piece for your use. (A photograph is attached.)


Henry E. Catto, Jr.





MARQUIS DE LAFAYETTE

1757-1834

Statesman, soldier

William Rush

1900 coating after 1824 plaster

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MEMORANDUM

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White House Guide Lines, Feb. 24, 1983

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May 14, 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR: SUSAN PORTER

FROM: Jeanne W. Davis *JWD*

SUBJECT: Possible French Invitation to Fly
Aboard the Concorde

This is to confirm that we wish to alert the East Wing to the possibility that the French might take the occasion of the Giscard visit to invite a member of the First Family to fly aboard the Concorde on its inaugural flight May 25. Attached is a copy of our memo recommending against acceptance of such an invitation by any White House, Executive Office of the President or other senior Administration officials. In the event an invitation should be extended to a member of the First Family, we would appreciate being informed before a decision is taken.

Attachment

cc: Maria Downs



THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

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May 13, 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR RICHARD CHENEY

FROM: BRENT SCOWCROFT *BS*

SUBJECT: Inaugural Flights of UK-French Concorde

The first commercial flight of the Concorde supersonic aircraft is scheduled to arrive at Dulles on May 24. The first Dulles-to-Paris flight will be on May 25. We have indications that the British and French Governments are extending a number of invitations to Americans to ride the first flight to Paris.

While we should exercise discretion and take care not to offend either government, I believe you will wish to ensure that senior White House and Executive Office of the President officials check with you before accepting such an invitation. Concorde is a contentious issue; it still faces a number of challenges; and it is important that the Administration continue to play a proper, impartial role. Participation in the inaugural flights could imply U.S. endorsement of the Concorde program.

Secretary Coleman has already declined an invitation. He has told McLucas of FAA that he may accept provided 1) his General Counsel approves, 2) he is able to purchase his ticket and 3) he returns via another commercial carrier. I see no problem with McLucas accepting under these conditions. However, as a general rule, I would recommend against acceptance of such an invitation by any White House, Executive Office of the President or other senior Administration officials, and would recommend that Ambassador Rush--who has accepted and whose participation is reasonable as our envoy to France--be the nominal U.S. government representative.

Jim Cannon concurs as does the Department of State.

cc: Jim Cavanaugh



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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

ARRIVAL CEREMONY FOR

HIS EXCELLENCY THE PRESIDENT OF THE FRENCH REPUBLIC
AND MRS. VALERY GISCARD D'ESTAING

MONDAY - MAY 17, 1976

The South Grounds

From: Terry O'Donnell

SEQUENCE

10:28 a.m.

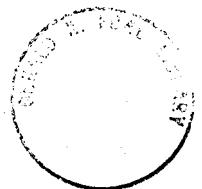
You depart Oval Office and proceed to Diplomatic Reception Room where Mrs. Ford will join you.

Following announcement and "Ruffles and Flourishes", you and Mrs. Ford proceed out the Diplomatic Reception Room entrance, cross the driveway, and take your positions facing the entrance to the Diplomatic Reception Room.

10:31 a.m.

President and Mrs. Giscard d'Estaing arrive and are introduced to you and Mrs. Ford by Chief of Protocol Henry E. Catto, Jr. You in turn introduce them to Secretary Kissinger and Mrs. Kissinger and Gen. and Mrs. George Brown.

You and President Giscard d'Estaing move to the platform and stand facing the troops with the President on your right. Mrs. Ford and Mrs. Giscard d'Estaing move to right of platform.



2.

10:33 a.m.

National Anthems and 21-gun salute.

Inspection of troops - you and President Giscard d'Estaing guided by Commander of troops. The French President should be on the left closest to the troops. The Troop Commander is in the middle.

NOTE: Your cue for escorting the French President down to the Commander of Troops to inspect the troops will be the Commander's report, "Sir, the Honor Guard is formed."

Inspection begins at the right front of the band and proceeds along the front rank of troops. You render salutes when passing in front of the Colors.

At the left flank of the troops, the Inspection Party turns and proceeds toward the platform.


You escort President Giscard d'Estaing onto the platform and take your original positions facing the troops for the Marine Drum and Bugle Corps "pass in review."

10:40 a.m.

After the Commander of Troops reports, "Sir, this concludes the Honors," you usher President Giscard d'Estaing to stand adjacent to you at the podium while you deliver welcoming remarks.

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President Giscard d'Estaing will respond. His remarks will be interpreted into English.



10:50 a.m.

You usher your guest back to the original platform position facing the troops to await the Command, "Sir, this concludes the ceremony. "

10:52 a.m.

You and your guest depart the platform, join Mrs. Ford, and Mrs. Giscard d'Estaing.

You lead the way up the right outside staircase to the portico, escorting Mrs. Giscard d'Estaing. President Giscard d'Estaing will escort Mrs. Ford and follow behind.

10:54 a.m.

You will pause at the center of the South Portico balcony for a photograph. The order is as follows:

President Giscard d'Estaing to your right,
Mrs. Giscard d'Estaing to your left --
then Mrs. Ford.

You enter the Blue Room where you will be joined by Secretary and Mrs. Kissinger and General and Mrs. Brown. Members of the Official Party and the Welcoming Committee are escorted into the Blue Room and are presented to the receiving line.

10:57 a.m.

At the conclusion of the receiving line presentations, you and Mrs. Ford escort President and Mrs. Giscard d'Estaing into the Lobby by the Grand Staircase to view the gifts.

