

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

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Mrs. Ford will host about 500 children of members of the Diplomatic Corps at a party at the White House Tuesday, Dec. 14 at 4:30 p. m.

Special guest and entertainment for the party will be Sesame Street's "Big Bird," an eight-foot-tall canary played by Carroll Spinney. "Big Bird"'s supporting cast includes four of his human co-stars from the television program: Susan (Loretta Long), Maria (Sonia Manzano), David (Northern J. Calloway) and Mr. Hooper (Will Lee).

"Sesame Street" is seen by about nine million viewers on public broadcasting. Created by Children's Television Workshop, the educational series for preschool children is approaching its eighth season.

Approximately 87 countries will be represented. The guest list was coordinated through THIS, The Hospitality and Information Service, a volunteer organization to help Diplomatic families in Washington, D. C.

Also greeting the children will be Santa Claus and clowns from the Baltimore Social Security Administration.

The children will be given a photograph of the First Family, a brochure about the White House, candy and Sesame Street finger puppets.

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pickup for photographers in press lobby - 4 p. m.  
reporters - 4:15 p. m.

