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

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The President and Mrs. Ford will host a Christmas Ball for Members of Congress on Wednesday, December 17 at 9:00 PM. It is black-tie and will be held on the State Floor of the White House.

Approximately 1,000 guests are expected. Included in the guest list are members of the House of Representatives and the Senate, Cabinet members and senior White House staff.

Entertainment will be by New York pianist-orchestra leader Mike Carney, who will provide music for dancing in the East Room. Mr. Carney has performed at the White House twice before. A light buffet will be served in the State Dining Room and the Marine Dance Combo will provide music in the Grand Hall.

Table coverings will utilize the overall "Old Fashioned Childrens Christmas" theme of the White House Christmas decor this year. Tables will be draped with red cloths topped with patchwork fabric. The buffet table centerpieces will be Santa Claus and the Weathervane Raindeer (donated from Colonial Williamsburg) with Christmas greens and holly. Arrangements on the cabaret tables in the dancing area will consist of hurricane lamps surrounded by mixed greens and holly.

There will be two groups caroling as guests arrive. The 19th Street Baptist Church carolers will be singing outside the entrance to the Diplomatic Reception Room. "The Travellers," from Mount Vernon College will be singing in the East Wing Hall.

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Press coverage details furnished separately