President and Mrs. Giscard d'Estaing are presenting you and Mrs. Ford with an antique printing press. Your gift to them is a bronze cast of the William Rush bust of Marquis de Lafayette which was created by Rush during Lafayette's visit to the U.S. in 1824-1825. The original of this sculpture is in the Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts. Mrs. Ford is presenting Mrs. Giscard d'Estaing a Cybis porcelain sculpture of an anemone. (Photographs attached at TAB B.)

4.

NOTE: The White House Photographer and the official French photographer only will be present for the viewing of the gifts. The members of the Official Party and the Welcoming Committee remain in the Blue Room for coffee.

11:10 a.m.

You escort President Giscard d'Estaing to the Oval Office for your meeting.

MEMBERS OF THE FRENCH OFFICIAL PARTY

His Excellency Valery Giscard d'Estaing
President of the French Republic

Mrs. Giscard d'Estaing

His Excellency Jean Sauvagnargues
Minister of Foreign Affairs

His Excellency Raymond Garre
Minister of Foreign Trade

His Excellency Jean Francois-Poncet
State Secretary for Foreign Affairs

His Excellency Claude Pierre-Brossolette
Secretary-General, Office of the
President of the Republic

His Excellency Jacques Kosciusko-Morizet
Ambassador of the French Republic
to the United States

Mrs. Kosciusko-Morizet

General Claude Vanbremeersch
Chief of the Military Staff, Office
of the President of the Republic

His Excellency Jean-Paul Angles
Chief of Protocol of the French Republic

Mr. Xavier Gouyou-Beauchamps
Counselor, Office of the President
of the Republic

Mr. Gabriel Robin
Counselor, Office of the President
of the Republic





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French State Dinner

THE WHITE HOUSE

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Mrs. Ford wearing a blue and green pastel floral print chiffon dress dress is sleeveless, but chiffon sleeves which fall to the floor with a slit, full skirt, self-belt wrapped around waist.

Estevez



Never done

Fils - French Visit

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

(Wife)

Mr. [unclear]

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Ret. your call



Albert Zefkay

Commissioned by Govt
of Fr. & French I.V.

Ministry of Education has
commissioned him re
forthcoming visit of Pres.
& Mrs. Giscard d'Estaing -
Brief Message to Fr.
all of Europe - wk. 64

U.S. trip -
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Giscard d'Estaing State Dinner
5/17/76

Decorator - Jack Bangs 212/832-7077
Centerpieces - From Shelburne Museum
Shelburne, Vermont
Mr. Wheeling 802/985-3344
Mrs. Muller assistant
Jackie Oak - put together

all Lighting pieces (equipment) used in
Early American Homes (17th)
made of tin, brass, pewter, wrought iron,
wood (?) - lanterns, candleholders,
candlesticks

In - in - French Bicentennial Gift --
Sound & Light Show @ Mt Vernon

Flowers: - ~~anemones~~ anemones - Madam
especially likes --- red + purple - "romance
color" rich, royal

Tablecloths: "Summer Flora" printed on
Document -- Cotton -- reds & blues on ecru --
by Scalomandre Silks, Inc of NY
Reproduction of a French textile circa 1775 --
now in Textile Collection at Metropolitan Museum
of Art



THE WHITE HOUSE
OFFICE OF THE PRESS SECRETARY TO MRS. FORD

STATE DINNER SCHEDULE FOR PRESS COVERAGE:

- 7:15 PM Pickup in press lobby for review of table decorations in State Dining Room
- 7:30 PM Pickup for press wishing to cover guests arrival at Diplomatic entrance of White House
- 7:50 PM Pickup for press covering arrival of President Giscard d'Estaing and Mrs. Giscard d'Estaing at North Portico
- 8:00 PM (approx.) Arrival of the Head of State and greeting by the President and Mrs. Ford
- (PRESS WILL MOVE DIRECTLY FROM NORTH PORTICO TO GRAND HALL OF WHITE HOUSE FOLLOWING ARRIVAL)
- 8:10 PM (approx.) Grand staircase Photo session
- 9:30 PM (approx.) Pickup in press lobby for photo pool covering toasts and entertainment :

P O O L
Net crew--CBS
AP
UPI
Washington POST
Washington STAR
Newsweek Magazine

- 9:35 PM (approx.) Pickup in press lobby of writers covering toasts in Family Theater (TOASTS will piped into West Press Lobby).

Writers in Family Theater in predesignated expanded pool will move to State Floor for coverage of after-dinner entertainment and afterwards are free to mingle.

Photographers and crews will depart after entertainment to West Press Lobby.

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THE WHITE HOUSE

Office of Mrs. Ford's Press Secretary

The President and Mrs. Ford will host a white-tie dinner in honor of His Excellency the President of the Republic of France and Mrs. Giscard d'Estaing, on Monday, May 17, at 8 p.m.

Earl "Fatha" Hines, jazz pianist, will entertain in the East Room following the dinner.

Mrs. Ford has selected an Early American lighting collection as centerpieces. This includes lanterns, candelabra and candlesticks made of tin, brass, pewter and wrought iron. The theme is in honor of the French Bicentennial gift of a Sound and Light show at Mt. Vernon.

Anemones, Mrs. Giscard d'Estaing's favorite flower, sweet william, lilacs, rubrum lilies, sweetheart roses, heather and wax flowers will accent the lighting pieces.

The round tables will be covered with a reproduction of a French textile from around 1775, "Summer Flora." The cotton reproduction of red and blue wildflowers on an ecru background was made by Scalamandre Silks, Inc., of New York. The original is in the Textile Collection of the Metropolitan Museum of Art. The napkins will be tied with rose grosgrain ribbon. Tables will be set with the Johnson china, Monroe vermeil flatware and the Morgantown crystal.

