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

The President and Mrs. Ford will host a black tie dinner honoring the President and Mrs. Kenneth Kaunda of Zambia Saturday, April 19 at the White House.

Guests have been invited for 8 p.m. The dinner will include an exchange of toasts between President Ford and President Kaunda. Following dinner, guests have been invited to a performance in the East Room by classical pianist James Tocco. There will be dancing in the Grand Hall to the Marine Dance Combo following the Tocco performance.

Hoping to continue a focus on American arts, Mrs. Ford has chosen to center the decorations in the State Dining Room around the Cybis North American Indian Collection of porcelain. The Collection is on loan from Blair House, where it is part of a permanent exhibit. (The Cybis Studio, located in Trenton, N.J., is America's oldest existing porcelain arts studio.)

The decorations on each table will center around one or two of the sculptures. The purpose of the Collection is to capture the color, rhythm and spirit of the major North American Indian tribes in the United States. First released in 1969, the sculptures represent 35 years of research. The porcelains on loan to the White House are the original artists' proofs. They range in size from 12-14" in height and are done in vivid, true-to-life colors.

Weeping ficus trees will be used in the State Dining Room and in the Cross Hall. Upright yews will be used in the Cross Hall as well. Cabaret tables in the Grand Hall near the dance area will be decorated with hurricane lamps surrounded by a floral arrangement containing bright spring flowers in reds, oranges and yellows (tulips, carnations, lillies, sweet peas and gerber daisies).

The menu: Filet of Sole Veronique; Supreme of Capon with Rice Pilaff and Asparagus Polonaise; Bibb Lettuce Salad and Brie Cheese; and Raspberry Sherbet Ring with Strawberries and Petits Fours; Demitasse. Wines include Freemark Abbey Johannisberg Riesling; Freemark Abbey Pinot Chardonnay; and Shramsberg Blanc de Blancs.