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(1) lear of 15 Ford -I was so touched at your asking me to be with you at Matha Graham's gala. I was so sad I could not go, and only hope you undertood why I felt I could not. What a glorious evening it turned out to be. your tribute to Miss graham was so moving. I think it must have been one of the happiest evenings of her life Please Know how very much. I.ad mire you, as who does not? I do hope one day to have the pleasure and privilege of meeting you. again, all my thanks-Most Sincerely Jacquelie Onassi

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October 16, 1975

Dear Ons Ford

I am writing you about a very special benefit which the Trustees of the Kennedy Center are planning in honor of Roger Stevens. Mr. Stevens has been Chairman of the Kennedy Center these many years and he has worked with untiring devotion on its behalf. In fact, I truly do not know a more dedicated person or one more deserving of this tribute.

The benefit will be held at the Kennedy Center on Sunday evening, January 25, 1976 and the program will consist of entertainment by well-known, popular performers. I am sure it will be an outstanding occasion.

The reason why I am writing you is to say that what would mean more than anything, as far as the benefit is concerned, is if you and President Ford would consent to be Patrons of the evening as well as our guests that night. It would mean so much to Roger Stevens, more than you can ever imagine, and of course, it would also mean so much to all the Trustees of the Center.

I do so hope you can join us that evening and that I will see you then.

Most Sincerel Jacqueline

With my very best wishes.