Garlands of the same flowers used on the tables will decorate the sconces in the State Dining Room. Decorations in the cross hall, foyer and East Room will feature flowers of reds, pinks and purples. Geraniums will decorate the base of the ficus trees. Large containers of lilacs also will be used.

Jack Bangs of New York City donated his personal time to coordinate the decorations. The lighting pieces are on loan from the Shelburne Museum in Shelburne, Vermont.

The menu: Columbia River Salmon, Sauce Verte, Filet of Beef, Artichokes Saint Germain, Mushrooms Provencale, Bibb Lettuce Salad, Brie Cheese, Basket Grand Marnier, Petits Fours, and Demitasse.

Beaulieu Vineyard
The wines: BV Beaufort, Pinot Chardonnay; Louis Martini, Cabernet Sauvignon; Schramsberg, Blanc de Blanc.

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157
guests



MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

May 10, 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR

Usher's Office
Visitor's Office
WH Garage
Social Office
Nell Yates

Exec Protective Service
GSA (EOB)
Press Office
USSS
WHCA

Susan Porter
MSgt Collins
Sheila Weidenfeld
Exec Grounds Office
WH Florist

FROM: Bill Gulley



A full honor arrival ceremony will be held for His Excellency Valery Giscard d'Estaing, the President of the French Republic, and Mrs. Giscard d'Estaing, on the South Grounds at 10:30 a.m. on May 17.

The following are needed in connection with the ceremony:

- a. The review stand, associated equipment and stanchions for VIP area, positioned on the South Grounds.
- b. Overhead awning removed from the entrance to the South Portico.
- c. Furniture cleared for the receiving line and refreshments served to guests in the Blue Room.
- d. Sound set-up for South Grounds. No interpreter microphone required on platform.
- e. Car checkers with equipment available not later than 10:00 a.m.
- f. Two Social Aides report to the Military Duty Aide by 9:30 a.m.
- g. A bouquet of roses for Mrs. Ford to present to Mrs. Giscard d'Estaing be prepared and delivered to the Usher's Office by 10:15 a.m. The stems should be wrapped.

In case of inclement weather, the East Room will be used.



FACT SHEET
Mrs. Ford's Office

Event STATE DINNERGroup In Honor of the French Republic and Mrs. Giscard d'EstaingDATE/TIME May 17, 1976 (Monday) 8:00 p.m.Contact Pat HowardPhone 2927Number of guests: Total 160 - Dinner Women x Men x Children --Place State FloorPrincipals involved President and Mrs. FordParticipation by Principal yes (Receiving line) yesRemarks required yesBackground --

REQUIREMENTS

Social: Guest list yes (Social Entertainments' Office will distribute.)
 Invitations yes Programs yes Menus yes
 Refreshments State Dinner Format
 Entertainment yes
 Decorations/flowers yes
 Music yes
 Social Aides yes
 Dress White Tie Coat check yes (DRR)
 Other --

Press: Reporters yes
 Photographers yes
 TV Crews yes
 White House Photographers yes Color yes Mono. yes
 Other --

Technical Support: Microphones yes PA Other Rooms yes
 Recording yes
 Lights yes
 Transportation cars (enter thru SW Gate - DRR)
 Parking South Grounds
 Housing --
 Other -- (Risers, stage, platforms) yes

Project Co-ordinator Pat Howard Phone 2927

Site diagrams should be attached if technical support is heavy.

For immediate release
Thursday, May 13, 1976

THE WHITE HOUSE
Office of the Press Secretary to Mrs. Ford

Earl "Fatha" Hines will entertain at the White House Monday, May 17, at the State Dinner honoring His Excellency the President of the French Republic and Mrs. Giscard d'Estaing.

Hines, considered one of the great pioneers of jazz, began playing the piano as a child in Pittsburgh. He encountered jazz in 1918 and began his professional career accompanying singer Lois Deppe. In 1923, he moved to Chicago and five years later became the leader of his own band.

During his long and varied career, Hines has played with such jazz notables as Louis Armstrong, Jonah Jones, Dizzy Gillespie, and Charlie Parker. Hines also helped such singers as Billy Eckstine and Sarah Vaughn develop their careers.

Today Hines heads a quartet and continues to perform in concert and in nightclubs. Hines, who has been called "the inventor of the jazz piano," has won numerous awards, including a place in Down Beat Magazine's Hall of Fame.

Hines previously appeared at the White House during the 1968 birthday party for the late Duke Ellington. He has made a State Department tour of the Soviet Union and concert tours of Japan, Australia, South America, and Europe.

He makes his home in Oakland, California. He has two daughters.

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Live Feed -

* Rex
W HCA
French

cable ? run from balcony to
Hoppers of

lights after dinner starts

Call Mary Messerini re: French
live fd

Rex re: same →

Bill Roberts →

? white tie

? Entertainment

Coverage in Mich.

Tym Smith re: Mich Coverage



Saturday, May 15 (Continued)

4:15 P.M.

Parade ends. You will disembark at 21st and Van Raalte and be met by Dennis Grysen, son of Jerome "Doc" Grysen, President Ford Committee Chairman in the area. Dennis is 20 years old and a Junior at Calvin College in Grand Rapids. Dennis will escort you to a seat in the bleacher area, where you will watch the rest of the parade. Other guests on the bleachers will be Republican volunteer workers on your father's campaign.

