

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