6:15 P.M. Approximately

Your father and mother's car will stop in front of bleacher area at 21st and Van Raalte. Dennis will escort you to the car where you will join your parents. The car will take you to the helicopter and you will return to Grand Rapids with your parents.

6:45 P.M.

Helicopter lands at Kent County Airfield.

Approximately

REMAINDER OF SCHEDULE COINCIDES WITH THE PRESIDENT'S.

NOTE: Church Services Sunday are at 11:00 A.M.

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- Arrival — 120 approx.
- Oval Office — 20 photog. 1 1/2 min
- 1200 — Departure
- Private Luncheon / Blair Hs.
- State Dinner } crew
photog. / stills

12 writers
23 Stills
1 main cam } Pool
1 electronic } 2 people

MAG.
Paper

- ? Presentation of Gift
- White Tie State DINNER

Pool Shot
after guests
are seated
for dinner



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THE STATE VISIT
OF
HIS EXCELLENCY THE PRESIDENT OF FRANCE
AND MRS. GISCARD D'ESTAING
TO
THE UNITED STATES
MAY 17-22, 1976

MONDAY
MAY 17, 1976

10:45am Depart Orly Field enroute the United States.
9:55am Arrive Andrews Air Force Base via Special Concorde Flight.
Depart airfield via U.S. Presidential helicopters enroute the Ellipse.
10:25am Arrive the Ellipse.
10:30am White House Arrival Ceremony.
11:00am Meeting with President Ford.
12:30pm Private lunch at Blair House.
4:00pm Wreath laying ceremony at Arlington National Cemetery.
5:30pm Reception at Anderson House by the Society of the Cincinnati.
8:00pm White House dinner.

Dress: White Tie

Overnight: Blair House

TUESDAY
MAY 18, 1976

10:00am (Tent.) Second meeting with President Ford.
12:30pm Address to Joint Meeting of Congress.
1:30pm (Tent.) Luncheon hosted by Secretary of State and Mrs. Kissinger at the Department of State.
pm Open for meetings with U.S. Congressmen and Cabinet.
4:00pm "Meet the Press" telecast.



TUESDAY
MAY 18, 1976

8:00pm Return dinner at the Embassy of France.

Dress: White Tie?

Overnight: Blair House

WEDNESDAY
MAY 19, 1976

8:30am Depart Blair House via motorcade enroute Andrews Air Force Base.

8:55am Arrive Andrews Air Force Base.

9:00am Depart Andrews Air Force Base enroute Patrick Henry International Airport, Newport News, Virginia.

9:40am Arrive Patrick Henry International Airport.

9:45am Depart airfield enroute Yorktown, Virginia. *Per VIP Accomf.*

Bicentennial ceremony at Yorktown, Virginia.

11:15am Depart Yorktown enroute Newport News.

11:35am Depart Newport News enroute Philadelphia

12:30pm Arrive Philadelphia.

1:00pm Luncheon hosted by the U.S. Council, International Chamber of Commerce.

3:00pm Ceremony at Independence Hall.

3:30pm University of Pennsylvania for presentation of honorary degree.

5:00pm Depart Philadelphia enroute Washington, D.C.
(approx.)

6:00pm Arrive Andrews Air Force Base.

6:30pm Arrive Blair House.

Private dinner.



WEDNESDAY
MAY 19, 1976

8:30pm Depart Blair House enroute Mount Vernon.

9:00/10:00pm Visit to Mount Vernon for reception and dedication of the "Sound and Light" display -- France's gift to the Bicentennial.

At the conclusion of program, return to Blair House.

Overnight: Blair House

THURSDAY
MAY 20, 1976

8:45am National Press Club breakfast.

10:00am Departure ceremony.

10:30am Depart Andrews Air Force Base enroute Houston via Special Concorde flight.

11:45am Arrive Houston.

1:00pm Luncheon visit to Texas ranch (Hudson or McCullum).
(approx.) (Barbecue, hayride, Mariachi band)

4:30pm Depart ranch enroute the Hyatt Regency Hotel.

6:00pm Arrive Hyatt Regency Hotel.

8:30pm Dinner hosted by Mayor of Houston.

FRIDAY
MAY 21, 1976

Overnight: Hyatt Regency

9:30am Depart Houston enroute Lafayette, Louisiana.

am Reception in Lafayette, Louisiana.

11:30am Depart Lafayette enroute New Orleans.

12:15pm Arrive New Orleans.

1:00pm Private lunch.

8:00pm Dinner hosted by Mayor of New Orleans.

11:00pm President Giscard d'Estaing returns to hotel.

11:00pm Mrs. Giscard d'Estaing attends Ball.

Overnight:



SATURDAY
MAY 22, 1976

10:00am -- Depart the United States enroute Paris.

11:00pm Arrive Orly Field.



MON MAY 17TH

VISIT OF GISCARD.

10:30 AM ARRIVAL CEREMONY

100 French -

Pool - 1 TV Cam - (Newspaper 1 Mag.

ROSE GARDEN Pix? open coverage

11:00 AM 20 French photos (may be 2 waves)

12:00 pm. Departure Photo

PM Presentation of Gift (Times Coverage
to be decided)

6:45- 7pm Photo of Dining room

8 pm STATE DINNER (WHITE TIE)

FRENCH WANT PHOTO: START OF DINNER? OTHERWISE
STANDARD COVERAGE - ARRIVAL - STAIRCASE - DINNER
FRENCH 1 ~~TV~~ FILM CREW (2) 2 STILL PHOTOS.

ENTERTAINMENT: SAME POOL
POSSIBLE TO EXPAND

TUES MAY 18TH.

10:00 a.m. DUAL 20 photos & reports
ARRIVAL SHOT OF PRES. GISCARD. 20
photos? POSSIBLE

11:00 AM DEPARTURE PICTURE - OPEN COVERAGE

#1 6pm FRENCH EMBASSY - PHOTO OF DINING ROOM
POOL COVERAGE - 1/2 FR: 1/2 AM. NO. TO BE DETERM

#2 7:45 pm. POOL COVERAGE ARRIVAL - 2 PHOTOS FR
AM

#3 8:15 pm - RECEIVING LINE. - 2 WAVES 10 each wave
2-3 mins each 5 AM each - Photos & video
NO SOUND

#3 8:30 pm. 2 waves start of Dinner 2 or 3 mins -

#4 9:30 pm TOASTS 10 + 10 likely ~~map~~

10 PM ENTERTAINMENT - SAME ROOM - SAME POOL.

WED. MAY 19TH.

9:00 10: PM



100 press w/ bench

12 writers

8:30 AM Wed. MTG.

Mary Messerini
223-0227 (hm.)

/// Mrs Philadelphia

/// Helen Collins
/// Bill Roberts



Press Qc.

Jack Wms 333.2243

ANNOUNCE

French
7 Press Staff

→ Bill Roberts

~~Helen Collins~~

Asst Chief of Pres.
Staff

→ Printing Press from 18th Century
Pres. Ford
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Dennis Cliff
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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

MAY 17, 1976

OFFICE OF THE WHITE HOUSE PRESS SECRETARY

THE WHITE HOUSE

EXCHANGE OF TOASTS
BETWEEN THE PRESIDENT
AND
VALERY GISCARD D'ESTAING
PRESIDENT OF THE FRENCH REPUBLIC

THE STATE FLOOR

10:22 P.M. EDT

THE PRESIDENT: Mr. President, Madam Giscard d'Estaing, distinguished guests, ladies and gentlemen:

We are deeply honored to have you and your party with us for this evening. Mrs. Ford and I consider ourselves extremely fortunate to have this opportunity to extend our hospitality to all of you officially as well as personally.

Mr. President, your visit to the United States to share with us the 200th anniversary of our Declaration of Independence and your presence in this historic house tonight are vividly reminders of the longstanding and outstanding friendship of our two nations and of France's aid to the United States for which we are all deeply indebted.

A very glorious chapter in human history, the narrative of French assistance to the winning of American independence, has been taught in American schools for two centuries. Every American school child learns of General Rochambeau, General Lafayette and Admiral de Grasse at Yorktown.

This is part of our great teaching heritage in America, and for very good reason. As millions of visitors to Washington will discover this year, this city contains many, many monuments to brave sons of France who helped us in periods of dire emergency.

Beginning with the statue of General Rochambeau and Lafayette Park just across from the front entrance of the White House, it is a historic place in our national capitol.

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Tonight we pay special tribute to Admiral d'Estaing, who brought the first French fleet to our assistance in the Revolutionary War. Count d'Estaing's arrival on July 3, 1778 was stunning news to our opposition at that time and was a great blessing to the hard-pressed Continentals.

Unfortunately General Washington never met Admiral d'Estaing. I count it a special privilege as the 38th President that I can welcome one of his descendants to this house and personally express our long, overdue thanks for the distinguished contribution that was made by one of your predecessors in our struggle for our independence.

In his honor we have displayed in this room tonight a bust of the Admiral, which has long resided at the White House, and I am certain that all of you will agree that it is a distinct pleasure to have the Admiral with us on this occasion, as well as one of his family.

Mr. President, we welcome you tonight both to express our gratitude for the assistance of France 200 years ago and in recognition of the continuing important role which France and the United States must play as allies in the world today.

France and America will remain united by common devotion to the rights of man, by a shared concern for the welfare of all peoples and peace for all nations. The course of history has drawn France and the United States closer and closer together in time of war, but we have also stood together in time of peace, facing the challenges of recession, of inflation and the energy crisis.

These challenges are no less a threat to the peoples of both of our countries and the world as a whole than the wars of the past.

Mr. President, by working together we can triumph over these challenges, and we are on the way to economic recovery both in your country and ours and in the industrial societies of this world.

Much, much progress has been made through cooperation, through consultation, among the industrial democracies and we owe you a very special debt of the gratitude for your leadership in the past months.

Mr. President, our dialogue which began in Martinique some 18 months ago, continued at Brussels, Helsinki, Rambouillet and now in Washington, is of great importance to your people as well as to ours. The continuing dialogue has generated a spirit of mutual and very deep confidence fundamental to our relationship as friends as well as allies.

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As in 1776, Mr. President, America welcomes the partnership of France and deeply values her friendship, her wisdom, her strength and France's longstanding tradition of leadership. Together we face wonderful opportunities for the future.

Two centuries ago, during the Revolutionary War, General Washington had a special dinner guest, the French General, philosopher and author, Chastellux. Writing of that dinner, he remarked favorably upon the calm and the agreeable conversation, but he disapproved of the ten-course menu. (Laughter)

He observed, however, that the frequent toasts were a sort of refrain punctuating the conversation as a reminder that each individual is a part of the company.

To all of our guests, French as well as American, I welcome you as part of our company, gathered this evening in tribute to France and in the honor of her President.

Let us toast to the health of the President of the French Republic and the friendship of France and the United States. To the President.

PRESIDENT GISCARD D'ESTAING: Mr. President, Madam, ladies and gentlemen:

This morning, after having left Paris at 12:00 and arrived in Washington at 10:00 (Laughter) I rather have the delightful feeling that I have managed to set back eternity by two hours. (Laughter)

Now this evening, after listening to you, Mr. President, I have the feeling that you have set back eternity by two centuries.

Listening to the warmth, knowledge and friendship with which you discussed what happened two centuries ago, I rather have the feeling of that dinner during which Washington suffered too many courses. (Laughter)

The note of simple dignity with which you have struck for this visit of the President of France, together with the words of friendship you have just spoken, clearly illustrate the true inspiration of our meeting, the present commemoration of a past event, but an event that is still alive for all of us and which we are happy to celebrate together.

We are not here as archeologists digging up the dead past. We are here for a warm, joyful celebration of a living idea, one of the great ideas of which it has been said that its spark is only to be alive in a single mind to set the world afire. I mean, of course, the liberty of men.

MORE

In the course of my visit to the United States, I shall have occasion to call to mind on the actual scene of events some of the high points in your struggle for liberty. But this evening, as I address the President of the United States, and with him the whole American people, I want to take the opportunity to say how profoundly gratified I feel at the understanding that exists between our two Governments.

I want to say also how convinced I am of the value of this understanding, not only for our two countries but for world progress. It is precisely because of our shared sense of the current need for Franco-American friendship, Mr. President, that we both wanted to meet immediately after we took office, and so I had the pleasure of welcoming you to Martinique 18 months ago.

I refer to that meeting because it was our first, but also because our relations continue to be inspired by the spirit of the talks we had there.

What has been referred to as the spirit of Martinique can be defined as openness and trust, mutual respect and a sense of solidarity. In no way does it imply, whether on our side or on yours, any weakening of independent judgment or of our own responsibilities. It might be appropriate to recall the words of Richard Henry Lee in 1776.

"It is not choice but necessity that calls for independence as the only means by which foreign alliance can be conducted." Such a sentiment calls for a common world to dispel misunderstanding, to turn away from recrimination and to promote dialogue.

I do not think there has ever been a time when contacts between our two Governments have been more frequent, consultation more sustained and cooperation more good willed. Also, it has never been clearer that though our methods may sometimes differ, our final objectives are inspired by that same ideal of liberty, peace and justice, which is the ideal of our two peoples.

Events have certainly demanded considerable attention from us. The problems are varied: European security, the Mediterranean, the Middle Eastern conflict, the tragedy of Lebanon, the evolution of Southern Africa, the economic stability of the West, a new balance to be established between industrialized and developing countries.

It is inevitable that the United States and France should be involved in all these problems.

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Of course, France does not have at her disposal the same means of action as the United States, but the influence of France extends to a wide and established audience, and this yields to a politically independent voice, an increased defense effort, thriving friendships across the world, particularly in Africa and a dynamic economy still not fully recognized as such in this country.

These factors again added authority from the fact that nobody doubts France's commitment to the cause of peace. This enables France to be for the United States, as the United States is for France, an all the more solid ally in that her loyalty is devoid of any touch of subservience.

We have only to refer to experience to see that when world problems arise, Franco-American understanding and cooperation never fail to be of benefit. At Helsinki, for example, when detente was formulated in terms of principles which for both of us at once exclude confrontation and abdication, and then they were of benefit again in the case of the Rambouillet conference where the principal industrial powers shared a clear resolve to meet the responsibilities created by the economic crisis from which we are now emerging together -- these are two examples of the results to be obtained through shared initiatives.

Now, after having called to this gentleman a Ford to translate my speech, I will call for a Ford to understand me. (Laughter)

It is, Mr. President, my sincere wish that this visit may be the occasion for the Americans to acquire a better understanding of the French people to be sure our Latin roots have a formative influence on our character, to be sure we are impetuous and enthusiastic, but we are also loyal and determined. Such are the qualities which over the centuries have enabled us to ride out the storms of Europe.

It is because of these qualities that we can declare to France's partners today that whether in prosperity or adversity, France is a dependable friend.

I also wish that the understanding built up between us should remain the way it was expressed in the inscription that one of my ancestors had engraved on the tomb of a French officer killed at Boston on September 15, 1778, that "all attempts presuming to separate France and America might prove forever vain."

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It is in this spirit, Mr. President, that I offer to you, as well as Mrs. Ford and to your family, my warmest good wishes for your happiness and well being, and that I raise my glass to honor the independence of the United States of America and the 200 years of friendship between our two peoples.

END

(AT 10:47 P.M. EDT)

Guest list for the dinner to be given by the President and Mrs. Ford in honor of His Excellency The President of the French Republic and Mrs. Giscard d'Estaing on Monday, May 17, 1976 at eight o'clock, The White House

His Excellency The President of the French Republic
and Mrs. Giscard d'Estaing
His Excellency Jean Sauvagnargues
Minister of Foreign Affairs
His Excellency Raymond Barre
Minister of Foreign Trade
His Excellency Jean Francois-Poncet
State Secretary for Foreign Affairs
His Excellency Claude Pierre-Brossolette
Secretary General, Office of the President
of the Republic
His Excellency The Ambassador of the French Republic
and Mrs. Kosciusko-Morizet
General Claude Vanbremeersch
Chief of the Military Staff, Office of the
President of the Republic
His Excellency Jean-Paul Angles
Chief of Protocol of the French Republic
Mr. Xavier Gouyou-Beauchamps
Counselor, Office of the President of the Republic
Mr. Gabriel Robin
Counselor, Office of the President of the Republic

The Vice President and Mrs. Rockefeller
The Speaker and Mrs. Albert
The Secretary of State and Mrs. Kissinger
Mr. Justice Powell and Mrs. Powell
The Secretary of the Treasury and Mrs. Simon
The Secretary of Defense and Mrs. Rumsfeld
The Secretary of Transportation and Mrs. Coleman
The Honorable Mike Mansfield, United States Senate,
and Mrs. Mansfield (Montana)
The Honorable John G. Tower, United States Senate,
and Mrs. Tower (Texas)
The Honorable James B. Allen, United States Senate,
and Mrs. Allen (Alabama)
The Honorable Robert T. Stafford, United States Senate,
and Mrs. Stafford (Vermont)
The Honorable Charles E. Bennett, House of Representatives,
and Mrs. Bennett (Florida)
The Honorable John J. Rhodes, House of Representatives,
and Mrs. Rhodes (Arizona)
The Honorable John J. McFall, House of Representatives,
and Mrs. McFall (California)
The Honorable Robert H. Michel, House of Representatives,
and Mrs. Michel (Illinois)
The Honorable Barbara Jordan, House of Representatives (Texas)
The Honorable Ronald H. Nessen, Press Secretary to the President,
and Mrs. Nessen
The Honorable L. William Seidman, Assistant to the President for
Economic Affairs, and Mrs. Seidman
The Honorable Brent Scowcroft, Assistant to the President for
National Security Affairs
The Honorable Charles W. Robinson, Deputy Secretary of State,
and Mrs. Robinson
General Fred C. Weyand, Chief of Staff of the Army,
and Mrs. Weyand
The Honorable Kenneth Rush, American Ambassador to France,
and Mrs. Rush



The Chief of Protocol and Mrs. Catto
The Honorable Arthur A. Hartman, Assistant Secretary of State for
European Affairs, and Mrs. Hartman
The Honorable C. Douglas Dillon and Mrs. Dillon, New York, New York
Former Ambassador to France
The Honorable Amory Houghton and Mrs. Houghton, Corning, New York
Former Ambassador to France
The Honorable George J. Feldman and Mrs. Feldman, New York, New York
Former Ambassador
The Honorable John N. Irwin 11, New York, New York
Former Ambassador to France
His Excellency Herve Alphand and Mrs. Alphand
Former Ambassador of the French Republic; Head of the French
Bicentennial Committee
Miss June Allyson, Los Angeles, California
Actress
Mr. Charles Bass, Washington, D. C.
Guest of Representative Barbara Jordan
Miss Marisa Berenson, Los Angeles, California
Actress
Mr. and Mrs. Gerhard D. Bleicken, Boston, Massachusetts
Chairman, John Hancock Mutual Life Insurance Company
Mr. Ray Bolger, Beverly Hills, California
Actor
Ms. Amanda Burden, New York, New York
Guest of Steven J. Ross
Dr. Marjorie B. Chambers and Dr. William H. Chambers
Mrs.--President, American Association of University Women
Mr. John B. Coleman, Chicago, Illinois
Guest of Ann Landers
Mr. Aaron Copland, New York, New York
Composer
Mr. and Mrs. Edwin L. Cox, Dallas, Texas
President, Edwin L. Cox Oil and Gas Producers
Count and Countess de Brantes, New York, New York
Mr. and Mrs. Adalbert deSegonzac, Washington, D. C.
France-Soir
Mr. and Mrs. Louis M. Dexter, Grand Rapids, Michigan
Mr. and Mrs. Clint Eastwood, Burbank, California
Actor
Mrs. Charles W. Engelhard, Far Hills, New Jersey
Mr. and Mrs. Louis Foy, Washington, D. C.
Agence France Press
Mr. and Mrs. John W. Galbreath, Galloway, Ohio
Owner, Pittsburgh Pirates Baseball Club
Miss Martha Graham, New York, New York
Dir., Martha Graham School of Contemporary Dance, Inc.
Mr. Xavier Guerrand-Hermes, New York, New York
Executive Vice President, Hermes, Perfume Division
The Reverend Theodore M. Hesburgh, C.S.C.
President, University of Notre Dame
Mr. Abel E. Herrero-Ducloux, New York, New York
Guest of Judith Jamison
Mr. Thomas L. Higginson, Jr., Keswick, Virginia
Guest of Mrs. Archibald Randolph
Mr. Earl Hines, Oakland, California
Jazz pianist
Mrs. James Stewart Hooker, New York, New York
Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Bunker Hunt, Dallas, Texas
Chairman, Hunt Energy Corporation
Miss Jane Watson Irwin, New York
Daughter and guest of John Irwin 11

Miss Judith Jamison, New York, New York
Dancer

Miss Marva Josie, Bronx, New York
Singer

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond F. Kravis, Tulsa, Oklahoma
Chairman, Raymond F. Kravis & Associates, Inc.

Mrs. Rita Lachman, Paris, France

The Honorable Melvin R. Laird and Mrs. Laird, Washington, D. C.
Senior Counselor for National and International Affairs,
Reader's Digest Association

Miss Ann Landers, Chicago, Illinois
Field Newspaper Syndicate

Mrs. Albert D. Lasker, New York, New York

Mr. and Mrs. Mickey C. Mantle, Dallas, Texas

Mr. James Millns
1976 Olympic Bronze medal winner, ice dancing

Mr. Fernand Moulrier
Director for North America, Agence France Press

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond J. Mulligan, Durham, North Carolina
President, Liggett Group, Inc.

Miss Carol Murphy, Washington, D. C.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Kevin Murphy, New Hyde Park, New York
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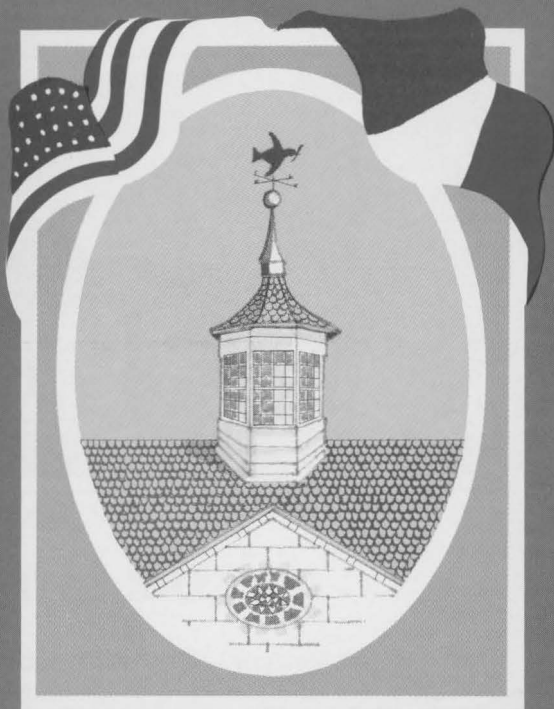
Admission\$1.50
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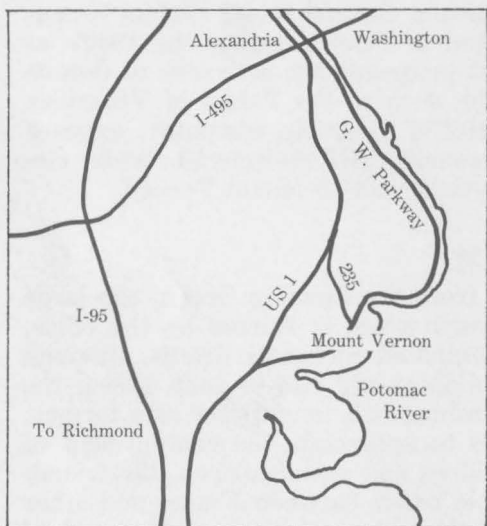


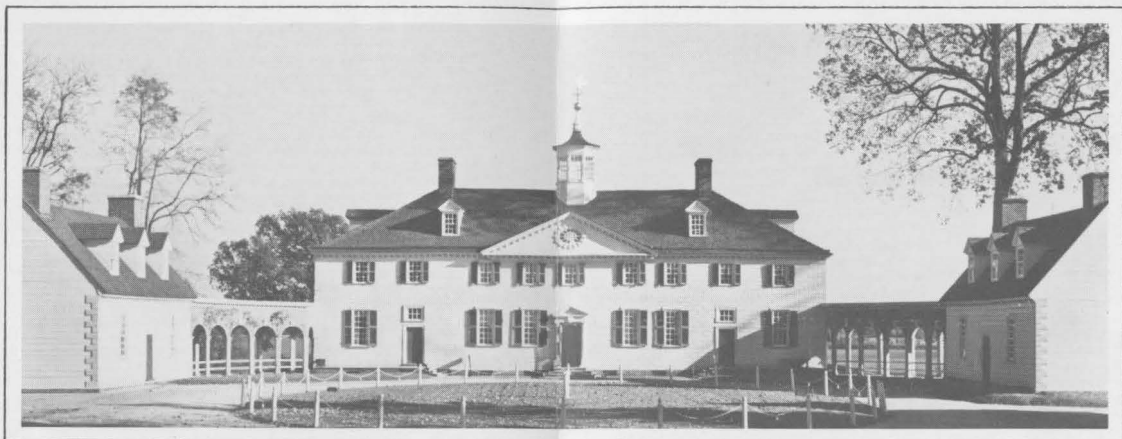
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Mount Vernon from the Bowling Green

THE FATHER OF LIBERTY

"Gift of the French Nation"

The Mount Vernon Ladies' Association of the Union presents "The Father of Liberty", a 45 minute sound and light program which evokes the life and times of George Washington and his French and American compatriots in arms. The program is the Bicentennial gift of the French nation to the American people, and will be presented at Mount Vernon each summer evening during the Bicentennial, weather permitting. The medium of sound and light, which uses colored lights and a multiple channel sound system to animate Washington's home environment, was perfected in France during the 1950's at several Loire River valley chateaux. Sound and light programs are now seen at dozens of major historical monuments throughout the world, such as the Palace of Versailles near Paris. This electronic medium, under the control of a remote computer, exposes audiences to dimensions of George Washington's personality and environment under circumstances which could not be created during a daytime visit to Mount Vernon.

THE PROGRAM

The audience will view "The Father of Liberty" from the Bowling Green, the large level lawn to the west of the Mansion. The courtyard which is flanked by the office, the kitchen, and the Mansion is the principal area illuminated during the drama, although the fringes of the Bowling Green and various outbuildings will also be seen during the course of the performance. The drama highlights Washington's long career as a farmer, military leader, and President. The audience comes to appreciate the contentment of Washington's domestic life with Martha and her children and grandchildren, the friendships with Lafayette and others which forged durable bonds between France and other countries of the Old World and the new nation, and the universal ideals which inspired the Founding Fathers during the Revolutionary Era. "The Father of Liberty" is an inspirational portrait of George Washington, the leader who one eminent historian has called "the indispensable man".

Neither the Mansion nor the outbuildings will be open for public viewing during the evening.